



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 4th October

The Week Ahead

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

Key Dates

Monday 7th October	Year 10 sessions with Form the Future
Wednesday 9th October	Post-16 Information Evening
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day Black History Month Film Screening (4pm onwards)
Thursday 17th October	International Talent Evening
Friday 18th October	Pupil flu vaccinations (mop-up day)
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Curriculum Extension Days (off timetable for all pupils).
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term

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.

Friendly Reminders

Flu vaccinations - Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

The vaccination session on 2nd October was well-attended and the NHS were able to vaccinate all pupils in years 8 and 9 who had valid consents. Whilst the vast majority of year 7s also received their vaccinations, take up was higher for that year and unfortunately there was not enough time to accommodate everybody who had consented.

The NHS will be returning on 18th October and will provide us with a list of all pupils for whom they have consent but who were not vaccinated yesterday for any reason. We will also call years 10 and 11 for their vaccinations on that day.

We would like to clarify for you that you need to select the IM vaccination (i.e. the injected vaccine) if you wish to avoid pork products for religious or other beliefs, as the nasal spray contains traces of porcine gelatine as a stabilising agent. The NHS need to know in advance to ensure that they bring sufficient numbers of the injectable vaccine and equipment on the day. If you think you may have selected the wrong vaccine, or if you now want your child to have a different method of vaccination, please email the vaccination team direct on cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk as soon as possible, confirming your child's name and date of birth, and the school's name, and they will be able to amend their systems.

If you haven't already provided or declined your consent, or if you wish to change your decision, please use the link below to access the NHS immunisation team portal:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>

Thank you.

Cambourne Village College Year 11 Post-16 Information Evening

Please be reminded that our Year 11 post-16 information evening is taking place on Wednesday 9th October 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm

We would like to invite you and your Year 11 children to attend this event, during which we will provide you with information on the post-16 transition process. A talk led by Ms Rose, who oversees the post-16 transition, will give you more detail about the application process. The talks will run twice throughout the evening, from 6pm – 6:20pm and again from 6:40pm – 7pm. All talks will take place in the Performance Hall.

During the evening there will also be an opportunity to meet representatives from local Sixth Forms, post-16 Colleges across Cambridgeshire, as well as information on apprenticeship routes. These will all be located in the Sixth Form building. Representatives from these institutions will be present to explain their course offer and to give you the opportunity to ask questions. There will also be prospectuses available to you. We would recommend that you spend at least 1 hour at this event. There is no need to book your attendance in advance but please ensure that you sign in using the hardcopy signing-in sheet on arrival.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Film Of The Week (FOTW)

My name is Mrs Milne, and I am Head of Film Studies here at CamVC. As a HUGE lover of Film, I thought it would be nice to share my weekly recommendations for you as a family to view. Some you will have seen or heard of, others will be a little more obscure, but all will be appropriate for the whole family and something for you all to share and enjoy. I will endeavour to select from a variety of viewing platforms/streaming sites, so there'll be something for everyone eventually.

My third FOTW is...

The Martian



Available on Disney+ and ClickView, The Martian tells of an astronaut stranded alone after an expedition to Mars goes awry. It is at times tense, tragic and so emotionally uplifting you'll be laughing through tears.

I love this film because it poses questions about the human will to survive whilst showcasing the amazing acting abilities of Matt Damon.

If you were stranded alone on a planet, would you thrive to survive or give up and die?

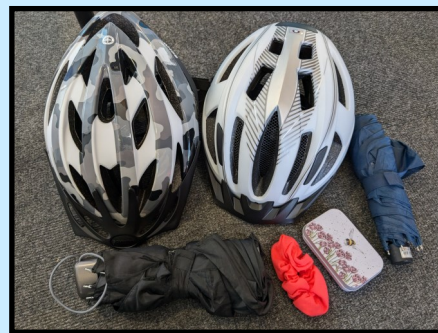


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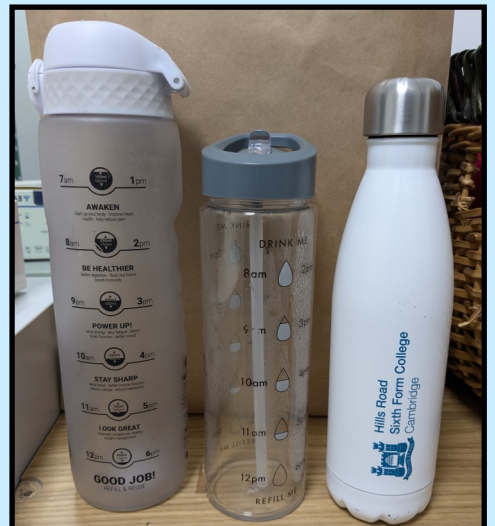
LOST PROPERTY



