



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 11th October

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

Thursday 17th October	Year 12 Art Trip to London Galleries (all day) International Talent Evening (6:30pm)
Friday 18th October	Pupil flu vaccinations (mop-up day) Year 7 BMX and Scooter Workshop at Comberton Village College
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Curriculum Extension Days (off timetable for all pupils).
Friday 25th October	Year 12 Attitudinal Reports out
Saturday 26th October - Fri- day 1st November	Years 9 & 10 MFL trip to Granada, Spain
<b>Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 4th November - Friday 15th November	Year 11 Mocks

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

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

The school will be hosting a follow-up NHS vaccination clinic on Friday 18th October. This will catch up any pupils in years 7-9 who missed their vaccination earlier this month for any reason, and those pupils in years 10 and 11.

Please follow the link below to the consent portal. Please note that you can consent for EITHER the flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatine IM (ie by intramuscular injection) flu vaccine. If you have religious or ethical objections to the presence of pork gelatine in the vaccine, please ensure that you select the IM vaccination to ensure that the NHS staff bring an adequate supply on the day.

Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can.

**The consent form must be completed whether you give consent or not.**

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

If you have already consented and wish to change your mind or to change the type of vaccine your child will receive, please email the School Immunisation Team direct, stating your child's name, date of birth and the school's name, and your revised wishes.

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

The School Immunisation team will be coming into the school to deliver the vaccine. Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

If you should have any queries, please contact the School Immunisation Team direct on [cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk)

Thank you.

# The Maths Paper Society

After school on Mondays in Pink 01

3.10 - 4.10pm

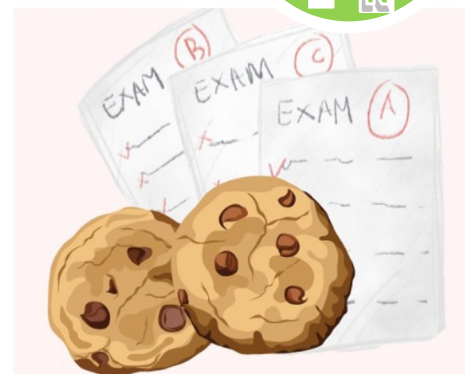
All Year 11 welcome



GCSE Papers and biscuits provided.  
Stay for an hour and do some practice.  
Get help when you need it.

A paper a week is proven to boost your GCSE grade, plus you will get positive points!

Starts Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October



**RE: UPDATE Nationwide Allergy Warning on behalf of the Food Standards Agency**

Further to our communication on the 23rd September advising of the potential peanut contamination of food containing or may containing mustard; Impact Food Group can confirm that we have reviewed all of our products and suppliers and are now satisfied that none of our products have been affected by this notice.

We will be advising our teams to remove notices and to relax all additional controls that we implemented during this period. Impact Food Group will always put food safety and the safety of our customers at the forefront of everything we do, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any queries regarding food allergens in our restaurants, please contact [safety@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:safety@impactfood.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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Managing Director  
Impact Food Group

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*Innovate* **IFG**



Join us for a series of  
*free* public lectures.  
The lectures are open to  
all and will be hosted at  
Cambourne Village  
College.

## FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Join us for our next free History Community Lecture on  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November (4-5pm) – this event is open to ALL

*Professor David Reynolds*

# **WHAT WE'VE GOT WRONG ABOUT CHURCHILL.**

*To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill, we are delighted to welcome the esteemed Professor Reynolds back to Cambourne Village College. He will share his expert knowledge on one of Britain's most iconic figures, offering a vivid new perspective on Churchill's life and work.*

*TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> November*

*4-5pm (Doors open 3.45pm)*

*Cambourne Village College - Sixth Form Lecture Theatre*

Follow us on Twitter @CambourneVC for dates and updates

For more information contact:  
[egreen@cambournevc.org](mailto:egreen@cambournevc.org)

