



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 12th July

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu	Please CLICK HERE to see our current Menu
Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Sports Clubs and Fixtures	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th July	Activities Week Year 7 at Beaumanor Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 19th July	Last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm) Years 7-10 Full Reports out
Monday 22nd July - Tuesday 3rd September	Summer Holidays!
Tuesday 3rd September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4th September	Year 7 and Year 12 only in school
Thursday 5th September	All pupils in school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

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 cam-absence@cambournevc.org 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 cam-absence@cambournevc.org 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 cam-absence@cambournevc.org or hand into our reception. The form can be found on our [website](#), 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 **exceptional circumstances**.

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



We are so pleased to share that 4 students of CVC, part of the team CERC Activate, represented the UK in the First Lego Asia Pacific open Championship held in Sydney last week.

The team won the Rising All-Star Award - this award recognises a team that the judges notice and expect great things from in the future. The team was 10th place among 53 international teams in the robot performance competition. All the students had an amazing experience interacting with students, teachers and coaches from different countries and learning about their innovation project ideas and robot designs.

The 10 member team, CERC Activate shared their innovation project Fossils Eyes and demonstrated how to use their app to make fossil finding fun for families and encourage outdoor activities. The team has been working on their innovation project, robot designs and robot attachments for over a year.

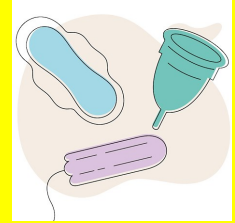
This award is the result of their unwavering hard work, dedication, creativity and perseverance. We all are incredibly proud of all of them!

Names of Students:

- Abhav Mehta Year 8
- Saketh Mamidi Year 8
- Srihan Kucharalapati Year 8
- Yuteng Wang Year 7



The college are happy to offer **free period products to all pupils**, for use both during school and the long summer holidays. These are available from the year team offices, or can be picked up at any time from the trolley outside the first aid room, even if the room is closed.



We have whole boxes and packets available to take home, as nobody should have their activities curtailed by a lack of access to period products.

If there is a product they would like to take but can't see any on the trolley, please simply ask one of the team in the first aid room as we have a large store elsewhere!



You may or may not be aware of a new travel initiative the Combined Authority have launched **which allows those under 25 years old, to travel via bus, anywhere within the Combined Authority region** (Huntingdon, St Ives, Cambridge, Peterborough, St Neots, Chatteris, March, Ely, Wisbech) **for just £1.**

This will be useful for students who use public transport to travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and to attend social activities.

Please click the following link for more information and to apply for the 'Tiger Bus Pass' [£1 Bus Fare - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority](https://www.cambridgeshire-peterborough.gov.uk/transport/tiger-bus-pass)



Apply Now

1. Scan the QR code or visit cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare.
2. Fill out the online form.
3. Upload your photo and proof of age.
4. Your Tiger Bus Pass will be issued to you promptly, allowing you to start your £1 journeys right away.

See website for full terms & conditions.

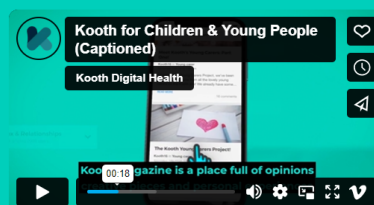


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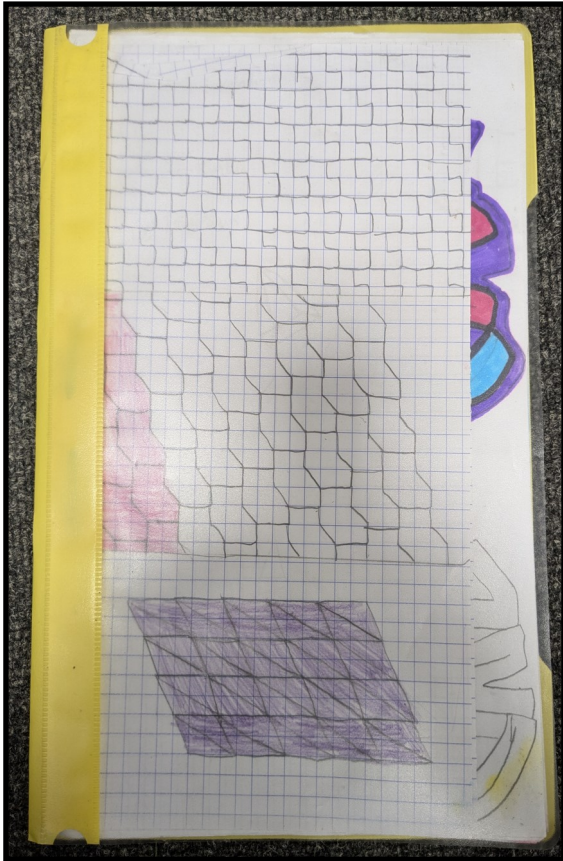
Link to support: <https://explore.kooth.com/families/>

Other sources for support outside of school can be found via the QR code:



Items that have been handed into reception this week: 8th - 12th July

Contact Reception or email thecollege@cambournevc.org if you recognise any items.