Un-named Items that have been handed
30th September - 4th October 2024



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





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

Black History Month



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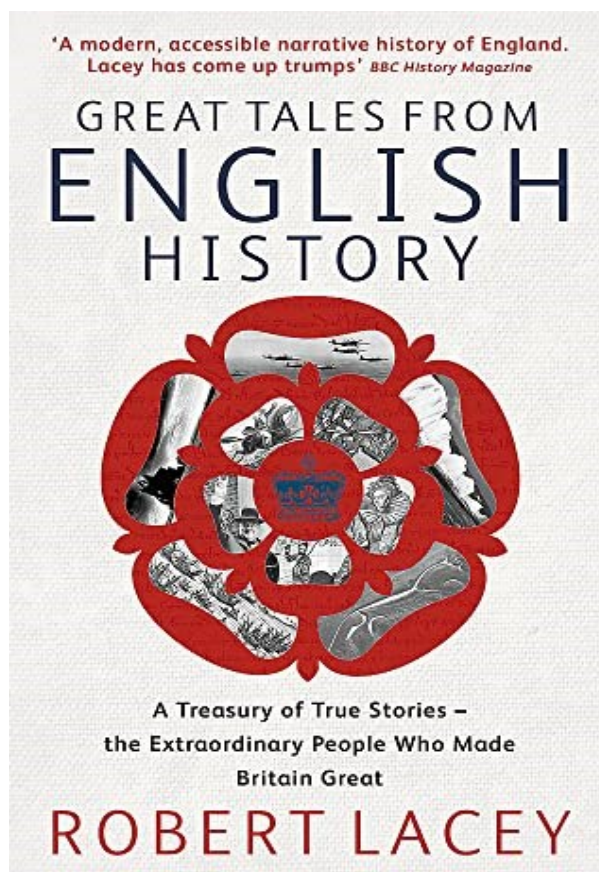


MOVIE NIGHT
OCTOBER 10
PERFORMANCE HALL
4:00 - 6:30

"Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighbourhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right."

HISTORY READING CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME – B13



From ancient times to the present day, the story of England has been laced with drama, intrigue, courage and passion. Come and join our history reading club for a rich and vibrant narrative of heroes and villains, kings, and rebels.

All Welcome - bring your lunch along too!



Sparx Maths

Drop-in Homework Support

Every Monday 12:40 – 13:10

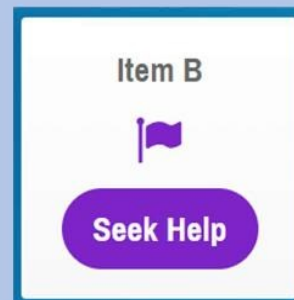
Pink 11

Bring your lunch if you like!



Come for the whole time
to work on your
homework

OR



Drop-in for a few minutes
to get help when Sparx
has said "Seek Help".

Remember: You need to complete 100% every week

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 and 8 football – Astro (LY and EH)
Badminton – Sports hall and Gym (LM and KR)
Netball – Courts – (HT and GT)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9, 10 and 11 football – Astro (GT)
Dodgeball – Gym (LM)
Rugby – Field (KR)
Dance – Dance studio (JR)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

Vcert Catch up – IT04
Volleyball – Sports Hall - (HT)
Hockey – Astro (KB)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

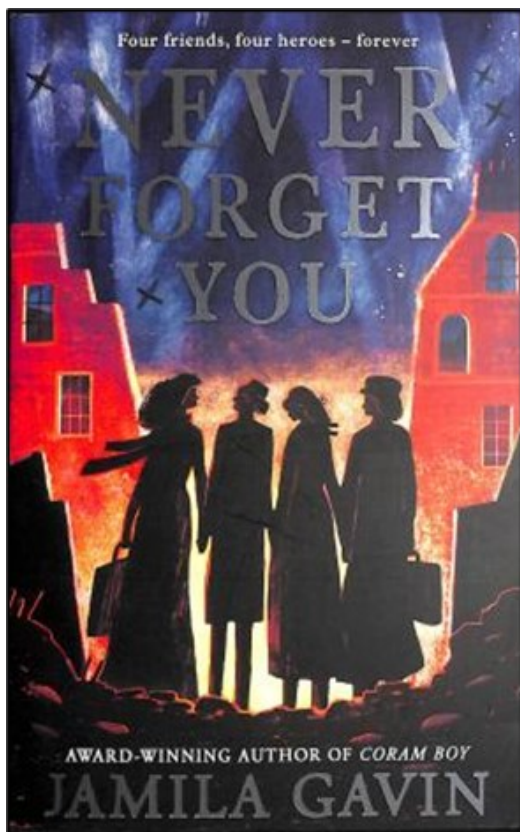
Sports Leaders Opportunities/meetings – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Boys – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms

