

# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 16 October 2020

## The Week Ahead

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## **Key Term Dates**

Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Friday 27 November	Staff Training Day
Friday 18 December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 December – Friday 01 January	Christmas Holidays

# **Principal's Letter**

#### Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an eventful couple of weeks... And it's a bumper bulletin!

**The data breach at WisePay** (now Opayo) seems to have affected very few of our parents, but you are strongly advised to follow the instructions to secure your financial arrangements, as set out in the letters sent to you. This situation was entirely beyond our control but I'm sorry for the inconvenience this has undoubtedly caused.

**Covid Positive Case** — We dealt with the news that one of our pupils had received a positive test result immediately upon receiving this information on Monday evening. The full procedures we followed are set out in a document on the website, on this link: <u>https://www.cambournevc.org/COVID-19/procedures</u> Following all Public Health guidance, contacts of the affected pupil were swiftly identified and asked not to attend school on Tuesday. Due to our strict 'bubble' arrangements, only 26 pupils are now in self-isolation. Attached to this bulletin is a set of NHS instructions on what to do if a member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus. Every pupil is being given a paper copy of this document; please keep this for your reference at home.

Lost Property — We have a vast quantity of lost property, including many expensive items, much of it unclaimed since before the summer. A last opportunity to collect this is offered on Monday 26 October— the Monday of half term. Please see the list of timings later in this bulletin. lease do send your child if you have lost any items; parents are welcome to attend too. Items still left unclaimed after this will have to be disposed of. We try to return all named items of lost property — please help us to do this by writing your child's name in ink, in their clothes, bags etc.

**School Uniform** — Thank you for all your support with this. Please see later bulletin items, and note that nose studs are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

#### Congratulations to our first year group!

Our very first year group, the intake of 2013, did their A' Levels or other advanced qualifications last summer. We've been hearing about some of their successes, with places taken up at universities such as Cambridge, Bristol, University of East Anglia, Lincoln, Southampton and Sussex, to study Natural Sciences, Law, Electronics, Linguistics and Conservation of Cultural Heritage, to name a few. We're delighted - but not surprised - to hear how well they've done and wish them a fantastic time at university—notwithstanding a challenging start this term...

One final week of hard work before half term!

Have a very good weekend, Claire Coates, Principal.

# Covid-19 | Medical

Pease visit our website <u>www.cambournevc.org/COVID-19/</u> for further information and clarification.

Please email thecollege@cambournevc.org to report a student absent. Please make sure to include your child's full name and Tutor Group.

Please remember that it is the parents/carers' responsibility to make sure that all emergency medication for your child is in school and in date.

## PARENTS CONSULTATION:

Due to the Parent Consultation running from 2pm to 7pm on Thursday 22nd October, normal school will finish as per the timings below and all pupils will return home at this time:

Year 7 and 10—Leave at 1.25pm Year 8—Leave at 1.30pm Year 9 and 11—Leave at 1.35pm



Please remember to book in your parent consultation appointment, if you have not done so already. The event is for **all year groups** to talk through an overview of how pupils have settled back in after school closure. Please contact your child's Year Team PSA if you are having difficulty booking.

#### **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.

<u>Click here</u> for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments

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)

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**



We are nearing the close of our first half term and the pupils have made an fantastic start particularly to adjusting to all the various requirements in place for school safety.

We have, however, started to see a slip in school uniform compliance, particularly around appropriate length skirts and the wearing of jeans.

A gentle reminder that pupils who do not meet our expectations about uniform will usually receive a sanction...

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the school website <u>https://</u><u>www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/uniform</u>.

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact Mrs Katie Reynolds: <u>kreynolds@cambournevc.org</u>, in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

### FOODBANK VOUCHERS:

There are many reasons why families might from time to time need some help and support: Loss of Job, Homelessness, Change of family circumstances and Struggling financially...



We can provide foodbank vouchers to the families of our pupils who need help with food. This would apply to those families, for example, on a very low income, in a crisis or those who have been financially affected by Coronavirus. If you feel you are in need of food vouchers, please contact Katie Reynolds, via the College Reception or email <u>kreynolds@cambournevc.org</u> in the strictest of confidence.

Our local Foodbank is open on Thursdays 10am – 12pm and is located at The Old Blue School (just behind the church, opposite Jeavons Wood Primary School). If you would like to donate, there is a collection point at the Co-Op in Lower Cambourne.

