

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 15th Oct 2021

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current programme

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Key Dates

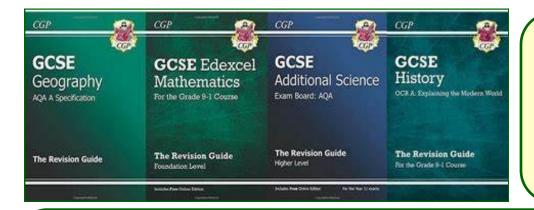
Thursday 21 October Curriculum Extension Days for Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 (off timetable)

Friday 22 October Curriculum Extension Days for Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 (off timetable)

Monday 25 - Friday 29 October Half Term

Friday 12 November Covid Vaccinations for ALL PUPILS





GCSE Revision Guides

We are offering a number of revision guides for different subjects to our year 10 and 11 students studying their GCSE's.

If you would like to purchase one, please check your **child's ParentPay account** to check what guides are available. **Please make payments as soon as possible as some guides will need to be ordered into school**.

Bike Sheds

Please remember that the bike sheds are locked daily at 8:40am and re-opened again 2:45pm.



If a student is late we kindly advise them to secure their bikes in the **shel-ter to the right of reception**.

We would also recommend securing their bike/scooter to the shelter to the right of reception if there is an urgent appointment they must attend to ensure there will be no delays whilst waiting for the bike sheds to be unlocked.

Thank you.

Curriculum Extension Days

We are looking forward to our two **curriculum extension days on Thursday and Friday** next week (for whole year groups for Years 7-10). The days are carefully planned to inspire and stretch students, as well as add to what they are learning in class. By now you will have received notification of any trips your children are involved in, next week.

If your child is unwell on the day we would be grateful if you could email TheCol-lege@CambourneVC.org as early as possible.











After School Gardening club

Starting 30th September: Every Thursday after school 3-4pm Please meet at centre 1 for the first meeting; Bring your own gloves if you wish.

Be a great opportunity to meet new friends
Have lots of fun and help to build the Sensory garden
Learn about environmental issues and go on trips where possible
Grow produce for the school kitchen/DT
Be great for your DoE community voluntary work/learning new
skills.

Please email me to let me know if you would like to come! Or if you would like more information:

please email Mrs Teo, mteo@cambournevc.org



Music Notices

There are still space for pupils to learn: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violin, piano, keyboard, guitar, drums, or singing!

To sign, download the forms from here:

<u>Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)</u>

Music Clubs (in Music Block)

Music clubs are underway again:

3pm, Mondays – Concert Band (Years 7 – 11)

3pm, Tuesdays – Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8)

3pm, Tuesdays – Jazz Band (Years 9 – 11)

3pm, Fridays – Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)



The Library is open to all pupils every day from 8am until Registration, at break, lunchtime and after school until 4pm (4:30pm on Tuesday).

Pupils are welcome to come to read, search for new books and borrow them, do homework or research, or use their iPad or the computers.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs - September 2021

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football - Astro

Year 8 Rugby-Field

Year 9 Rugby - Field

Year 9/10/11 Basketball - Sports Hall

KS3 Badminton - Gym

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 8 Football - Astro

Year 7 Rugby - Field

Girls Rugby - Field

Dance - Gym

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

Hockey - Astro

Year 9/10/11 Football - Astro

Year 7/8 Basketball - Sports Hall

Table Tennis - Gym

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Golf - Field (CCC)

Sports Leaders Opportunities - Check the Sports Leaders Board

FRIDAY 3-4pm

KS4 Badminton - Sports Hall

Girls Football - Astro

Fitness - Gym

BTEC Catch Up - IT04

Meet at the back doors to the orange changing rooms.

Morrisons Vouchers!



Please support and help the school purchase more gardening equipment and plants for the Sensory Garden CamVC.

You can do this by redeeming "Grow tokens" for every £10 that you in spend in store or online until 24th October.

All you have to do to help is if you are a "MyMorrisons" customer, to download the app and select CamVC to donate your tokens to. Then remember to scan your app or MyMorrisons card at the checkout for us to receive the tokens.

Many thanks for your continual support and help!

FA REFEREE COURSE



Course Venue	Evening Sessions	Practical Day	Cost	Who can apply?
Cambourne Fitness	Thursday 7 th October	Sunday 10 th October		
and Sports Centre	(6:30-9:30pm)	(9am–5pm)		
Northstowe Secondary School	Thursday 25 th November (6:30- 9:30pm)	Sunday 28 th November (9am-5pm)	£110	Anyone over the age of 14!
Northstoew Secondary	Thursday 24 th January	Sunday 30 th January		
School	(6:30-9:30pm)	(9am-5pm)		

If you or your child (over 14) are interested in becoming a **Level 1 qualified referee**, speak to Miss Gassner in the PE department for more information or email lgassner@cambournevc.org.

