



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 22nd November

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

Wednesday 27th November	Year 11 Art Coursework Exam (all day)
Thursday 28th November	Year 11 Photography Coursework Exam (all day)
Friday 29th November	TRIP: Year 9 Visit to Ely Magistrates Court (all day) <b>Recognition Event (4pm-6:30pm) in the Performance Hall</b>
Tuesday 2nd - Tuesday 10th December	German Exchange - Cam VC pupils in Bad Hersfeld
Thursday 5th December	<b>Year 11 Parent Consultation (full day, no early finish for pupils)</b>
Friday 6th December	<b>School Closed</b>



# 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.**



FESTIVE MUSIC AND CAROLS

THURSDAY  
AT 19:00PM

12

DOORS OPEN  
18:40PM

The Coates Theatre  
Cambourne Village College



Get your tickets  
here!

## Changes to Homework Support:

**PLEASE READ**

We are making changes to the Homework Support system, aiming for it to offer more support to students.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child with their homework and independent learning. We are very proud of the excellent homework our pupils do, and the fact that an impressive majority of our pupils meet all of their deadlines.

For those pupils who miss homework deadlines, we have always asked that they attend a Homework Support Session (HSS) to complete the outstanding work. Since our opening in 2013, this has most often been on the same or subsequent day, supervised by a member of staff not necessarily linked to the subject. We are now changing our approach, so that the Homework Support Session is linked to the subject. This means that pupils will be able to get specialist help, should they need it, with the homework for which they missed the deadline.

If your child misses a homework deadline, you will be informed by text message, and BromCom will record the subject of the incomplete homework, and the day, time and location of the HSS. We appreciate you reminding your child of this, and encouraging their attendance.

A further change to our previous approach is that, if your child misses a deadline but subsequently completes the work before the HSS, they will not be expected to attend the session. They must, however, submit the work to their teacher in advance of the HSS, or arrive to the session with it completed, in order that they are removed from the register.

As ever, we encourage pupils to seek help with their homework from teachers before the deadline, and we continue to set homework over a timeframe that enables this. We also aim that homework tasks are manageable for pupils and appropriate for their ability. We consider that homework is an important element of pupils' learning, and that helping pupils to develop independent learning habits is really helpful for them.

Again, thank you for all that you do to support us in this.

For your reference, the timetable of HSS is below. This new approach is being trialled and evaluated over the rest of this term.

**Science Homework Support** = Monday, 3.05-3.45pm, Sc12

**English Homework Support** = Tuesday, 3.05-3.45pm, En11

**Photography Homework Support** = Tuesday, 3.05-3.45pm, SF Photography

**Non-core\* Homework Support** = Wednesday, 3.05-3.45pm, Comp03

**DT Homework Support** = Wednesday, 3.05-3.45, DT06

**Computer Science Homework Support** = Thursday, 12.40-1.15pm, Comp02

**Maths Homework Support** = Thursday, 12.40-1.15pm, Comp02 and Comp03

**MFL Homework Support** = Friday, 3.05-3.45pm, Comp03

\*Other subjects not listed will share this session – for example, Humanities subjects, Business Studies.

NB: Art continues to offer catch-up sessions throughout the week.

## Holiday Orchestra Christmas course 2024 open for bookings

We are very pleased to announce that the **Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra Christmas course** taking place Friday 27th- Monday 30th December 2024 at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge is now open for bookings. Holiday Orchestra is for all young people aged 7-18 no matter their musical experience.

Further details of our plans, timetables and a link to the booking forms can be found [here](#) where you will find comprehensive course information.

Please note:

- All **Gamelan** sessions and **Horn Taster 1** are now full.
- Early bird discount applies if you book and pay before 6<sup>th</sup> December.