### MUSIC CLUBS:

Monday 3-4pm: Year 10 Jazz Band *(open to all year 10 instrumentalists) Email <u>bmulholland@cambournevc.org</u> to sign up.* 

Tuesday3-4pm: Year 11 Jazz Band (open to all year 11 instrumentalists) **Email <u>bmulholland@cambournevc.org</u> to sign up.** 



Wednesday 3-4pm: Year 7 – mini-Christmas production of *The Fir Tree (open to all year 7 singers) Email <u>gpage@cambournevc.org</u> to sign up.* 

Thursday 3-4pm: Year 8 – mini-Christmas production of *Babushka (open to all year 8 singers) Email* <u>gpage@cambournevc.org</u> to sign up.

Friday 3-4pm: Year 9 – mini-Christmas production of *Father Frost (open to all year 9 singers) Email gpage@cambournevc.org to sign up.* 

Places in each group will be limited to 15 pupils per session, so you will need to sign up to take part by emailing Mr Page for Years 7, 8 & 9 (<u>gpage@cambournevc.org</u>), and emailing Mr Mulholland (<u>bmulholland@cambournevc.org</u>) for Years 10 & and 11.

If more than 15 pupils are interested in attending each activity, we may have to operate a two-week rotation to accommodate everyone. As places are limited, we ask if your child signs up, that they commit to coming to all rehearsals (unless they are not in school).

All clubs will take place outside, or in the larger Music Room, and be appropriately distanced.

Geoff Page Head of Music

## HALF TERM LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION: Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11

## We have mountains of lost property! Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

This will be located in the main hall, with access from the side of the building.

#### Please come at your allocated slot (see below). Parents welcome to come with their child.

Please note that due to the current Covid-19 measures in place, pupils/parents/carers will be required to maintain 2 meters distance at all times whilst waiting to come into the hall.

You will be required to wear a mask and pupils their name badge. You will also be required to sign in to adhere to the Track & Trace measures in place.

Pupils are asked to come as per the allocated year group timeslots below. Pupils will not be allowed to attend a different timeslot and will be turned away should they arrive earlier/later than the timings outlined below for their year group.

#### **Timeslots:**

Year 8 – from 10.00 to 10.30

Year 9 - from 10.45 to 11.15

Year 10- from 11.30 to 12.00

Year 11 - from 12.15 to 12.45

#### YEAR 7 MATHS GROUPS:



All Y7 pupils will be moved into new Maths groups during the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

They will also be given a baseline assessment during a Maths lesson on Wednesday 21st or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Pupils will need to have all of their required Maths equipment for this assessment (pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, a pair of compasses and a protractor).



## **HISTORY | Peterhouse College (University of Cambridge):**

#### Click Cambridge: A new, online programme for BME Year 10 pupils!

Peterhouse College have collaborated with a number of Cambridge Colleges to create ClickCambridge - a new online programme for 2020/21, which aims to equip students with the information and skills needed to apply to selective universities.

ClickCambridge streams will have a series of **monthly webinars**, skills sessions, and Q&As with current students and academics.

These will address various aspects of university life, applications, and the student experience. The monthly session will be after school on weekdays, and run several times a week so everyone can find time to attend.

For more information, students can look here - https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/clickcambridge

To register for the programme, they should fill out the application form here - <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>ClickCambridge</u>

#### The deadline is Monday 19th!

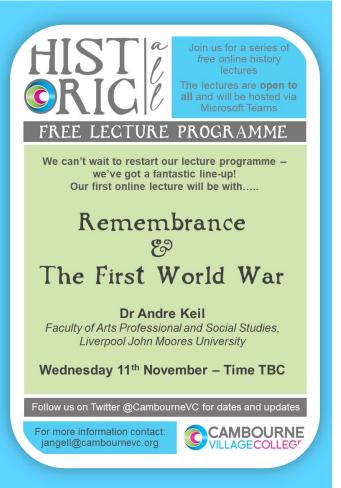
#### **HISTORIC VIRTUAL LECTURE:**

The Cambourne History Department are thrilled to announce the return of their free public lecture programme.

For this academic year, all lectures will be online and shared via Microsoft Teams. Our first online lecture is on **Wednesday 11th November** with Dr Andre Keil from Liverpool John Moores University.

Dr Keil will be presenting his lecture: 'Remembrance and The First World War.' This event will be free of charge to students, parents, carers, teachers, and anyone in the Cambourne and wider community with an interest in History.

This lecture will be of particular interest to students in Y9 who are currently studying the causes of the First World War in History.



More details about how to sign up and access these lectures will be shared soon.

## Y11 GCSE HISTORY:

A reminder that a weekly revision schedule has been created for all Y11 GCSE History students. It is strongly advised that students use this schedule that is available both on Teams and on the Catalogue.

