

# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 14 May 2021

## The Week Ahead

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## **Key Dates**

Thursday 27 May	Afternoon School Closure
Friday 28 May	Last day of half term
Monday 31 May—Friday 04 June	Half Term holiday
Monday 07 June	All Pupils back to School

# THE PRINCIPAL

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

As you are aware, a number of changes have been made to the Covid Protective Measures required in schools by the Government from 17 May. The one of most impact is:

Face coverings will no longer be required for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in school, and for staff in classrooms. Where staff or pupils do wish to wear a face covering in a classroom and around the school site, this option currently remains permitted.

All other protective measures remain in place so we will continue with our current set up of year groups remaining largely within their own areas and adults observing social distancing from students and each other. The revised measures will be updated on the College Covid Risk Assessment on the school website, from early next week.

**Home Covid Testing** You may be aware of the report of increasing levels of Covid infection in Bedford this week. This feels close to home: please do continue to test your children and to submit the results. Only 77% of families returned results last week. This has decreased over each of the past two weeks and is an essential part of our measures to keep school safe and open.

**Red PE Hoodies** As of next week, pupils will no longer be allowed to wear their red PE hoodies in class as an additional layer over school jumpers. Many students are now replacing their grey school jumpers with their PE hoodies, so the need for the extra layer would seem to have passed.

Afternoon Closure on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, to allow moderation of Year 11 Assessment As previously circulated, please remember that school will finish at lunchtime on 27 May and work will be set for home-learning for the afternoon. If you need to have your child supervised or would like them to have a school lunch, please fill in the form/s below.

Students will be taught in the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> May as usual. At 12.40pm (the end of period 4), they will be allowed to leave the school site. Anyone who would prefer to stay for a school lunch may do so, including those who receive Free School Meals: **please could you indicate if your child/ren would like to stay for lunch and leave at 1.20pm on this form:** <u>https://forms.office.com/</u>

If you need your child to be supervised for the afternoon, we will provided a supervised place where they will be supervised by a member of staff while they access their task through their ipad. Please indicate if you need your child/ren to be supervised until 3pm on this form: <u>https://forms.office.com/</u>

Children will have a task set per year group, provided remotely in the way that they are familiar with. They should complete the task and submit it on Teams, as they did during school closure. They will be able to find the task on Show My Homework.

This will be as follows: Year 7: English Year 8: Science Year 9: DT Year 10: Maths

#### DfE Publication: Ofqual's Student Guide to Awarding Grades: Summer 2021

Ofqual have now published their new <u>student guide to awarding: summer 2021</u>. This guide offers support for students taking GCSEs, A levels, vocational and technical qualifications this year. It is written for students and complements the materials that have already been published for teachers. It also contains important advice on where students and their families can go for more information and support, including support for those with mental health concerns.

#### Cycling

We are receiving regular reports of students cycling on foot paths without consideration for pedestrians, on their journeys to and from school. If your child cycles to school, please remind them that they should be cycling on the road or on the cycle paths provided.

**Using the toilet during lesson time.** Our expectation is that students will go to the toilet and fill water bottles at break and lunchtime. Students with known medical needs have a Toilet Pass so they have access at all times. We have recently introduced the measure that a student who really needs the toilet in lesson time will be escorted by a member of staff. This means that genuine need can still be met, but the number of 'desperate' children has reduced dramatically... This measure will therefore remain in place.

Thank you for your continued support as we work our way through this very demanding half-term.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Claire Coates

## **Cambourne Arts Centre and Cinema**

Professional arts events and Community Cinema
Evenings, weekends and school holidays
For all of Cambourne and the surrounding area



#### How can you help?

Scan the QR code or visit: https://www.cambournevc.org/aboutus/charitable-trust/



#### <u>We need</u> more funds!

To get to where we are today has cost £145,000 so far!

To be able to bring a <u>CINEMA</u> to Cambourne, we need YOUR support to raise the final <u>£100,000,</u> by December 2021, for:

 Professional quality cinema screen and projector

 Surround-sound speakers Cambourne Village College has built a <u>new</u> <u>performance hall</u>, with the help of our Town and County Councils!