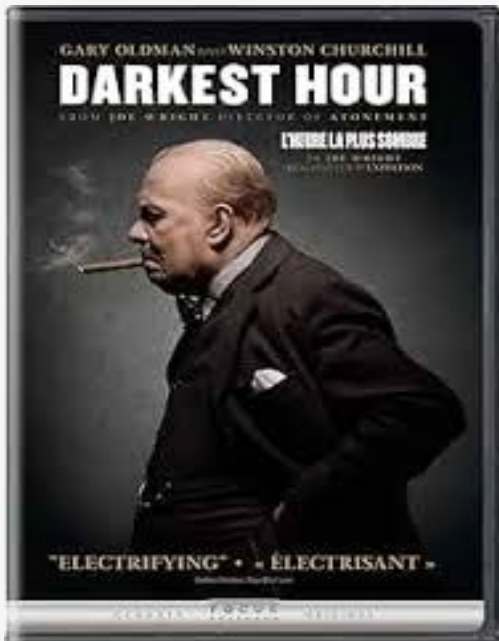
Best wishes, Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra committee



## 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 to the end of UK Parliament Week. Our students have been learning about the UK Parliament in their tutor time sessions, and this film should help further highlight exactly what our UK Parliament, and government, have had to face in the past:



Streaming on Netflix, **Darkest Hour** sees Gary Oldman transform yet again, this time into Winston Churchill, our Prime Minister for the majority of WW2. In the film, the newly appointed British prime minister (Oldman) must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler or fight on against incredible odds. During those four weeks in 1940, Churchill cements his legacy as his courageous decisions and leadership help change the course of world history.

If you re planning to attend the lecture by Professor David Reynolds, titled 'What we got wrong about Winston Churchill' on Tuesday 26th November in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre (4-5pm, doors open at 3.45pm), then this film ties in beautifully and provides an interesting viewpoint.

## Understanding and Supporting Teenagers with their mental health and wellbeing

Short online courses are available for those who live and work with teenagers.

[PARENT PAGE | Face Family Advice](#) – Online courses to support Parents and carers of teenagers.





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





CAMBOURNE  
SIXTH FORM

# CAMBOURNE SIXTH FORM

## Take a Tour

Missed our Open Evening? Want more information about Cambourne Sixth Form?

We're delighted to invite you for a Sixth Form Tour, taking place from 15:15 – 16:00 on each of the following dates:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

PLEASE SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



We are delighted to announce that we will be working towards the **Social Impact Schools Award in 2024/25**. We know that our amazing students already carry out heaps of social action and are looking forward to recognising them for it and inspiring them to do more!



**We've entered!**

## The Social Impact Schools Award 2024/2025

To showcase our dedication to making  
a difference to the world around us

Delivered by SuperKind.Org  
[www.superkind/social-impact-schools-award](http://www.superkind/social-impact-schools-award)

## **Flu vaccinations for school-aged children – message from NHS Vaccination UK**

Please see below information about Catch up clinics that Vaccination UK is holding across Cambridge and Peterborough in November and December.

If your child missed the flu vaccination while we were at their school this autumn, please follow the link below to book your child into a specific clinic and specific time:



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

### **Appointments only! All clinics run from 10am - 2pm**

23rd November - Cambridge – Trumpington Pavilion, Paget Road, Trumpington CB2 9JF

23rd November – Peterborough – Gladstone Community Centre, 896 Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN

30th November – Wisbech - Oasis Centre, St Michael's Avenue, Wisbech PE13 3NR

7th December - Cambridge – Trumpington Pavilion, Paget Road, Trumpington CB2 9JF

7th December – Huntingdon – The Coneygear Centre, Buttsgrove Way, Huntingdon PE29 1PE

7th December - Peterborough – Gladstone Community Centre, 896 Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN

14th December – Huntingdon – The Coneygear Centre, Buttsgrove Way, Huntingdon PE29 1PE

If you have any queries about booking, please contact Vaccination UK direct on [Bookings.Eastanglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:Bookings.Eastanglia@v-uk.co.uk).

For more general queries contact [cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk), or call them on 01480 275 422



Some people with a learning disability can get very ill if they get flu.



The best way to avoid flu is to get a free flu jab.



You can have the flu jab at your GP surgery.



Or you can have the flu jab at a pharmacy.