Any student requiring a hard copy can ask Miss Angell.

All revision content including podcasts, revision guides, and recorded revision videos are also available via the CATalogue and students have been shown the location of these during lesson time.

Thank you! Miss Angell.

## Y7 ARCHAEOLOGY OPPORTUNITY:

### Museum of Classical Archaeology Outreach session

We are thrilled that all our Y7 History classes will be taking part in a live online tour of the Museum of Classical Archaeology in Cambridge.

These sessions will be free of charge and will take place in allocated history lessons during the next half term.

They will complement Y7s recent study of the Roman Empire.

Please contact Miss Angell (Head of History) if you have any questions.

### **Y9 NATIONAL ARCHIVES SESSIONS:**

All current Y9 students will be taking part in a live videoconference with the National Archives in London. Students will explore this question: *How typical was Albert Edwin Rippington's experience of war?* 

...if you ever meet a chap that says he wants to go back call him a liar'.

These are words penned by Albert Edwin Rippington, an employee of the Audit Office for the Great Western Railway. Albert, along with many of his colleagues, had enlisted to fight in the First World War. He was wounded in action and wrote about his experiences from his hospital bed back in England. Albert was clearly deeply affected by his time in the trenches, but how typical was his experience?

Exploring a range of letters written by soldiers who enlisted from the Great Western Railway to fight, students will investigate these men's experiences of war; the conditions in the trenches and in reserve, and the impact that these experiences had on their morale and health of these men.

These sessions will be free of charge and will take place in allocated History lessons throughout the next half term. The session will complement Y9s study of the causes of the First World War. Please contact Miss Angell (Head of History) if you have any questions.

## Y11 AFTER SCHOOL REVISION SESSIONS:

The School Library is open to Y11 pupils every Tuesday after school from 3 to 4:30 to attend after school revision sessions.

They are welcome to do revision or homework, use a computer for research or to come just for some quiet reading.

Please note that they will be expected to work independently. Those who would like to attend need to sign up in advance using the online signing up form that can be found on the Y11 section on The CATalogue.

The spaces are limited, and they are allocated on a first come, first served basis, but behaviour and attitude could also be taken in consideration.

Pupils will enter the Library using the fire door in the Y7 social area and they will need to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving.

When browsing for books, it is compulsory to wear a face mask.



## **REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:**



If you need to report that your child is going to be absent from school, please email <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u> by 9am each morning of absence.

Please state your child's full name, their tutor group and the reason for their absence. **Just** reporting your child is 'unwell' will not be accepted.

Where possible we would advise that medical appointments are made out of school time, but understand that this is not always possible, but pupils should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence and advance notice is required for authorising these absences.

Where possible, please provide the attendance office with a copy of the appointment letter/card.

Any pupil leaving the school site for an appointment must sign out at Reception and sign in on return.

## FACIAL PIERCINGS:

A very small number of pupils are wearing nose studs to school and I wish to reiterate the school policy on this.

Last year, after listening to pupil requests about school uniform rules, we relaxed our approach a little to allow a small amount of discreet jewellery to be worn, and also allowed coloured nail varnish. This change does not include allowing facial piercings.

#### Our uniform policy states:

A minimal amount of discreet jewellery which is inoffensive and cannot cause a hazard, may be worn. Nose studs and other facial piercings are not allowed. All jewellery and piercings must be completely removed for PE.

Health and Safety considerations are paramount in this decision, as in all areas of school policy, and override any other factor. All jewellery needs to be removed for PE lessons in order to minimise any risk to pupils. Facial piercings are often found too difficult to remove in school and are not allowed.

As with pierced ears, parents are asked that facial piercings are only done at the start of the long summer holiday so that the item can be safely removed by the time school restarts. Any pupils unable to remove piercings will be asked to cover them with a plaster in school time and they will not be able to participate fully in PE lessons. Once piercings are healed, it is expected that pupils will remove the stud/item for school; refusal to comply with this request will be sanctioned in the same way as any other uniform infringement and will usually involve loss of social time.

Thank you for your support with this measure; we know how much effort parents make to support the high standards of uniform we're able to maintain, and this is very much appreciated.

### **SPORTS CLUBS:**

Any pupil who wishes to attend a club should meet outside the back doors to the Orange changing rooms to register.

Please process your payment via WisePay under the Clubs & Activities module (we ask for a contribution of £10 per term for access to any of our after school clubs).



# Y10 and Y11 | Virtual Work Experience

#### Half term virtual work experience opportunity for Year 10 & 11 students

## Finance Insight Day With HSBC and London Institute of Banking and Finance Friday 30th October

Students will need to register for a <u>Springpod account</u> to apply for the <u>Finance Insight Day</u> with HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance.