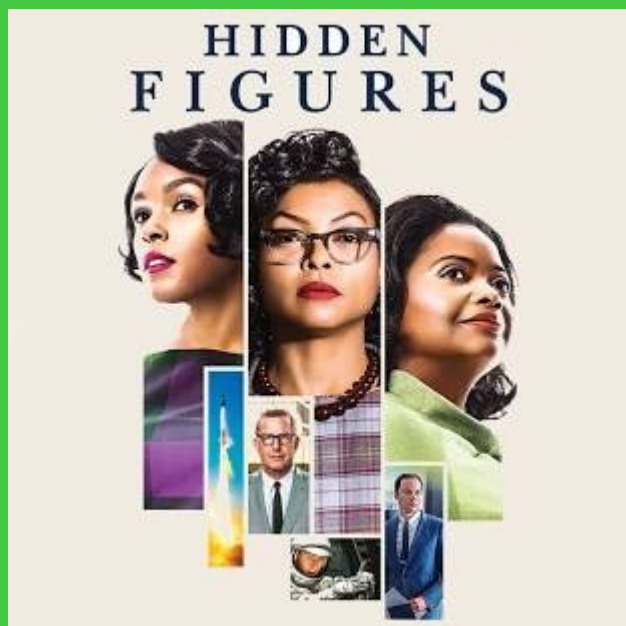


## Film Of The Week (FOTW)

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 forth FOTW is...

### **Hidden Figures**



Available on Disney+ and ClickView, Hidden Figures tells the true story of the African American women behind the very white Space Race. October is Black History Month, and this film expertly brings to light a moment in history that had been all but erased. Katherine Goble Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson were three real-life NASA workers who had a huge impact on the American Space Race but had to fight for their voices to be heard and their places to be recognised and valued because of the colour of their skin.

While there is an element of what is termed a 'white saviour narrative', this film is a beautiful tale of brains, courage and mathematics!

### LOST PROPERTY



Un-named Items that have been handed  
7th - 11th October 2024



Contact the College Reception or email [thecollege@cambournevc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org) if you recognise any items.







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





# Sparx Maths

## Drop-in Homework Support

Every Monday 12:40 – 13:10

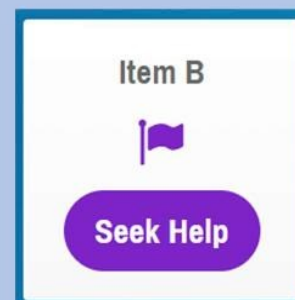
Pink 11

Bring your lunch if you like!



Come for the whole time  
to work on your  
homework

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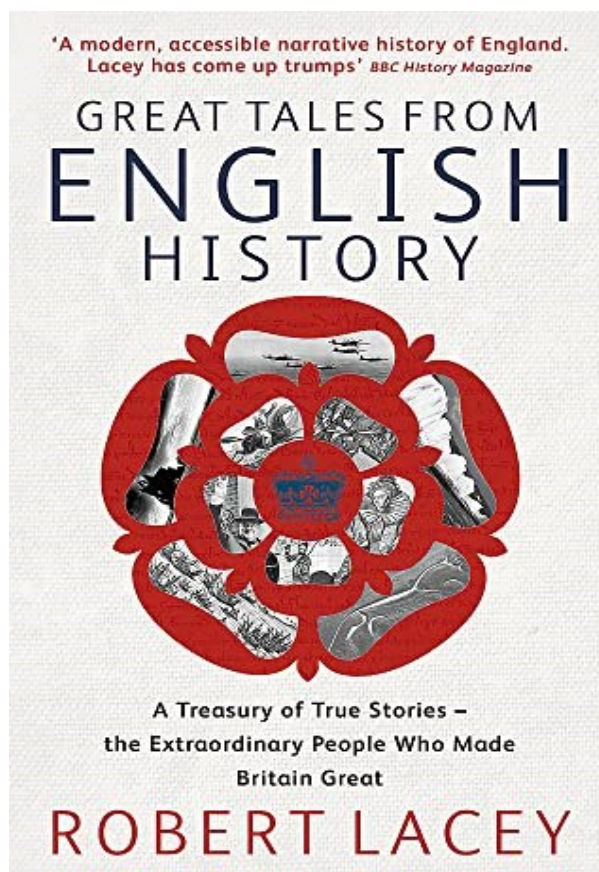


Drop-in for a few minutes  
to get help when Sparx  
has said "Seek Help".

