

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to your sons and daughters at the beginning of the new school year. This year promises to be a momentous and a great one for Cambourne Village College. For the first time in the school's history, we have a full complement of Year groups at the school. This coming summer, our new Year 11 will take the first set of GCSEs and other public examinations since the school opened. We know that they can do wonderfully well and will be supporting them, along with all other pupils, to do their very best in the coming year.

Building Work

As parents will know, we have had a great deal of building work taking place at the school in order to increase our capacity so that we can provide quality school places for all secondary-aged pupils in the community of Cambourne. I am very pleased to inform parents that this work has sufficiently finished in order for there to be enough new classrooms available to enable us to open this week for all pupils as planned. That means that Year 7 pupils are starting with us today and then all other Year groups return to school tomorrow. Some further parts of the new facilities will be handed over to us in the next two weeks and our new Astro Turf pitch is due for completion in October.

Library

Due to the building work and the subsequent re-fit, the school library will not be open for several weeks. This means that there will be no before-school provision available in the library at the moment. After-school provision will continue to be provided by Senora Collado-Canas.

During this period, please could you support your child's reading by encouraging them to bring a book in from home. If there is any problem with this, please contact the school librarian, Alison Tarrant, via thecollege@cambournevc.org. Please also remember that the public library in Cambourne remains open.



Staffing

We are very pleased to report that the school is fully staffed for the coming term. We have a significant number of new and excellent staff, both teachers and support staff, joining us and we very much look forward to working with them.

Pupils travel to school

Pupils were clearly reminded at the end of last term of the need to cycle, scoot and skateboard with care and consideration on the roads and paths approaching the College. It is crucial that every pupil does this and parental support in reinforcing this message is greatly appreciated. Pupils have again been reminded that cycling helmets are compulsory when cycling and that there are other important and simple safety expectations from all pupils. There is a system of clear sanctions in place for any pupil who gets this wrong because it is a significant and important matter. If you need to discuss purchasing a cycling helmet and how the school might help, please contact Mrs Bagulay, dbagulay@cambournevc.org, at the school.

Mrs Coates – medical leave

I need to confirm with parents that Mrs Coates, Principal of Cambourne Village College, will be taking medical leave from the beginning of term for a period of time. This is in order to enable her to have required treatment for a long-standing heart condition. Our very best wishes go to Mrs Coates during this period of treatment. Mrs Coates anticipates returning to school in some capacity from November. In the meantime, we have put arrangements in place to ensure that senior responsibilities are fully and clearly covered for the whole of this term. All of Mrs Coates's named responsibilities have been distributed to appropriate senior staff. I will take on the role of acting Executive Principal and will spend a good amount of my time at Cambourne Village College. Mr Sumner will take on the role of acting Head of School and will lead the senior team in ensuring that everything is run in an excellent way on a day-to-day basis at the school. Ms Hodgson and Mr Jenner have agreed to become associate members of the senior team for this year and will provide further senior capacity for us at the school.

With every best wish to you and your children for this coming term,

Yours faithfully,



Stephen Munday, Executive Principal