Funding from Cam Academy Trust and the College, and fundraising by CamVC's Charitable Trust, means that hopefully by September 2021, we will be delivering:

- Musical and theatre performances for audiences of up to 350
- A full stage, lighting and top-quality tiered seating experience

In addition, we now have the ambition to:

- Show box-office films just weeks after national release
- Stream live broadcasts of west-end theatre, ballet and opera
- Employ a Community Arts Officer to grow the Arts offering for local people
- Attract professional touring theatre and dance companies



# ABSENCE REQUEST

To notify us of any planned absences, please visit the <u>Absences</u> page on our website and submit an Absence Request Form, with 2 school days' prior notice for this to be reviewed for authorisation.

# APPOINTMENTS

We strongly encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, pupils should be in school prior to/after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

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

Please notify Reception of when an appointment is and the timings that the pupil will not be in school by emailing <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u>.

If we do not receive prior notification to a morning absence, we will contact home and the absence will only be authorised on proof of the medical appointment upon the pupil's return.

When leaving for an appointment, the pupil must sign out at Reception and be collected by their parent or carer, and they must sign back in when they return.



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.



Post 16 Y11 Induction/Welcome days

Please find below dates of College and Sixth Form induction/welcome days for students who have accepted offers.

College/Sixth Forms will contact individual students with more detailed information.

If the College/Sixth Form at which an offer is held is not listed below, dates will be communicated with students directly by the College/Sixth.

College/Sixth Form	
	YR 11 Induction / Welcome Days
Comberton	Tuesday 29 June Wednesday 20 June
CRC	Year 11 students will be invited to attend a 3-day welcome to their course in the week commencing 28 June.
Bishop Laney	Tuesday 06 July & Wednesday 07 July
Hills Road	Thursday 15 & Friday 16 July
Long Road	Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 June
Oakes	Monday 21 June – Parents Tuesday 22 June – Students

# SPORTS

Monday Year 9							
Football	Badm	inton	Netball				
Tuesday Year 8							
Football	Dance	Team Games		Badminton			
Wednesday Year 7							
Football	Dance	Team Games		Badminton			
	Thursday Sports Leaders						
Sports Leaders Workshop							
Friday Year 10							
Badminton							

#### PE Clubs

Our pupils thoroughly enjoy these opportunities; however to continue to provide these, we require funding. Staff volunteer their time and expertise to run, coach and organise these additional sporting opportunities; however, money raised goes towards maintaining quality equipment, providing buses for travel to fixtures and paying external qualified coaches to lead sessions. As such, we are asking any student who is attending extra-curricular clubs to make a £10 voluntary donation each term towards these running costs. This can be paid on ParentPay.

This charge does not apply to pupils who have free school meals.

Many thanks for your continued support.



#### How to get involved

- 3-4pm after school on the Astro. Meet at the Orange changing rooms.
- Year 9 Monday 24th May
- Year 8 Tuesday 25th May
- Year 7 Wednesday 26th May

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday 19th May.

Sign up to play and the PE department will select your teams.

## **#SchoolsFootballWeek**

**Schools' Football Week** is an ESFA initiative designed not only to highlight the huge scale of Schools' Football in England, but also as an opportunity for schools, teams, and clubs from across the country to showcase the talent of their pupils, dedication of their teachers and coaches and the benefits that playing schools' football brings to their school or association.

Cambourne Village College will be running Year 7, 8 and 9 football tournaments commencing week beginning 24th May.



# FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Our next online lecture will be with.....

## Dr. Eve MacDonald The Most Famous of Carthaginians: Hannibal and Dido in the Roman Imagination

Lecturer in Ancient History, Cardiff University

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 4-5pm Join via Microsoft Teams: https://bit.ly/3wupA4E



Follow us on Twitter @Education\_\_All for updates.

For more information contact: jangell@cambournevc.org & lgassner@cambournevc.org





#### We are now running two Year 7 Music Clubs:

Wednesday 3 – 4pm (Music Block): **Year 7 Band / Orchestra** – for ALL instrumentalists! Whatever you instrument you play, you'd be welcome to come along, and join this band, and play with other Year 7 musicians.

#### Thursday 3 – 4pm (Main Hall): Music Theatre

We're going to be doing a mini-musical version of **"Joseph and His Techni-coloured Dreamcoat"**). We'll learn the songs first, and then as social distancing eases, we'll ai to put together a 15-20 minute version of this classic Andrew Lloyd-Webber show!