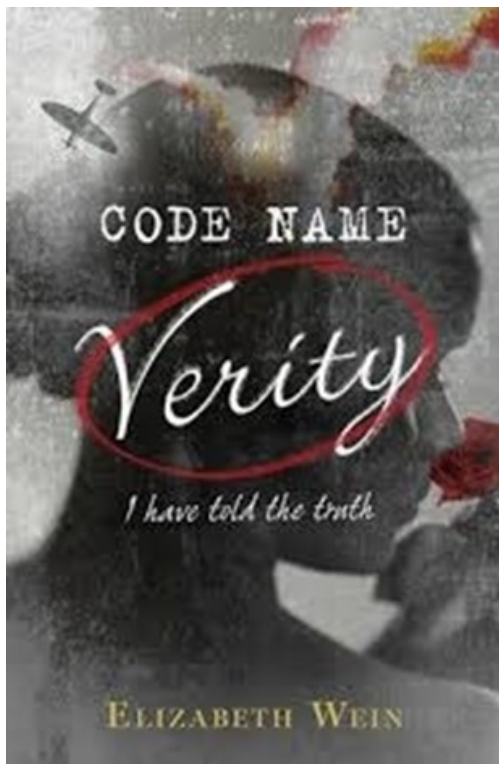


If you are scared of needles, tell the nurse. You may be able to have the vaccine as a nose spray instead.





# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



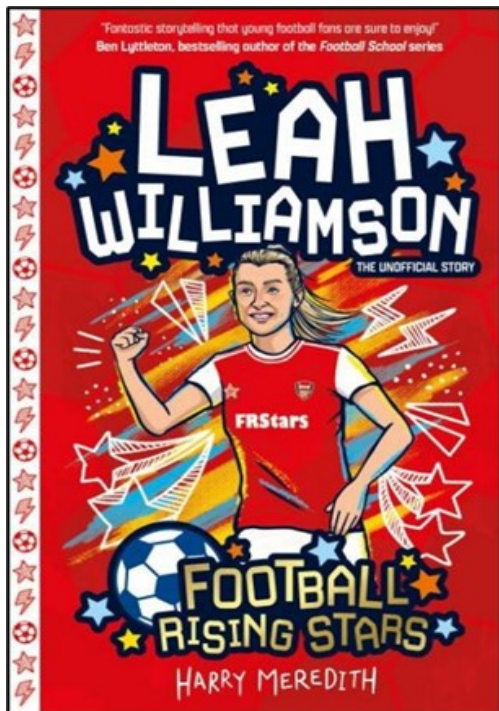
## **Code name Verity**

By Elizabeth Wein

Oct. 11th, 1943 - A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution.

As she intricately weaves her confession, Verity uncovers her past. On each new scrap of paper, Verity battles for her life, confronting her views on courage and failure and her desperate hope to make it home. Harrowing and beautifully written, Elizabeth Wein creates a visceral read of danger, resolve, and survival that shows just how far true friends will go to save each other.

**(Available on from the school library – Year 9+)**



## **Leah Williamson**

By Harry Meredith

This story follows Leah Williamson OBE, who was the first British woman to have lifted a major football trophy when she led the Lionesses to victory in the Euro 2022 tournament. From representing England in the youth team onwards to being part of Arsenal's FA cup-winning team, find out how Leah became an outstanding player in both domestic and international fields and a role model both on and off the pitch...Enjoy the new adaptation of Football Rising Stars' Leah Williamson featuring illustrations, sensory components and glossary descriptions to accompany the text to aid in reading comprehension and accessibility.

**(Available from the school library)**

**Additional Reading resources and skills:** [https://linktr.ee/cambourne\\_vc](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>



Un-named Lost Property Items that have  
been handed in between:  
18th - 22nd November 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.**

## 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.**

**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/gyjbjk](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/gyjbjk)

Year 7 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/pkjcby](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/pkjcby)

Year 8 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywqpus](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywqpus)

Year 9 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/fkpcqd](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/fkpcqd)

Year 10 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/vsmjsz](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/vsmjsz)

Year 11 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/apsdcy](http://www.duolingo.com/classroom/apsdcy)

Year 12 students' competition: [www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywwdqq](http://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](mailto:dfernandez@cambournevc.org) if you have any questions.

**Good luck**

**Viel Glück**

**Bonne chance**

**Buena suerte**

**Powodzenia,**



**duolingo**

# Christmas Holiday Scheme Places

fully funded



Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Christmas where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 16 hours.

Please visit the County Council webpage for details and the wider eligibility criteria:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)  
(or scan the QR Code)

Questions: [HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)







# 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](https://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](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk)  [eastwestrail.co.uk](https://eastwestrail.co.uk)

 Freepost EAST WEST RAIL  0330 134 0067

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

    Search East West Rail

## **New Style Rotary Club Comes to Cambourne - New Members, People of Action Wanted**

For more than one hundred years Rotary clubs across the UK have been doing excellent work in their local communities, supporting existing charities and good causes as well as running their own projects to benefit those in need.