Girls – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

Remember to scan the QR code in the changing rooms to register your attendance for the club.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



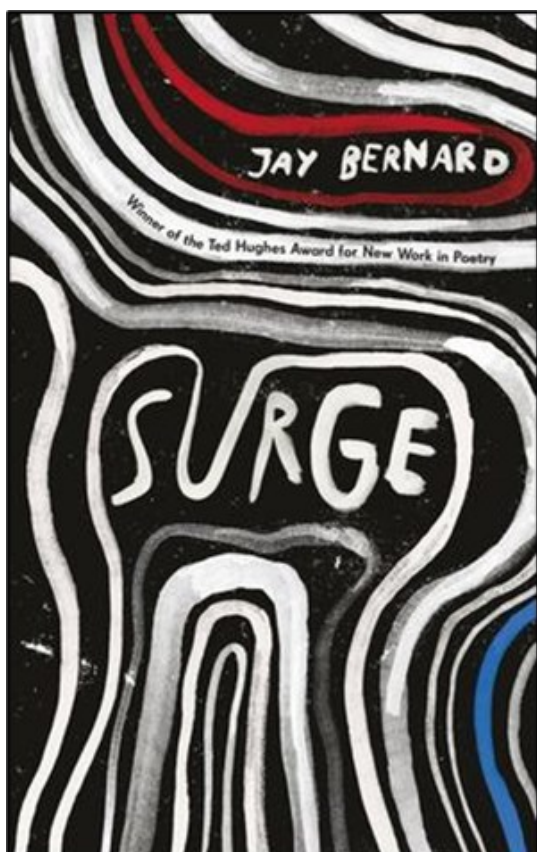
Never forget you

By Jamila Gavin

Gwen, Noor, Dodo and Vera are four very different teenage girls, with something in common. Their parents are all abroad, leaving them in their English boarding school, where they soon form an intense friendship. When war breaks out, their stories diverge as they all have a different role to play.

The girls find themselves flung to different corners of the war, from flying planes in the Air Training Auxiliary to going undercover in the French Resistance. Each journey brings danger and uncertainty as each of them wonders if they can make it through - and what will be left of the world. But at the same time, this is what shows them who they really are - and against this impossible backdrop, they find new connections and the possibility of love.

(Available from the school library)



Surge

By Jay Bernard

Jay Bernard's poetry debut is a fearless exploration of the New Cross Fire of 1981, a house fire at a birthday party in which thirteen young black people were killed.

Dubbed the 'New Cross Massacre', the fire was initially believed to be a racist attack, and the indifference with which the tragedy was met by the state triggered a new era of race relations in Britain.

Tracing a line from New Cross to the 'towers of blood' of the Grenfell fire, this urgent collection speaks with, in and of the voices of the past, brought back by the incantation of dancehall rhythms and the music of Jamaican patois, to form a living presence in the absence of justice.

A ground-breaking work of excavation, memory and activism - both political and personal, witness and documentary - *Surge* shines a much-needed light on an unacknowledged chapter in British history. **(Available from the school library)**

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Six Week Course
Mon - Fri

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(optional session for
reflection and support if needed)

Study Smart Course Available:

Fully funded courses are available to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work or change their career, by offering an opportunity to gain the necessary skills for free, for a school support job that fits in with your family life. The courses are run online, with-in school hours and during term times (also avoiding school drop off and pick up).

Courses start on the 21st October and the courses are run approximately every 3 weeks.

As the funding has been awarded by the (Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), there are some eligibility criteria that must be met for a fully funded place, which is listed on the website: www.studysmartuk.online

Positively Parent Your Teen. 3-week online workshop via TEAMS

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. Please note handouts will only be given to those that attend the workshops.


Wednesday 9th October 1-2pm

Wednesday 16th October 1-2pm

Wednesday 23rd October 1-2pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ufHnPnq45E>



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



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COURSES FOR PARENTS

Resolving parental conflict



It's not unusual to have disagreements in a relationship, but when they spill out into family life, they can be emotionally damaging to children.

Family Hubs are offering free courses for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough parents who are experiencing relationship conflict and want to improve their communication with each other.

