



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 8th November

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
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Key Dates

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November	Year 11 Mocks continue
Monday 11th November	Year 10 1:1 Sessions with Form the Future
Tuesday 12th November	Trip: Year 10 BTEC Cooking Visit to Morrisons (11am-12:30pm) Trip: Year 12 Photography trip to Cambridge (1:30pm-3pm) Beaumanor Information Evening (Year 7s) 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 12th November - Tuesday 19th November	Year 9 & 10 Spanish Exchange trip to Zaragoza
Wednesday 13th November	Trip: Year 10 & 11 GCSE Drama trip to ADC Theatre (7pm-10:30pm)
Thursday 14th November	Year 9 Parent Consultation (Lessons 1-4 taught). School closes at 1:30pm for all pupils.
Saturday 16th November	Community Litter Picking Event (10am-1pm)

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.

Organised by CamVC in partnership with Cambourne
Town Council



BIG COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Join us to clean up our **community** and help to
make it a **better place!**



**SMALL actions
make a BIG
DIFFERENCE**

16th November
10AM - 1PM

Meet at the New
Cricket Pavilion,
Upper Cambourne

Refreshments and
equipment provided –
just bring **yourself**
and be part of making
a **difference!**

FOR ANY FURTHER QUERIES, PLEASE EMAIL:
bfederle@cambournevc.org
mteo@cambournevc.org



Come and join us for the third annual Community Litter Picking Event on Saturday 16th November



After last year's big success, we are organising our **second Community Litter Picking Event on Saturday 16th November, from 10am till 1pm.** Meeting point: **The Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion (CB23 6DZ).**

Do you want to be a Litter Champion? Bring your family and friends and have fun outside while doing something really useful for the Cambourne Community. If you could spare even an hour, that would be great! Just bring extra layers for cold or wet weather. Litter picking equipment and refreshments will be provided.

Film Of The Week (FOTW)

As you hopefully all know by now, 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 FOTW this week has been selected as we're coming up to Remembrance Sunday:



Some of you might remember the original **Railway Children** (released in 1970 and shown every Easter and Christmas since). This film acts as a sequel to the original and brings the events forward to the 1940s. Siblings 14-year-old Lily, 11-year-old Pattie and 7-year-old Ted Watts are evacuated from Manchester to the village of Oakworth in the West Riding of Yorkshire, where they are greeted by Bobbie Waterbury (played by Jennie Agutter, reprising her role from the original film), her schoolmistress daughter Annie and her 13-year-old son Thomas. As the children struggle to make their way in new surroundings, and the American Military set up base in Oakworth, there is adventure, excitement and just a tinge of sadness. I picked this film because it is a thrilling and poignant reminder of the struggles and suffering that went on at home during the Second World War. As we remember the fallen this coming Sunday, and on Monday 11th November at 11am, it is important to remember those that lost loved ones at home; the family and friends who struggled on through difficult times and supported the 'Home Front' in every way they could, no matter

what.

Request from the DT Department

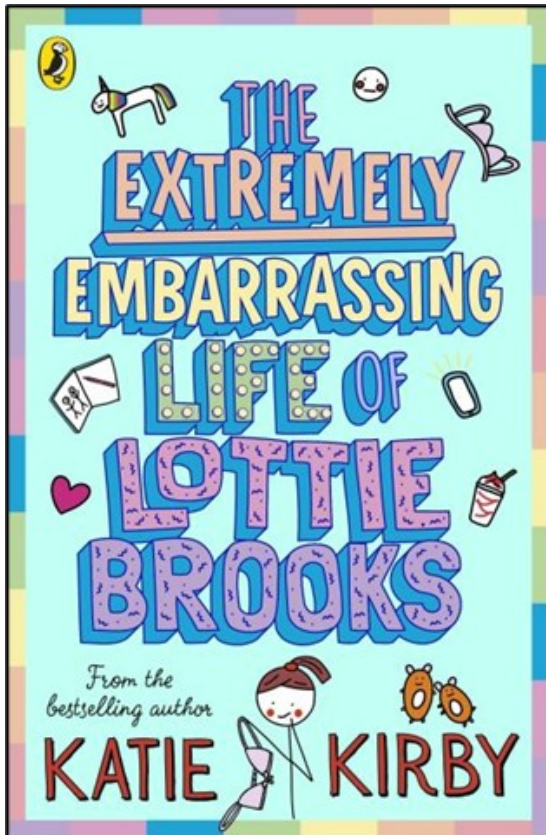
Our DT department would like to help the environment by recycling material.

If you have any **corks**, either from prosecco, champagne, or wine and either genuine or synthetic please bring it into reception, marked for the attention of the DT Technician.

Thank you.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Extremely Embarrassing life of Lottie Brooks

By Katie Kirby

Lottie Brooks is 11 3/4 and her life is already officially over - not only is she about to start high school without any friends or glamorous swooshy hair, she's just discovered she's too flat-chested to wear A BRA! She might as well give up now and go into hibernation with her hamsters Sir Barnaby Squeakington and Fuzzball the Third. Lottie navigates the many perils of growing up in this fantastically funny new illustrated series, filled with friendship, embarrassing moments and plenty of lols. Hilarious, relatable and full of heart, for fans of funny and chaotic family stories.

(Available from the school library)



Who is Donald Trump?

By Julia Adams

On 8 November 2016, some 130 million people in the USA cast their vote to decide who should become their next President. The candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, had fought a campaign that had divided their country more than any previous election.

The resulting Trump presidency would not only affect the citizens of the USA, but billions of people around the world.

