

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 3rd May

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half Term
Saturday 18th May	Eco Festival at Cambourne Village College (11am - 2pm)
Friday 10th May	Eco Festival Art Competition Deadline
Thursday 9th May	GCSE Exams Start for Year 11s
Wednesday 8th May	County Lines Awareness in Cambs - Free Parent Event - 6:30pm at Cambourne Soul (see inside bulletin for more information).
Tuesday 7th May	Free History Lecture (4pm start in the Performance Hall)
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Sunday 5th - Thursday 9th May	Trip: Year 7 MFL Exchange to Zaragoza, Spain



Reporting your Child's Absence from School:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you have a legal requirement to inform the school **on each day of absence**. If you are reporting your child's absence from school today, please can you email <u>cam-absence@cambournevc.org</u> **by 8:30am every day of the absence** and leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence and the child's full name and tutor group. If you fail to inform the school, we are legally required to make contact with you, to ensure the child's safety. Even if they have been absence on the previous day we cannot assume they are still at home poorly.

Appointments:

If your child misses registration for a medical or dental appointment, this is counted as an authorised absence. Please give advance notice, ideally 2 school days, by <u>cam-</u> <u>absence@cambournevc.org</u> with the dates and times the pupil is expected to be out of school and preferably with a copy of the appointment card/notification so that the absence can be authorised. As much as possible, pupils should be in school prior to/ after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

Prior notification ensures the Year team and Reception staff are aware of your child arriving late / leaving early and the necessary arrangements can be put in place. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, they should inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and make their own way down to Reception. The Reception staff will try to help locate children for appointments, but we do not always have someone available to do a collection from lessons.

Planned Absence Request:

If you plan to take your child out of school for any other reason, a **Planned Absence Request Form** must be completed and returned to the school **10 days prior** to the absence for authorisation. Please email any completed forms to <u>cam-absence@cambournevc.org</u> or hand into our reception. The form can be found on our <u>website</u>, or is available from our reception.

Please note that due to Changes to Section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, the Principal cannot authorise any term time leave unless there are **exception**al circumstances.

All pupils leaving early for appointments need to be collected by a parent to sign them out through our main Reception.

Helping Children and Decreasing Depression

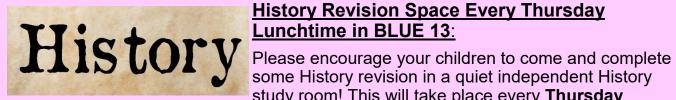
There are some online courses available for parents and carers of children.

Next week tackles depression in the young people in our care.

If you are interested, the link to the website is here:

Face Family Advice | online parenting classes





Are you worried about how they are feeling?

DECREASING DEPRESSION FREE TALK



May 10th 6:30-7:30 May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page

<u>History Revision Space Every Thursday</u>

study room! This will take place every Thursday

lunchtime in B13. There will be plenty of revision resources and materials for them to use. Ms Angell, Ms Clissold and Mrs Murray will be supervising the space and can help answer any History questions you have.

Pupils can eat their lunch in the room.

We highly recommend that they come along and get started with their revision in this supportive space.

If they are in Y10, they can come and complete your homework or start revisiting content learnt this term. If they are in Y11, encourage them to make the most of this time to revise for your upcoming exams!

Ask your History teacher if you have any questions.



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Join us for a series of *free* public lectures.

The lectures are open to all and will be hosted at Cambourne Village College in the Performance Hall



FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Join us for our next free History Community Lecture on Tuesday 7th May (4-5pm)- this event is open to ALL

Professor Robert Gildea

What is History For?

When I was a schoolboy, I kept newts and put snails into the tank to purify the water. Later it occurred to me that historians were like snails in the tank of society, cleaning up misconceptions of the past. Having taught history for forty years, I have returned to the question of what history is for. Partly to bust myths spun by politicians to legitimate their own power and expansionism, partly to explore how history is used to define identities of class, gender and ethnicity. I will ask why societies should work through their own painful pasts and suggest that everyone can be and should be a historian.