**Remember: You need to complete 100% every week**

# HISTORY READING CLUB

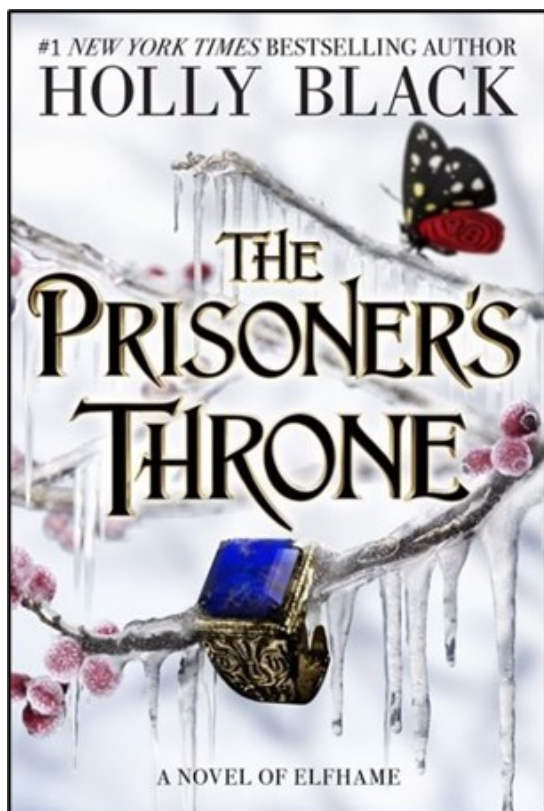
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME – B13



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!

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

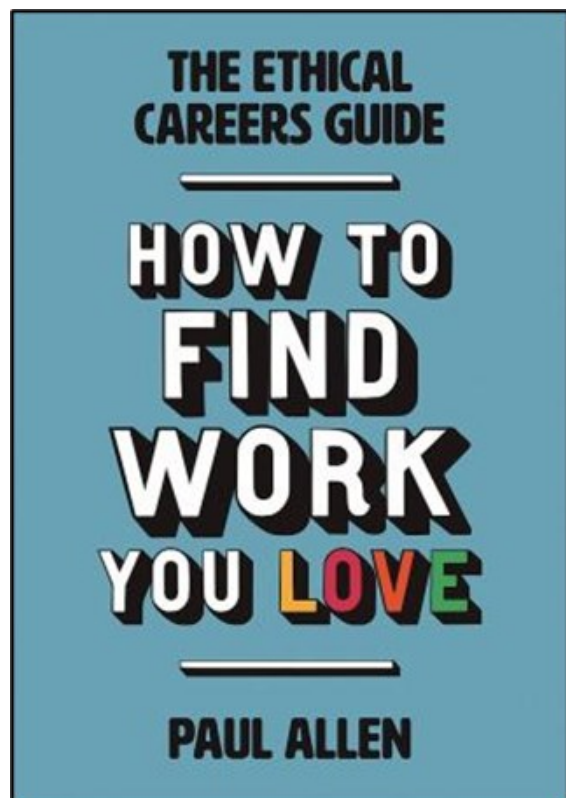


## ***The Prisoner's Throne: A Novel of Elfhame***

By Holly Black

An imprisoned prince. A vengeful queen. And a battle that will determine the future of Elfhame. Prince Oak is paying for his betrayal. Imprisoned in the icy north and bound to the will of a monstrous new queen, he must rely on charm and calculation to survive. With High King Cardan and High Queen Jude ready to use any means necessary to retrieve their stolen heir, should Oak attempt to regain the trust of the girl he's always loved, or remain loyal to Elfhame and hand over the means to end her reign, even if it means ending Wren too? Full of fantasy adventure with a splash of romance, magic, courtly intrigue, and complicated characters, this is an exciting addition to the Folk of the Air series.