The Rotary organisation is also known for its international presence, helping improve education, health and understanding in some of the poorest areas of the world. Rotary has played a major part in the virtual eradication of Polio worldwide.

There are currently four Rotary Clubs in and around Cambridge with over 120 members continuing the excellent traditions of the Rotary organisation embodied in their theme of "Service Above Self"

However, in recent years the organisation has not found it easy to recruit new members particularly among younger age groups. Rightly or wrongly Rotary is seen, by some, as a rather old fashioned organisation with formal regular meetings and an older demographic.

Therefore in a bid to dispel some of these myths the Rotary organisation is attempting to form a new style Rotary Club based in Cambourne aimed at those people who are interested in making a difference in their local communities in a club which is informal and friendly while being supported by an organisation which enjoys worldwide recognition.

To get things rolling we are holding two meet & greet get-togethers where people interested in learning more can come along, ask questions and find out a little more about what forming a club has to offer. The details are:

**Wednesday 20th November, 7 to 9 pm**

**Thursday 28th November 6 to 8 pm**

**Both meetings to be held in the Meeting Room, The Hub Community Centre, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW**

David Ellis is heading up this new initiative he states "this is a great opportunity for adults of all ages to join an organisation that will help them improve communities both at home and across the world" he adds "Our new club will be shaped by it's members, they will decide what we focus on and how we go about achieving it"

While helping others is an important part of Rotary, having fun and building lasting friendships is also a major part of being a Rotarian. Membership is open to all, the new club is keen to draw from as many diverse groups as possible to mirror Cambourne's own diverse culture. We are looking for both individuals and couples to become members.

So, if you are a Person of Action who would like to know more either drop in at one of the Meet & Greet dates or email [davidellis365@btinternet.com](mailto:davidellis365@btinternet.com).

Thank you.



# NEW ROTARY CLUB TO SERVE CAMBOURNE



## An Invitation to an Open Meeting

We plan to hold two open meetings in November at The Hub Community Centre to find people interested in starting a brand new Rotary Club based in Cambourne.

Rotary Club membership is open to all. Members are keen to help serve and support their local community while meeting new friends and enjoying helping others

Please come along, bring a friend/partner to see if becoming a Rotary member is for you.

## LOCATION: The Hub Community Centre

Meeting Room. High Street, Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6GW

**DATE: Wednesday 20th November &  
Thursday 28th November**

**TIME: 20th November 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
28th November 6.00 - 8.00 PM**

If you would like to attend one of these meetings or would like to know more about Rotary please email David Ellis, [davidellis365@btinternet.com](mailto:davidellis365@btinternet.com) or simply come along on the evening for tea/coffee & a chat

## **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)**

### **Do you want to work in a school, that fits in with your family?**

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE School Support courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3, starting on 2nd December!

Sessions will be available with Aspire Education's employment engagement officers after course completion!

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break period) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year OR claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a fully funded place on our courses.

\*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available. Please go to:

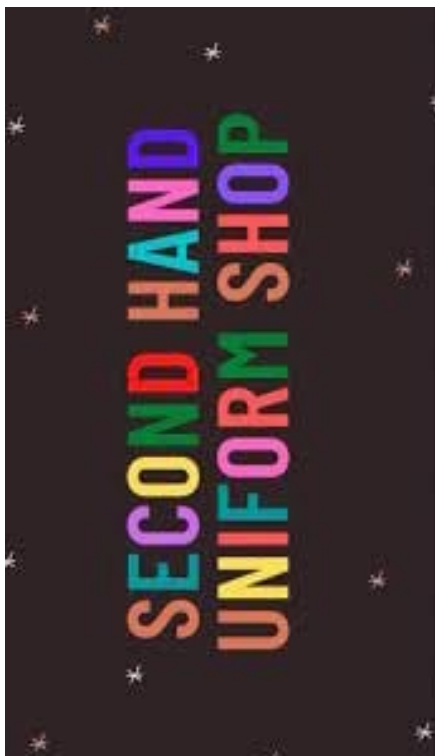
[www.studysmartuk.online/](http://www.studysmartuk.online/) for more information.

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](#).



# 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](#))



## 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)





## 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.