Tuesday 7th May

4-5pm (Doors open 3.45pm) Cambourne Village College-Performance Hall



Follow us on X (Twitter) @CambourneVC and @Historic_All for updates.

For more information contact: Jess Angell (Head of History at CamVC) jangell@cambournevc.org



CALL-OUT FOR FAMILY STORIES ABOUT D-DAY and FREE D-DAY Event for Year 8 and Year 9

We are asking students if they have a story to share about a family member who was involved in D-Day. The National Archives wants to include a selection of these as part of the event which you can sign up to for FREE.

If students want to share their story, they should scan the QR code on the leaflet

or visit this link: https://forms.gle/ XXC1itsR3PuMk65s5

We would like students to tell the story in **150 words or** less.

The National Archives will then contact people whose submissions we are interested in using.

Permission from children and their parent or carer will be requested at this stage. Unfortunately, we will not be able to include all stories submitted due to time constraints.

Elements of the story may need to be changed or edited to comply with data protection regulations. You can find out more about how we manage



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Get Involved Is your school participating in Archives Live: D-Day on the 3rd June? Was a member of your family involved in D-Day? Would you be interested in their story being featured as part of this event?

The National Archives is collecting individual stories about people who were involved in D-Day. Your family member may have played a role in planning this historic event or landed on the Normandy beaches. Perhaps you have documents at home that reveal their experience, or tales that have been passed through generations. If you would like to share your family's story scan the QR code below and follow the instructions to submit.

We would like you to tell the story in 150 words or less. The National Archives will then contact people whose submissions we are interested in using for the event. Permission from children and their parent or carer will be requested at this stage. Elements of the story may need to be changed or edited to comply with data protection regulations.

Please send your story to us by **Friday 10th May at 5pm.**



personal information in our privacy policy: <u>https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/legal/privacy-policy/</u>

The deadline for submissions is Friday 10th May at 5pm.





Archives Live: D-Day

Join acclaimed broadcaster Dan Snow for this live event to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the single largest seaborne invasion in history and a pivotal moment in the Second World War.

Dan Snow is a BAFTA award-winning presenter, historian, author and creative director of History Hit. He has extensively examined how the Allied forces planned and executed Operation Overlord.

Documents held at The National Archives reveal the experiences of remarkable individuals, crucial to the success of the operation. The event will include stories of undercover reconnaissance missions to Normandy beaches conducted in the dead of night and enemy deception through top-secret messages written in invisible ink. Students will explore D-Day through lesser told personal stories, including a spy, a nurse and a tank driver. Alongside our record specialist Will Butler, Dan Snow will open and explore original documents live. Students will deepen their understanding through interactive document challenges, including a de-coding activity, and group discussion.

This event provides students with the unique opportunity to hear live from Brigadier R L Scott-Bowden MBE, the son of one of these inspiring individuals, providing a deeply personal insight into their story.

Calling all Dancers !!!

Last chance to apply! Have you been thinking of taking your dancing to the next level and applying for the DanceEast CAT? Now is your time!

We're looking for enthusiastic young people, from all backgrounds, who are eager to develop their dance training to join the DanceEast CAT this September 2024!

Applications are accepted from young people, aged 10 - 16 years from across the East of England. You will need to attend a FREE audition. Audi-

tions run each year in May and June.

The auditions are designed so that everyone can take part and have fun. We also have optional Audition Support Workshops for those who would like some extra support.

Both non-experienced and experienced young dancers are encouraged to apply by Sunday 5 May 2024 | 5.00pm

Here is the video link - http://www.vimeo.com/ danceeastcat/promo

If you have any questions, then please email Miss **Ricketts**

https://www.danceeast.co.uk/cat-how-to-apply/

questions

Monday 3rd June 1.45-3pm

All students in Year 9 and Year 8 are invited to attend a live workshop facilitated by the National Archives to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day.