**(Available from the school library and on SORA)**



## ***The Ethical Careers Guide: How to find work you love***

By Paul Allen

If you're looking to find a career that makes a difference, and work you really love, this is the book for you. How do you find a job that makes you happy - one that fits with your morals, makes you feel good about going to work, and isn't just about making money? If you care about using your time at work to make a positive impact on the world, this book can set you on the right path, whether you are just starting out or looking to switch careers. It will help you get to know yourself better, work out what motivates you and identify the best steps towards a more satisfying work life. Throughout you will find questions to ask yourself, real life examples, infographics and case studies. There's no simple formula for finding work that you love but The Ethical Careers Guide will inspire you to embrace the challenge and help you on the journey. **(Available from the school library)**

## 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.**

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](mailto:communities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**



**THE  
CONNECTIONS  
BUS PROJECT**

**The  
Kite  
Trust.**

**Cambridgeshire  
County Council**

**Fullscope**  
Changing systems, improving our lives

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**Cambridgeshire South Care Partnership**

**ROMSEY MILL**

**STUDY  
SMART**  
Free Online Courses



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Education & Skills  
Funding Agency

## Fully Funded School Support Course

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

Available in  
Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in  
Understanding  
Safeguarding & Prevent  
CACHE Certificate in  
Understanding Challenging  
Behaviours  
CACHE Certificate in the  
Principles of SEN

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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> October 1-2pm*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1-2pm*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1-2pm.*

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



For more information contact me directly on:  
 [samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)





**Free** <

# 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](#)





# 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	<b>£30</b> Discounts: 10% for members	<b>£120</b> Discounts: 10% for members
11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	<b>£35</b> Discounts: 15% for members	<b>£140</b> 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](http://www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps)

Or for any questions contact Justin Layne on:  
[cockshenscoaching@gmail.com](mailto: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."*



# 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](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](#))

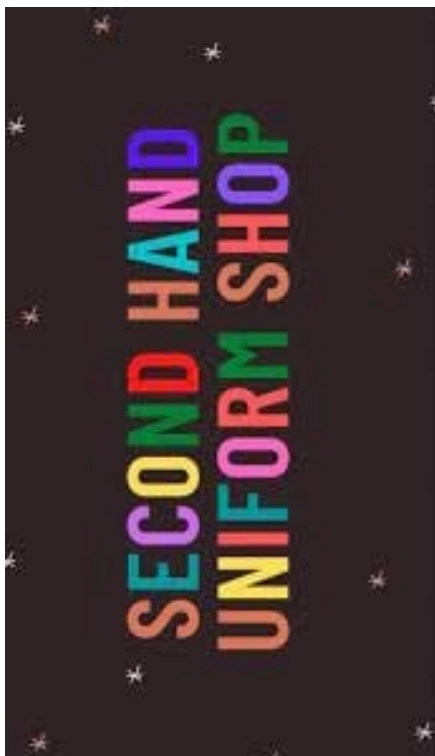


If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please **email [thecollege@cambournevc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org)** so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org)

Year 8 - Nicola Smith / Abby Stirling-Clarke [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org)

Year 9 - Laura Harvey [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org)

Year 10 - Lisa Radburn [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org)

Year 11 - Lou Boyd [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org)

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).



## 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](http://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](mailto:cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org)

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Sonia Wilson

Please email [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Nicola Smith & Abby Stirling-Clarke



Please email [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Laura Harvey & Sam Tomlinson

Please email [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Lisa Radburn

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cambournevc.org)

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