#### And two Year 8 Music Clubs:

Thursday 3 – 4pm (Music Block): **Year 8 Band / Orchestra** – for ALL instrumentalists! *Whatever you instrument you play, you'd be welcome to come along, and join this band, and play with other Year 7 musicians.* 

#### Wednesday 3 – 4pm (Main Hall): **Music Theatre**

We're going to be doing a mini-musical version of **"Beauty and the Beast"**). We'll learn the songs first, and then as social distancing eases, we'll ai to put together a 15-20 minute version of this classic Disney show!

#### And one Year 9 Music club:

#### Friday 3 – 4pm (Music Block): Music Theatre

We're going to be doing a mini-musical version of "**Into the Woods**"). We'll learn the songs first, and then as social distancing eases, we'll ai to put together a 15-20 minute version of this classic Stephen Sondheim show!

Email me for more information (<u>gpage@cambournevc.org</u>) or encourage children in Years 7 – 9 to turn up at the rehearsal ready to play and sing!

Geoff Page (Head of Music)

#### Year 10 Tests



As is routine in any usual year, Year 10 will have a period of tests this summer. This year, it will be in the fortnight of 05 to 16 July (excluding Friday 09 July).

Further details about these, including a timetable, will be shared in due course. We use these tests to give students an experience of revision and of sitting tests in exam conditions. It also helps to give an early indication of whether students are on the right track for their target grades. Please encourage your child to begin revision once they know the contents of the upcoming tests; "little and of-ten" is the most useful and effective way of revising, as well as the best approach for mental wellbeing.

Any **year 9 student** who would like to apply to become a Sports Leader is welcome to collect an application form from outside the PE office.

Successful sports leaders will have the opportunity to getting involved in leading at clubs as well as at sports days and primary festivals and will be offered a range of different courses to further develop their sporting understanding.

It is a great opportunity for any student who loves sport and wants to get further involved in the life of the PE department.



# We need more GREAT Sports Leaders





South Cambridgeshire District Council

# May half-term

# Athletics camps

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays



#### Book now for a place on our May athletics camps!

#### For more information:

- holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk
- 01954 713070
- To book:
- www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps





South Cambridgeshire District Council

# May half-term

# Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays



Wednesday 2 June 10am to 3.30pm



Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX



For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities

# £

#### £25 per child per day

£21 per child per day each for families, or children attending multiple days (netball and athletics)



 Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential.

 Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought.



In a Covid-safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice

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# **Online Safety Tips**

#### **KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE**

Your child/children may be online more than usual at the moment. 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/



**Staying Safe** 



# Combined Minds

#### 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 <a href="https://combinedminds.co.uk/">https://combinedminds.co.uk/</a>

#### 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=OgjANx

<u>Click here</u> for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account <u>here</u>)





Thank you for supporting your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform. A PE Department hoodie may still be worn inside as an extra layer for any pupil who finds classrooms cool under current ventilation arrangements.

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team admin (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 – Louise Boyd <u>cam-year7@cambournevc.org</u> Year 8 – Melanie Stanford <u>cam-year8@cambournevc.org</u> Year 9 – Kayleigh Blane <u>cam-year9@cambournevc.org</u> Year 10 – Julia Hewitson <u>cam-year10@cambournevc.org</u> Year 11 – Louise Ramsay <u>cam-year11@cambournevc.org</u>

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the <u>school website</u>.

Thank you.

FREE deliveries to the College have now been reinstated by SWI. Items delivered to the College will be available for your child to collect from their Year Team office.



If you would like to check our second-hand uniform availability, please complete the form below to submit your enquiry.

Second-Hand Uniform Request

Please allow 48 hours for a response.

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.





#### Welcome to our new website!

#### Brighter, faster and easier to navigate. Our new site has several improvements, including:



Essential Schoolwear, Mainrock House, Southdown Industrial Estate, Southdown Road, Harpenden. AL5 1PW Tel: 01582 462120 Email: orders@essentialschoolwear.com www.essentialschoolwear.com

# Library services

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#### Year 11 After School Revision Sessions

The School Library is resuming the after school revision sessions for Y11 pupils every Tuesday after school from 3 to 4:30.

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 or via this <u>link</u>.

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 need to 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.



#### After School Access to the School Library for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Starting on the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March, the school Library will be open after school from 3pm until 4pm for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the following days:

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	7	10

Pupils are welcome to do homework, use a computer for research, look for books or to come just for some quiet reading.