The workshop will take place during the school day at Cambourne Village College and will support students studying the Second World War in their History lessons.

The workshop will be free of charge. Students wishing to take part should register their interest on PARENT PAY by Friday 24TH May.

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any







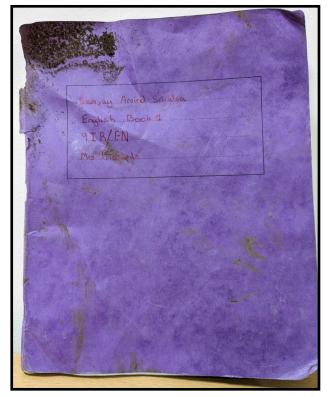




Items that have been handed into reception this week:

29th April - 3rd May

Contact Reception or email <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u> if you recognise any items.





Any items not collected within 4 weeks will be donated to charity.



Positively parent your teen. 3-week online workshop.

Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington Education Inclusion Family Advisors

Looking at the following information. Improve your communication style and the benefits of using a positive parenting style. How do we identify what our children need? How to reduce challenging behaviour and conflict Building self-esteem in our Teen.

Please follow link below. Booking is essential and places are limited.



https://forms.office.com/e/b0B5MLVbgD

Tuesday 11th June 2023 7-8pm Tuesday 18th June 2023 7-8pm Tuesday 25th June 2023 7-8pm

> For more information contact me directly on: samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Ilam to 2pm! FESTIVAL

Donate or swap clothes to get a new wardrobe! Get your items fixed at

Explore our art gallery on our theme "The Earth We Share"! Upcycling textiles! Fascinating new stalls and hands-on activities!

Energy bike and thermal cameras!

Returning favourites!

Repair Café Swish Clothing Wildlife Trust Ford SPS

Buro Happold Cambridgeshire Library Whipple Museum Greenpeace Friends of the Earth Cambridgeshire Recycling Cambridge Carbon Footprint

18th May

And more!

WINNERS OF THE ART COMPETITION TO BE ANNOUNCED!

CamVC presents...

Create an A4 picture/collage inspired by our theme:

The Earth We Share

An art competition hosted by the school!

All entries MUST include the pupil's name, age, year group, school year and school Prizes will be given to the winners of each age category:

- KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9)
- KS4 (Year 10 and 11)

Exciting prizes to be announced soon! Start drawing NOW to get a head start!

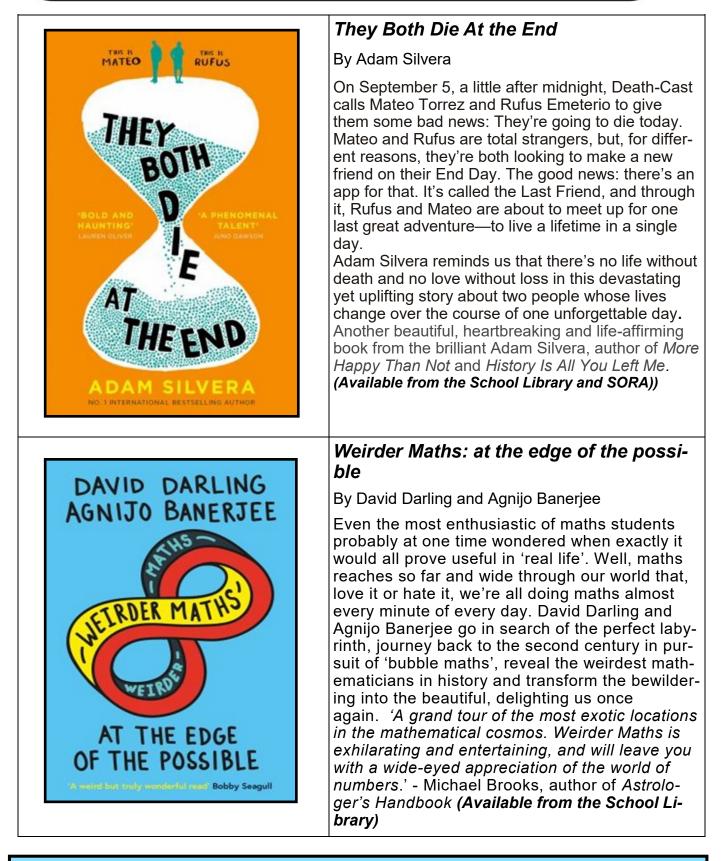
Art MUST be the student's own work

And the BEST prize awaits the overall competition winner!