This book gives readers a balanced and accessible account of Donald Trump's campaign for the presidency and his uncompromising and highly controversial policies and behaviour as President. A close look is taken at the work he has carried out as President and the controversies surrounding him and his administration.

(Available from the school library)

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – November 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)

Basketball – Sports Hall (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.

TO START AFTER HALF TERM



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 26th November (4-5pm) – this event is open to ALL

Professor David Reynolds

WHAT WE'VE GOT WRONG ABOUT CHURCHILL.

To mark the 150th 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 26TH 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



The MFL Department are proud to present:

Duolingo Languages Competition open to Parents & Pupils

For the competition, the aim is to use the Duolingo app or website to learn a language. You can continue learning a language you are already learning, or you can learn more than one language. The winner in each category will be the person who has gained the most XP, or Experience Points, within Duolingo by **9am on Sunday 1st December 2024**. There will be prizes for the winners in each category (Parents + all Year Groups). Duolingo is free of charge to use.

Parents and pupils can choose which languages to learn. Perhaps you wish to support your child learning the French, German and Spanish that we offer here at CamVC; maybe you wish to explore a less obvious language such as Swahili, Vietnamese or Hungarian. If learning a language was a new year's resolution, our competition might just give you that added impetus!

If you already have a Duolingo account, you can carry on using it for this competition. Pupils should sign up with their name and school email address so that the lucky winner can be given the prize.

Some Duolingo features are disabled to ensure participants' privacy and safety: you will not be able to participate in discussions, make friend requests, follow other participants or participate in leagues. The competition organisers will be able to see participants' names and progress until the close of the competition, and will be able to see the emails participants used to sign up. Here are the links to sign up:

Parents' competition (whichever years your children are in): www.duolingo.com/classroom/gyjbbk

Year 7 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/pkjcbz

Year 8 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywqpus

Year 9 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/fkpcqd

Year 10 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/vsmjsz

Year 11 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/apsdcy

Year 12 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywwdqq

If it results in an error, please check if your leaderboard tab has disappeared. If it has, you should have joined successfully.

If you wish to download it onto your device, the Duolingo app is available on [Google Play](#) and [Apple App store](#).

Please contact me at dfernandez@cambournevc.org if you have any questions.

Good luck

Viel Glück

Bonne chance

Buena suerte

Powodzenia,



duolingo





Share your views

east
west
RAIL

East West Rail is a new railway which would connect communities between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge, making it easier to reach the things that matter most.

You're invited to take part in our consultation and share your feedback on proposals for the new railway. The consultation will run from **14 November 2024 to 24 January 2025.**

There are several ways you can get involved:

-  Attend our in-person or online events
-  Visit our virtual consultation room
-  View our proposals online and at information points
-  Fill in our feedback form



To find out more about our proposals and to share your feedback, scan the QR code or visit: eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024

It's important everyone can take part in this consultation. If you have any queries or additional requirements, please get in touch at:

 contact@eastwestrail.co.uk  eastwestrail.co.uk

 Freepost EAST WEST RAIL  0330 134 0067

    Search East West Rail

In-person events will take place from 2-7pm on weekdays and 12-5pm on weekends at the locations below:

-  **Oxford: 19 Nov 2024**
Oxford Town Hall
-  **Bicester: 21 Nov 2024**
John Paul II Centre
-  **Great Shelford: 22 Nov 2024**
Shelford Rugby Club
-  **Steeple Claydon: 26 Nov 2024**
Village Hall
-  **Bedford: 30 Nov 2024**
The Grand Hall
-  **Cambourne: 03 Dec 2024**
Cambridge Belfry
-  **Lidlington: 06 Dec 2024**
Lidlington Village Hall
-  **Bedford: 09 Dec 2024**
Bedford Swan Hotel
-  **Wilden: 11 Dec 2024**
Wilden Village Hall
-  **Tempsford: 13 Dec 2024**
Stuart Memorial Hall
-  **St Neots: 07 Jan 2025**
St Neots Town Football Club
-  **Comberton: 10 Jan 2025**
Comberton Village Hall
-  **Bletchley: 15 Jan 2025**
Bletchley Masonic Centre
-  **Woburn Sands: 17 Jan 2025**
The Summerlin Centre
-  **Cambridge: 18 Jan 2025**
The Clayton Hotel
-  **Cherry Hinton: 21 Jan 2025**
St Andrews Church

If you can't make the date or time
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday
25th Nov

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday
7th Nov

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
12th Nov

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday
18th Nov

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday
21st Nov

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.



OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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](#))

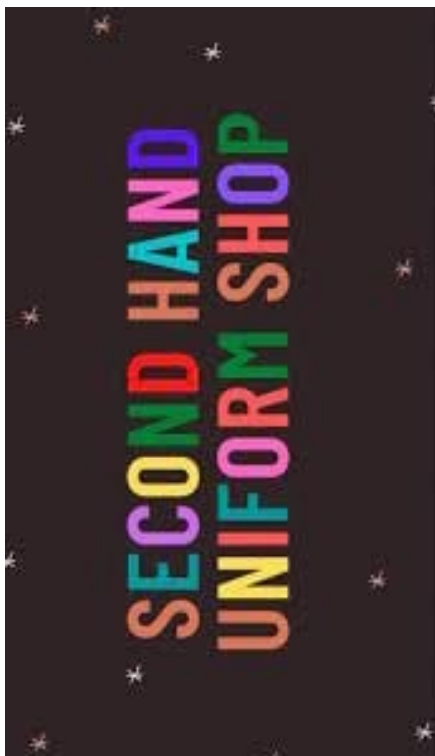


If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please **email thecollege@cambournevc.org** so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

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](#).



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.