The FA

REFEREE

Insights: Your Guide to Apprenticeships

20th October 2021, 6pm-7:30pm

Join apprentice employers and qualified Careers Professionals as we explore all things Apprenticeships

- Explore Apprenticeships
- Meet apprentice employers
- Access free careers guidance and support as you make post-10 choices
- Get your questions answered

This free event is for students in Year 10 and above, and their parents and guardians. Register at:

<u>bit.ly/FtFInsights6</u>





<u>Insights: Your Guide to Apprenticeships.</u> This event will be held between **6pm and 7.30pm** on **Wednesday, 20th October 2021**.

This event has been designed to support students with their Post-16 options by providing an insight into the world of Apprenticeships. Apprenticeships offer young people an alternative gateway into the world of work – a job which enables you to learn, gain experience and get paid at the same time. Apprenticeships cover a broad range of sectors, including healthcare, business & administration, construction, design, digital, accountancy and law, to name but a few. This event will provide a unique opportunity to meet the region's leading Apprenticeship companies, as well as training providers. Current apprentices will be on hand to give an insight into what it's like to do their job, and the training opportunities that are out there.

This virtual event is open to all students from Years 10 and above, as well as their parents / guardians, and has been designed to allow students to:

- · Learn about apprenticeships, including entry requirements
- Interact and connect with some of the region's leading Apprenticeship employers, all on hand to provide insight into their sector. Come prepared with all of your burning questions!
- Find out about jobs that you may have never realised existed.
- Participate in discussions exploring topics such as: 'What to do if you don't know what to do?

Access free advice and guidance on your next steps from our qualified Careers Professionals.

There has been positive feedback from parents that have joined previous events, the organiser would like to stress that parents are just as welcome to attend.

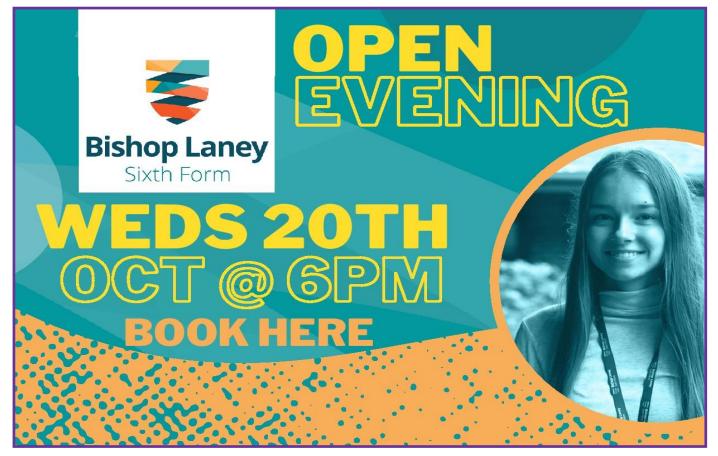
In order to register a place, please click on the following link: https://bit.ly/FtFlnsights6

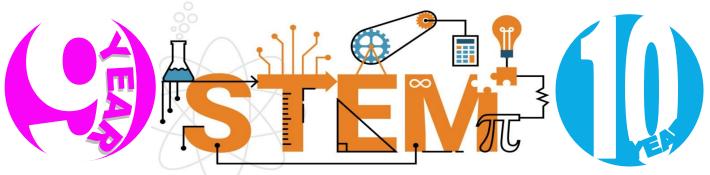
It is important that parents/students visit the registration page and make an actual booking. Unless they do this, they will not be able to attend on the night as they will not receive the event link.











Engineering Development Trust (EDT) – Virtual Routes into STEM Programme

The EDT Routes into STEM programme is open for applications, the first course is starting in October 2021!

If your child is in year 9 or 10 and are enjoying their **Technology, Design, Maths or Science** subjects and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to, then click **here** to find out more about **this programme** and **how to apply**.

Please contact <u>studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk</u> if you have any questions about this opportunity.



Vacancies

Cambourne Village College is currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- Level 1 Teaching Assistants
- Weekend Receptionist & Events Assistants
- Senior IT Technician
- Exam Invigilators

Full details of each of the roles and how to apply can be found on our website:

https://www.cambournevc.org/contact-us/vacancies





Our **Adult Education** programme has been updated for the 2021-22 academic year with additional new free online courses—which still have spaces available including on subjects such as Counselling (introduction to) as well as English and Maths GCSEs.