The deadline: 10th May Send your artwork to Cambourne Village College's reception BEFORE this date

The winners will be announced on the 18th of May, during our Eco-Festival





Additional Reading resources and skills: <u>https://linktr.ee/cambourne_vc</u> Cambourne Village College Library: <u>https://cambournevc.concordinfiniti.co.uk/library/portal</u> Accelerated Reader: <u>https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6698162</u>



Music Clubs

All our music clubs are up and running – so if you child plays an instrument, or enjoys singing, then please encourage them to come along.

The following clubs will be running this term.

- Monday 3 4pm: CamVC Band All instrumentalists welcome (Years 7 11)
- Tuesday 3- 4pm: Junior Singers (Years 7 9) Christmas mini-production *tba*
- Tuesday 3 4pm: Rock Bands (Years 9 11)
- Thursday 3 5pm: School Production (Years 7 11)
- Friday 3 4pm: Senior Choir (Years 9 11)

Pupils are very welcome to come along and try any club they are interested in joining.

Instrumental & Singing Lessons

These will be starting next week, and everyone signed up for lessons will receive an email confirming the day and time of their first lesson.

If your child is interested in doing Instrumental or Singing lessons, there are still many places available. You can sign them up for lessons using the online form, found here:

Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)

Headphones for KS3 Music lessons (all pupils)

As part of the Years 7, 8 and 9 weekly music lessons, they will be continuing to develop their keyboard skills.

To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones of earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

We have reminded pupils of this expectation this week in lessons.

These headphones / earphones can be bought for as little £2-£3 from local shops like Morrisons, Home Bargains, or online from places like Amazon. We do not expect (and would strongly discourage) pupils from bringing expensive or bulky headphones with them.

We would expect that it might take pupils between 1 - 2 weeks to source some earphones / headphones, but after that it would be useful if they were ready to use the in lessons. If for any reason it is not possible for your child to bring some earphones to the lesson, please email (or ask them to email) their class teacher. In cases of financial constraints we will be able to provide headphones for pupils to borrow, if arranged in advance.

Dear parents and carers,

The Cambourne Music School (for primary pupils in years 2 - 6) is now offering sessions for Beginner <u>Guitars</u> – starting from after Easter. Over the past year, we've had a number of enquiries about pupils wanting to learn guitar, so if your child is interested in learning to play the guitar, then please sign them up to join us on Tuesday evenings (4:15-6pm) from next term.

Cambourne Music School - Application Form (office.com)

We are still accepting pupils wanting to learn Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone on Mondays, and Keyboard on Wednesdays! Again, you can sign up on the online form.

See the poster below for more information about sessions – and the info pack for the full details!

Cambourne Primary Music School







Mondays: 4:15 - 6pm

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone lessons - £12 Or join the band (all instruments welcome) - £10

Tuesdays: 4:15 - 6pm

Guitar lessons - £10 Wednesdays: 4:15 - 6pm

Keyboard lessons - £10



Find out more online… Sign-up at any point in the year…





PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs: Summer-1 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

GCSE revision – Gym (KB) Athletics (LM, HT, GT, JF)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

American Flag Football - Astro (LM) Rounders (GT, LY) Badminton (KR) Dance – Drama Studio (JR)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff) GCSE revision – Classroom, Gym (KB) Volleyball – Sports Hall (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board Cricket – Sports Hall – (JF)

Boys – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms **Girls** – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please **email** <u>thecol-</u> <u>lege@cambournevc.org</u> so that we can arrange for

If your child needs a coat/jacket and would like to look through our unnamed items to find something suitable for them, please ask them to go to their Year team office or email the College.

your child to check our unnamed items.