All those who register are guaranteed a place on the programme; where they can join HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance for an inspiring Insight Day where participants will discover what the Financial Services industry has to offer.

During this insight day students take part in live workshops, have opportunities to interact with industry professionals and work on their own project.

By registering for a Spring pod account, students will also be able to view all work experience and apprenticeship opportunities, as well as explore a library of careers videos. Students will also receive email alerts when relevant opportunities become available.

# Y11 | Open Evening: Hills Road

**Hills Road Virtual Open Evenings**, which are taking place on 19 & 20 October from 4pm, are now open for booking. Visit <u>www.hillsroad.ac.uk/open-evenings</u> to book your place.

## **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**

## Visit www.hillsroad.ac.uk/open-evenings

Across the two evenings, you will have the choice of 50 subject talks and eight drop-in Q&A sessions to book.

At 3pm on Monday 19 October, we will launch our Virtual Open Evenings with a welcome video from Principal, Jo Trump. This video will be available on our website, and a link will be emailed to everyone who has signed up to join our subject talks or drop-in sessions.

### HOW TO BOOK

#### Subject talks, college sports and library services

Follow the links where you will be able to find out more about the talks available and to book your sessions.

#### Drop-in sessions

Join our drop-in sessions with our Support & Guidance team, Enrichment and Extended Project leaders and Admissions team, to find out more about the College and to ask your questions about studying at Hills Road.

#### Listen to the experts!

Watch our students talk about what it's like being a student at the College! Find out why they chose Hills Road, what they like about studying at A level and how attending the Open Evening helped them to decide where to study. <u>Watch here>></u>

# Y11 | Open Evening: CRC

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## **ONLINE OPEN DAYS**

It's time to start making plans for your studies next year! We have the information you need to help make those important decisions, and it's all available online.

17TH & 20TH OCTOBER CAMBRIDGE & HUNTINGDON

FULL TIME COURSES | APPRENTICESHIPS

**REGISTER FOR OUR ONLINE EVENTS** 

CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE GREAT CAREERS START HERE

Join us online for our October Open Days, 17th Cambridge & 20th Huntingdon, to see what we have to offer.

Vocational Full-Time courses and Apprenticeships are a great way to start you on your path to university and a great career. Practical and hands-on learning at college gives you the chance to explore your passions and develop your skills. Find out what it's like, view video tours of our state-of-the-art workshops and facilities and hear from our current students to find out what life is like as a student at CRC.

#### WHAT'S ON OFFER?

**Welcome to CRC -** a broadcast from our Senior Management Team giving you important information about the college with a live Q&A session you can get involved in.

- Saturday 17th Oct 10am
- Tuesday 20th Oct 6pm

**Subject Sessions -** attend one of our many subject sessions to learn about the courses you are interested in.

- Saturday 17th Oct 11am-12:30pm
- Tuesday 20th Oct 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Speak to a Tutor -** request a call back from one of our Tutors who can talk you through your options and give you more details about a course.

Register today at www.camre.ac.uk/open-days





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California Road, Huntingdon, PE29 1BL

# Y11 | Open Evening: Long Road

## Virtual Open Evenings: Tues. 17th & Weds. 18th November

At Long Road Sixth Form College, there's lots of choice: A Levels, Diplomas, a mix of the two or GCSE res-sits.

Whichever direction you take, as a member of our friendly, Cambridge based community you can develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward towards your bright future.

We are inviting you to our Virtual Open Evenings on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 5:00pm – 8:30pm.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October you will be able to register for course specific sessions; giving you the opportunity to meet our teachers, current students and have your questions answered by subject specialists. Throughout each subject event a team of our friendly staff will be behind the scenes answering your questions on our live Q&A chat feature!

All of our events will be taking place on Microsoft Teams, meaning you can access them from your PC, tablet or mobile!

Don't forget - registration opens Monday 19th October!

We can't wait to meet you all!

Best wishes, Long Road





#### IS YOUR AWARD WINNING LOCAL SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER



#### **CAMBOURNE TROUSERS AND SKIRTS** Order ALL your Cambourne Village College uniform on line at www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/camvc

To help you order your trousers and skirts please see the sizes below. Polo shirts and sweatshirts are also available on our web shop on the link above.