They can enter the Library from the Year 7 social area using the fire door and they will need to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving.

When browsing it is compulsory to wear a facemask. Depending on the number of pupils accessing it, we could limit the time they can spend inside.

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



#### Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

1933. When Ellie and her family lose everything, they flee to Echo Mountain. Ellie runs wild, exploring the mountain's mysteries. But the one she can't solve is who's leaving the gifts for her: tiny wooden carvings of animals and flowers, dotted around the mountain for her to find.

Then Ellie's father has a terrible accident. When she sets out to find a cure for him, she discovers Cate, the outcast witch, and Larkin, a wild mountain boy. From them she learns about being a healer, being brave - and how there can be more to a person than first meets the eye. **Shortlisted for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal**. *(Available on the Sora app)* 



## Ladies can't climb ladders : the pioneering adventures of the first professional women by Jane Robinson

The Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act of 1919 was one of the most significant pieces of legislation in modern Britain. It marked at once political watershed and a social revolution; the point at which women of 21 and over were recognised in law as being as competent as men. But were they? What actually happened when this bill was passed? This is the story of what happened next, focusing on the lives of six women forging paths in the fields of medicine, law, academia, architecture, engineering and the church. Robinson's startling study into the public and private lives of these women sheds light not on the desires and ambitions of her subjects but how family and society responded to the working woman and what their legacy looks like today. *(Available from the School Library)* 



Students have access to a Teams channel of articles that school staff have chosen as being particularly interesting.

If your child is looking for something to read, there is a continually-updated selection – they'll fit nicely into the reading time each day, and offer something current to learn more about.

Find it here: <u>Recommended Articles</u>





# Extended Learning

Click on the link below to find out more about our **Extended Learning Opportunities**:

**Extended Learning Opportunities** 



PSHE







Click on the link below to access our **PE** related information: Parent Bulletin Links - PE

Click on the link below to view our latest **PSHE** information: Parent Bulletin Links - PSHE

Click on the link below to access **Covid-19** related information: <u>Parent Bulletin Links - COVID-19</u>

Click on the ink below to view our latest **DofE** updates: <u>Parent Bulletin Links - DofE</u>

Click on the link below to find information about our **Music Clubs**:

Parent Bulletin Links - Music Clubs

#### LFD Screening

#### What is LFD

- Lateral Flow Device
- These are used for screening purposes only and should <u>not</u> be used if someone is symptomatic
- These tests are quick and easy to use at home and help to identify those who may have Covid-19 but aren't symptomatic

#### Why should my child take part in weekly screening?

- One third of infected individuals have no symptoms and unknowingly spread coronavirus infection. Community LFD testing is one method to help identify and then isolate those infected. This helps reduce the risk for others in the wider community who are more at risk of infection such as the elderly and those who have underlying health conditions, contacts that students and students families have outside of school.
- The government guidance for schools should you wish to read is <u>https://www.gov.uk/</u> government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialistsettings/rapid-asymptomatic-testing-in-specialist-settings
- LFD testing is voluntary, and we respect any decision surrounding this however we would like to encourage this as much as possible

#### The weekly process

• Pupils should test on a **WEDNESDAY** and **SUNDAY** each week Results should be entered into TestRegister at <u>TestRegister.co.uk</u>

If you do not want to use this app please continue to use the <u>Covid 19 Information</u> Form to log your results if Positive.

If your LFD test result is **positive** please isolate as a household and book a <u>PCR test</u> immediately. We will be notified that the LFD test results is positive (if using TestRegister). Please notify us of the PCR result via <u>Covid 19 Information</u>

#### Covid-19 symptoms

 If you or anyone in your household has: a continuous cough, loss of taste/smell or high temperature, isolate as a household and book a PCR test ASAP. You should <u>NOT</u> use a LFD test at this point.

Please let us know the details of this by completing this form: Covid 19 Information





# Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see detailed guidance online.

Mike's household: In this example, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household. He and everyone in the household begin self-isolating from the day Mike's symptoms start (or if he had no symptoms, from the date of his positive test).



#### You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

#### To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to get to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.





# 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.

## **Communication with the School**

#### How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email cam-year7@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email **cam-year11**@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Ramsay

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 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 aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.