We have a number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: <u>Second-Hand Uni-</u> <u>form Request</u> and enter details of uniform items needed.

Our Reception is open every weeknight evening in term time between 6pm and 8pm so there is an opportunity to organise a visit to the school to 'see before you buy' at hours to suit you. Please email our evening receptionist **Nikki Johnston** to organise a time slot:

NJohnston@cambournevc.org

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 - Abby Sterling-Clarke <u>cam-</u> <u>year7@cambournevc.org</u>

Year 8 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Lorraine Lye cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Lou Boyd cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Mel Stanford cam-year11@cambournevc.org

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the <u>school website</u>.



Mental Health Text Line

A new local mental health free text messaging support service has launched across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. **HEAR 85258** is being funded by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in partnership with the national service SHOUT.

<u>The free to use text service provides</u> real-time support to people who are struggling with their mental health across the county.

When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will offer them calm in a time or place of crisis. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported while working on a plan of action and signposted to local and national mental health services.

Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password, or registration. It is available for anyone who lives, works or studies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

For more information about what mental health services are available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, visit <u>www.keep-your-head.com</u>

If you feel your or somebody's life is at risk due to their mental health, dial 111 and listen for the option for the mental health crisis team.

Safeguarding

At Cambourne Village College we work hard to make sure that we build up positive relationships with the pupils in our care and we hope that we can support families in safeguarding your children.

What is safeguarding?

- Protecting children
- Preventing harm to a child

This includes a variety of different aspects. We are here to help your child make good choices but also support them if they make a mistake.

We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

What do we do at CamVC to safeguard your child?

• **Staff are vigilant** – staff are very good at noticing small changes and listening to the concerns of those in our care. Tutors are well placed in this process, however all staff play an active role in this.

• **Designated Team** – we have a specific team of people working each day to address concerns raised by staff, pupils, parents and external agencies. This team works to make sure concerns are addressed and the appropriate support is advised

• **Pupil Voice** - we encourage pupils to speak to us or raise their concerns via the 'Report a Concern' button on their iPad

How can we help you?

If you have any concerns about your child or you would like any support, please contact us via <u>cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org</u>



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Online Safety Tips

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Please see below some links to helpful ideas and materials around keeping children safe online:

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

https://oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub/





COMBINED MINDS APP

Combined Minds is an app for parents and carers developed for teenage mental health charity Stem4 by Clinical Psychologists. The app aims to help families and friends support young people with their mental health.

Combined Minds use a 'strength based approach' which focuses on the positive attributes of the person and builds on resourcefulness and resilience. The app helps families to find ways to provide the right environment to help individuals they support affect their own change.

The app includes providing further information on certain needs such as anxiety and digital addiction as well as offering ways of accessing further help and useful suggestions of 'things you can do in the moment' to help support the young person.

More information can be found through the Combined Minds website at <u>https://combinedminds.co.uk/</u>

TEAMS | ONENOTE

Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments: https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx

<u>Click here</u> for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account <u>here</u>)





Students IT Support

If your child needs a password reset, for example to their email, Show My Homework or any of the platforms we use at the College, or if they have any issues with their iPads, please email <u>cam-</u> <u>support@cambournevc.org</u>.

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.

Communication with the School

How can I contact my child's Year Team?

Please email **cam-year7**@cambournevc.org | PSA Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Lou Boyd

Please email **cam-year11**@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford



We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.

There are a variety of ways in which we will contact you, including by telephone, by letter, by email, in our newsletters and via our website. There are several ways in which you can contact us, and these include:



By email to thecollege@cambournevc.org



By calling Reception for all general enquiries on 01954 284 000



By writing to Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne CB23 6FR



Via the 'contact us' page of our school website www.cambournevc.org

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.