The full 2021-2022 programme has **over 150 courses on offer**. Full details of the programme can be found on the Adult education page of the <u>website</u>. Detailed Information sheets on all of our courses are also available to download.

You can also contact Mandy Draper by email on commed@catrust.co.uk or phone: 01223 264721 for more information.















CTSN SCITT
The Cam Academy Trust, Comberton Village College
West Street, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU
Tel: 01223 262503 ext 223
Tel: 01284 761393 ext 298

Email: scitt@catrust.co.uk
Website: https://dsnscitt.info/

CTSN SCITT The Cambridge Teaching Schools Network Training Partnership

Dear Parent/Carer

Thinking about becoming a teacher?

But not sure about the next steps?

Then, please come along to our next online recruitment event to find out more.

We have our first 'Train to Teach with CTSN SCITT' event on Monday 18th October between 6 & 7pm. We recruit people who have a passion for education and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential, onto both our primary and secondary courses. If you think this could be you then book a place at our information evening via this Eventbrite link and come and talk to us.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ctsn-scitt-train-to-teach-information-evening-tickets-184534566857?aff=ebdssbeac

General information about teacher training is available on the DfE's <u>Get into teaching website</u> and more specific information about training with CTSN SCITT on <u>our own website</u>. But we would always recommend that you also talk to one of our team prior to applying so we'd be delighted to see you on 18th October. There will be a short presentation followed by a Q&A session and the opportunity for one-to-one discussions.

If you have any problems with booking or would like more information about the event please email Jane Catley at <u>icatley@camtrust.org.uk</u> If you can't attend the event, we hope to host further ones later in the academic year and we are always happy to arrange appointments for short one-to-one discussions.

Kind regards

Primary and Secondary Recruitment teams CTSN SCITT











Thinking about becoming a Teacher?



Then come and explore
Teacher Training opportunities
with CTSN SCITT
at our Train to Teach event

Monday 18th October, 6-7pm



Book you ticket via Eventbrite



The Kooth service, is running free online parent / carer information sessions.



Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25year olds in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Kooth is running **free** online parent/carer information sessions - designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

We have a shorter 'bitesize' session which will cover:

A Live tour of the Kooth site

An opportunity for Questions & Answers about Kooth

Please click on the registration link for the date/time you'd like to attend:

Please ensure you register for the webinar of your choice.						
Date	Time	Registration Link	Zoom Link			
Weds 20 Oct	12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/	https://zoom.us/j/96248658006?pwd= UXdkQm1IdmlGZWpHaH-			
BITESIZE	- 12.30p	discover-kooth-parent-carer- bitesize-sessions-tickets-	RIMDhXVnJOZz09			
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OR a longer one hour session which will cover:

A Presentation on Kooth

A Live tour of the Kooth site

An opportunity for Questions & Answers about Kooth

Please click on the registration link to attend:

Please ensure you register for the webinar of your choice.					
Date	Time	Registration Link	Zoom Link		
Tues 16 Nov	5pm- 6pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ discover-kooth-parent-carer- information-sessions-tickets- 164152609875	https://zoom.us/j/94295360074? pwd= L0xKdzNEM0ZJVVAz- eE9hUXExYmhFUT09		
Tues 14 Dec	6pm- 7pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-kooth-parent-carer-information-sessions-tickets-164152609875	https://zoom.us/j/94874926099? pwd= VHhFQ0tXMzhPTFNJeVFt- THhGYWZxQT09		

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet. By accessing Kooth, young people can benefit from:

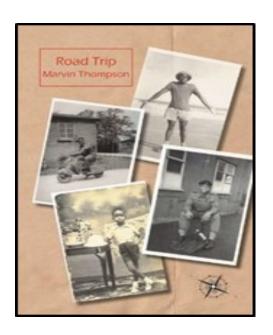
A free, confidential, anonymous, and safe way to receive support online.

Online Counselling from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available via 1-1 chat sessions or messaging on a drop in basis or via booked sessions.