#### **Girls Pleated Skirt**

Sizes Available:

8/9 Years, 9/10 Years, 11/12 Years 22W 18L. 22W 20L, 24W 18L, 24W 20L, 24W 22L, 26W 20L, 26W 22L, 28W 20L, 28W 22L, 30W 20L, 30W 22L, 32W 20L, 34W 20L, 36W 20L



#### Girls Straight Skirt

Sizes Available: 20W 18L, 22W 18L, 22W 20L, 24W 20L, 24W 22L, 26W 20L, 26W 22L, 28W 20L, 28W 22L, 30W 20L, 30W 22L, 32W 20L, 32W 22L, 34W 20L, 34W 22L, 36W 20L



## **Girls Trimley Trousers**

Sizes Available: 22W 29L, 22W 31L, 24W 29L, 24W 31L, 26W 29L, 26W 31L, 28W 31L, 30W 31L, 32W 31L, 34W 31L, 36W 31L,



#### Girls Junior Kirby Trousers

Sizes Available: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13

#### Boys Slimfit Slimbridge trousers

Sizes Available:

26W 28L, 27W 27L, 27W 29L, 27W 32L, 28W 30L, 28W 32L, 30W 20L, 30W 32L, 30W 34L, 32W 30L, 32W 32L, 32W 34L, 34W 32L, 36W 32L, 38W 32L, 38W 34L

# **Early Intervention Family Worker**

# **Early Intervention Family Worker online workshop**

## Help support your child with their anxiety.

Aimed at offering parents and carers of children aged 11-16 years a supportive and informal environment, in which to talk about children's increased anxiety and how best to support this.

We will also look at how to help parents manage any anxiety they may be feeling.

Monday 19th October 12.30pm-13:30pm

Please note booking is essential and you must have access to a mobile phone to be able to dial into the session.Handouts will be emailed out after the workshop has concluded. (Only to those who have attended the workshop)

Facilitated by Clare Merrington and Samantha Stacey. Early Intervention Family Workers. For bookings please call 01954 286008 or 01954 284604

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/child-and-family-centres

Cambridgeshire County Council





# Trips | DofE | Extra-Curricular Activities

### Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award | Year 11s

Remember to submit your Skill, Physical and Volunteering assessors reports for approval by Mrs Noble. Please refer to the information sent via School Post by Mrs Noble with regards to moving on to the Silver Award and the Certificate of Achievement 2020.

### Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award | Year 10s

Please make sure your child has now set-up their eDofE account and submitted their programme planners (Volunteering, Physical and Skill).

If you have any questions with regards to the completion of these sections due to the pandemic, please email Mrs Noble at <u>cam-dofe@cambournevc.org</u>. Further information about the expedition section will be sent in due course. Please bear with us whilst we follow government and DofE guidelines on how best to proceed.

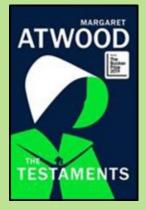
### Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award Launch | Year 8s and Year 9s

Further information about the launch of our DofE Bronze Award to our current year 8s and year 9s this year (following a new model recently adopted by the College) will be sent in due course.

# **Library Recommendations**

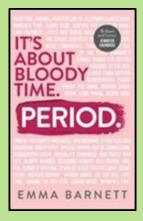
#### The Testaments by Margaret Atwood





In this electrifying sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, acclaimed author Margaret Atwood reveals her vision of Gilead's future. Picking up ten years after its predecessor's tantalisingly open-ended conclusion, *The Testaments* provides a new window into Atwood's dystopian world, as seen through the eyes of three women of Gilead: a girl brought up within its confines, another on the run beyond its walls, and a woman at the very heart of the regime's dark designs with secrets of her own. Each has a unique perspective on the world of Gilead and each will be crucial in deciding its fate.

#### Period. by Emma Barnett



Funny, frank and fearless, Emma Barnett takes on one of the last taboo subjects in modern society. Through personal anecdote and the testimony of others, Barnett asks why the issue of periods still embarrasses and appalls and makes a bracing, common sense case for full and frank honesty.



# 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

<u>cam-support@cambournevc.org</u>. We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 24 hours.

# Social

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and notices





## This week's social highlight:

#### 15/10/2020

You may remember our lockdown gardeners showing just how green thumbed our pupils are. Well, the Royal Horticultural Society launched a competition last year to find the "Young Gardener of the Year 2020" across the UK. Sadly, the pandemic meant they cancelled the main awards. But, one of our passionate Yr9 gardeners has still received recognition for his hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm and has been named one of the RHS Young Gardeners of the Year. Congratulations! We are very proud of you! <u>#superstar</u>

# **Communication with the School**

In addition to this weekly bulletin, 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 284 000



By writing to Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne CB23 6FR



Via the 'contact us' page of our school website www.cambournevc.org

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