- **Improve the communication with your partner to support your children**

Friday 4 October, 12-1pm & Friday 11 October 12-1pm

To sign up to a course visit <https://forms.office.com/e/J2sVr8V9km>

- **Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children**

Wednesday 16 October 6:30 -7:30pm & Wednesday 23 October 6:30 -7:30pm

To sign up to a course visit <https://forms.office.com/e/J2sVr8V9km>

B = Booking Required

£ = There is a charge for this session

October Family events at Cambourne Town Library



From Monday 7th until Saturday 12th October is it National Libraries week and we are celebrating everything Green for this libraries week. Please come down and celebrate with us and do something eco-friendly.

Nearly New Books Sale - This will be running all week with books that are in fantastic condition and will be sold at very reasonable prices.

Friday 11th - 9.30- 10 am. Green themed story and rhyme time. For pre-schoolers and their adults. Duplo will also be put out after the session.

Saturday 12th - 10.30- 11.30 am. Nature collage craft Come along to this fun craft session to cut, stick and make a hanging nature decoration, using recycled materials.

Free and no need to book, just turn up. Suitable for ages 3yrs+. Parental supervision required at all times.

Thursday 17th - After school litter pick from 3pm- 5pm. Pick up litter collecting equipment from the library foyer. Please return equipment and rubbish collected in bags to the library for disposal. Any children taking part will need to bring their own gardening gloves and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

October is also Black History Month. So come and explore our display celebrating Black contributions to British life and literature.

[Cambridgeshire Online](#) | [Cambourne Library](#)



Please encourage your children to have their say on **youth provision in the local community** by accessing the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/k3eu4BmEiX>

Closing date is **Friday 18th October**.

YOUTH SURVEY

**FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE
AGED 11 - 19
YEARS OLD**



**WHO LIVE IN SOUTH
CAMBS**

SCAN ME

**A CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR OPINIONS AND
INSIGHTS ON WHAT MATTERS TO YOU**

Web link to survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/k3eu4BmEiX>

More info: communities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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ROMSEY MILL



Cocks and Hens Tennis Club

Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED



October Half Term Tennis Camps!

DATES: Monday 28 Oct to Friday 1 Nov
AGE GROUPS: 6 to 10 yrs / 11 to 16 yrs

SPECIAL OFFER!
ONLY 4!!!!

BOOK FOR ALL 5 DAYS AND PAY FOR

Age	Time	Dates	Cost per day	Cost for all days
6 to 10 yrs	09:00 – 12:00 (3hrs)	Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	£30 Discounts: 10% for members	£120 Discounts: 10% for members
11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	£35 Discounts: 15% for members	£140 Discounts: 15% for members

**Come and have fun,
 improve your game and
 learn some new skills!**

For details and to book visit our website:
www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps

Or for any questions contact Justin Layne on:
cockshenscoaching@gmail.com

Find us off Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED.
 Access on foot/bicycle via Fulbrooke Road or
 by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards
 Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway
 before the national speed limit sign.

"I liked how there were different levels of players so both me and my sister had people of our level to play with."

"It was very inclusive. Everyone is made to feel welcome."

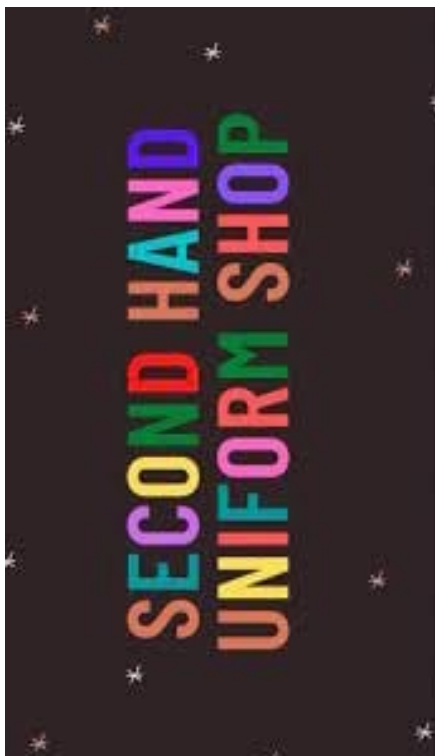


If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please **email thecollege@cambournevc.org** so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

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 evening receptionist to organise a time slot:

TheCollege@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 - Sonia Wilson cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Nicola Smith / Abby Stirling-Clarke cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Laura Harvey cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Lisa Radburn cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Lou Boyd 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 | PSO - Sonia Wilson

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSO - Nicola Smith & Abby Stirling-Clarke



Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSO - Laura Harvey & Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSO - Lisa Radburn

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSO - Lou Boyd

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 284000



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 business hours.