Lost Property

Any items not collected BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, will be donated to charity



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

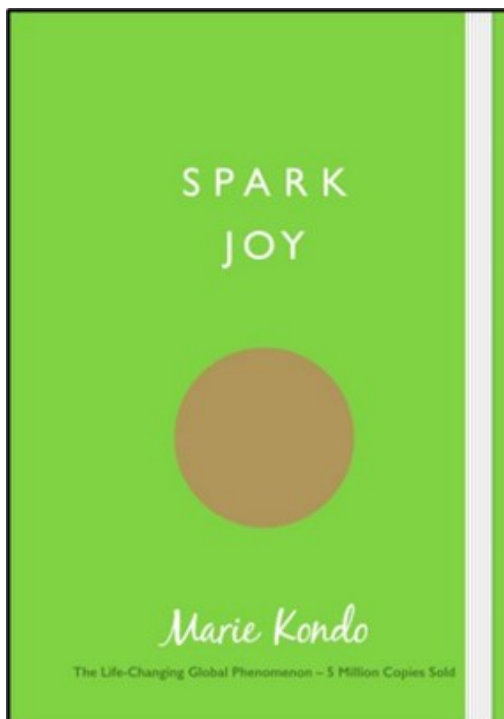


The School for Good and Evil

By Soman Chainani

Two friends are taken to the School for Good and Evil where they battle against what they feel are inaccurate placings - Sophie 'the princess' in the school for Evil and Agatha 'the witch' in the school for Good. Every four years, two children are kidnapped from the village of Gavaldon. Legend has it these lost children are sent to the School for Good and Evil, the fabled institution where they become fairytale heroes or villains. Sophie, the most beautiful girl in town, has always dreamed of her place at the School for Good while her friend Agatha, with her dark disposition seems destined for the School for Evil. But when the two are kidnapped, they find their fortunes reversed... First title in a fantasy adventure trilogy.

(Available from the School Library and SORA)



Spark Joy

By Marie Kondo

Spark Joy is a guide to decluttering and organising your home, from bedrooms and kitchens to bathrooms and living rooms as well as a wide range of items in different categories. Line drawings explain how to properly organise drawers, wardrobes, cupboards and cabinets. The illustrations also show Ms Kondo's folding method, clearly showing how to fold anything.

The secret to Marie Kondo's tidying method is to focus on what you want to keep, not what you want to get rid of. Ask yourself if something 'sparks joy' and it becomes so much easier to understand if you really need it in your home and your life. When you surround yourself with things you love you will find that your whole life begins to change.

(Available on SORA)

Additional Reading resources and skills: https://linktr.ee/cambourne_vc

Cambourne Village College Library: <https://cambournevc.concordinfiniti.co.uk/library/portal>

Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6698162>

A message from our new uniform supplier, Schoolyard:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to inform you about an important update regarding our school uniform suppliers. In addition to our current supplier, we are pleased to announce that Schoolyard will now be an additional authorized supplier for our school uniforms.

Schoolyard is a local company based in Royston, renowned for their high-quality products and excellent customer service. They offer a wide range of uniform items that meet our school's standards and specifications. We believe this addition will provide more convenience and flexibility for you when purchasing uniforms for your children.

Key Points:

- **Effective Date:** Starting from 1st July 2024, you can purchase uniforms from Schoolyard.
- **Location and Contact:** Schoolyard is located at Units 1&2, RO24, Jarman Way, Royston, Herts SG8 5FE. You can contact them on 01763 245911, go to their website – schoolyard.co.uk or visit their factory/office to try on uniform.
- **Product Range:** Schoolyard will offer a range of our school uniform, including Sweatshirts, Polos, Trousers, Skirts. Unfortunately, they will not be able to sell any of the PE Kit until May 2025 due to our current contract with our other uniform supplier.
- **Quality and Standards:** All uniforms provided by Schoolyard will adhere to the quality and design standards of our school.
- **Pricing:** Competitive pricing will be maintained to ensure affordability for all families.

We believe that having an additional supplier will enhance your shopping experience and ensure that all students have easy access to the uniforms they need.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Schoolyard on 01763 245911 or email sales@schoolyard.co.uk

Thank you for your attention to this update and for your continued support of our school.

<https://cambourne.schoolyard-online.co.uk/>



CHARITY 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY 17
AUGUST 2024**



**CAMBOURNE
FOOTBALL PITCHES**

**CHILDREN MATCHES
2PM - 3PM**



**ADULT MATCHES
4PM - 5PM**

- All teams must be registered by 10th August please contact Amy_clark123@hotmail.com
- £20 Entry per team
- Please arrive 15 minutes before KO
- Bring your own team shirts/same colour tops
- First kick off at 2pm
- Only 3 subs per team
- Food and drinks available

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Mondays

Girton Rec. Ground

5.00-6.00

School years 3-6

6.00-7.00

School years 6-9



To book, scan the QR code or go to:
forms.gle/WpJiQ8oM-mrzTxHxS7

Wednesdays

Netherhall School

4.30-5.30

School years 3-6

5.30-6.30

School years 6-9



To book, scan the QR code or go to:
forms.gle/p78yUByw-cznnsDYr7

£6 per session, £5 for siblings

Year 6's are welcome to attend either session

For more details email: info@gkfit.co.uk

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Active Together

Cambridge YOUTH ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER
2024



What is a 'Youth Assembly'?

The Cambridge City Youth Assembly is the first formal meeting of delegates with the City Council to represent the views and opinions of young people.

The Youth Assembly seeks to engage young voices in the process of improving our community through democratic process.



The Cambs Youth Panel is sending a delegation to represent your views.

www.cambsyouthpanel.co.uk

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 thecollege@cambournevc.org** so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

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.



Lost property



We have a number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: [Second-Hand Uniform Request](#) 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 afternoon receptionist **Kitty Leung** to organise a time slot:

KLeung@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 cam-year7@cambournevc.org

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 [school website](#).



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 <https://combinedminds.co.uk/>



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=OqjANx

[Click here](#) for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account [here](#))



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.

The free to use text service provides 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 www.keep-your-head.com

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 cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org





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 cam-support@cambournevc.org.

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.