No referral is required. Young people can register for kooth independently via kooth.com

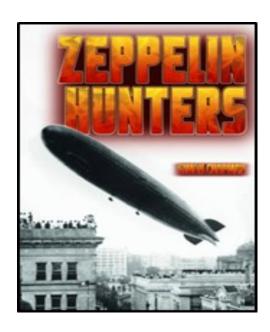
If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please address them to the school/[professional. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parentsandcarers@kooth.com.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Road Trip by Marvin Thompson

Road Trip is a striking first collection by a poet with illuminating and entertaining stories to tell and an accomplished craft in using both traditional and contemporary forms in telling them. As a poet of Jamaican heritage, born and raised in north London, Marvin Thompson brings together all those passages of place and time in fresh and revealing ways. Thompson has a refreshing, curious and honest eye that transforms and illuminates the everyday into something special and unique, but also a convincing vision of possibility and even of the uplifting. (Available from the School Library)



Zeppelin Hunters by Simon Chapman

1915. German Zeppelin airships were bombing London and nothing could be done about it. They flew too high up for the British biplanes to shoot them down. But they did have one major weakness: they were filled with explosive gas. (Available from the School Library)

ARTICLES

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: Recommended Articles



Join us for a series of *free* public lectures.

The lectures are open to all and will be hosted via Microsoft Teams.



FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Monday 11th October

4-5pm

Dr Nicholas Zair

Senior Lecturer in Classics, Cambridge University

'Pompeii in its own words'

Join via Microsoft Teams: https://bit.ly/3lv9eUE

Wednesday 10th November

4-5pm

Dr Marjorie Gehrhardt

University of Reading

'Commemorating the First World War: Then and Now'

Join via Microsoft Teams: https://bit.ly/3n5p6Qj

Monday 15th November 4-5pm Dr Elaine Murphy

Associate Professor of Maritime History, University of Plymouth

'Danger and Excitement: The Experiences of Women during the British Civil Wars of the 1640s'

Join via Microsoft Teams: https://bit.ly/3nhDsx6

Follow us on Twitter @Education__All and @Historic All for updates.

For more information contact: jangell@cambournevc.org &



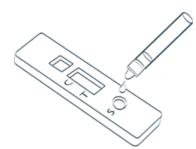
STAY NECATIVE

Get Tested Get Results Get Peace of Mind

COVID Testing - LFD testing

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 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-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 TestRegister.co.uk

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>thecollege@cambournevc.org</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 NOT use a LFD test at this point.

Please let us know the details of this by emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org making sure the full name of the student and their tutor group is included with the date, symptoms and the test undertaken.

On the week commencing 1st November, all parents will have access to an electronic online safety session delivered by ECP. Access will be 24 hours a day for the duration of this week.

A link will be sent directly to all parents for access to the session which is 1 hour in duration. The session can be paused, fast forwarded and re-winded. Following the session there will be handouts of the presentation which we will share with parents.



Online Safety For Parents & Carers



Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?



What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)



Latest trends of what children are doing online



Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing



The issues & dangers children face online



How we can make



Details of what support is available for you & your family

What parents & carers who have had us deliver our sessions say...

children safer online

"I thought it was well-paced, useful and well-delivered"

"Lots of clear information, well presented"

"Although I attended as a parent. I am also a teacher. I will be recommending that we hold a session like this for the parents at my school"

Our online safety sessions are regularly updated to reflect the everchanging online world & with children using devices to access the internet well before they start school, we would encourage all parents & carers to attend!



🌌 @ECP_LTD | 🚮 Facebook | 🛅 LinkedIn | www.ecplimited.com

Attendance

Reporting your Child's absence from school

We are experiencing a high level of notifications for pupil absence in the morning and our phonelines are very busy. The best way to report your child's absence from school is to email thecollege@cambournevc.org before 8:30am in the morning. Please use this email rather than contacting the Year teams or a member of staff directly, as this inbox is monitored all the time and other notifications may be missed.

Please email your **child's name along with their year group and tutor group** with a brief description of the reason they will be absent. Just reporting 'unwell' is not sufficient and this will need to be followed up by the Year team.

COVID

If your child has ANY Covid symptoms, a positive LFD or you are accessing a PCR test, then please report this to the College on thecollege@cambournevc.org. This will be dealt with by dedicated staff, and the year team notified of the pupil's absence.

Medical Appointments

If your child is going to be absent from school due to a prearranged medical appointment, we ideally need notification of this 2 school days in advance. Please email

thecollege@cambournevc.org with the date and time of the appointment and if

possible, a copy of the appointment letter/card. This will ensure 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, it is their responsibility to inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and to make their own way down to Reception. Members of staff are not expected to collect pupils from lessons.

All pupils leaving early for appointments need to be collected by a parent to sign them out through our main Reception.

Planned Absence Request

For any planned absence which is not a medical appointment, please complete a <u>planned absence request form</u>. If possible, please submit this form two weeks before the absence. This will enable us to give you a response before the absence is taken. If a request for planned absence is not made, it is likely to be recorded as Unauthorised on your child's attendance record.

Changes to section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, remove the right of Headteachers to authorise term-time leave. Therefore all applications for leave in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be detailed in writing to the Headteacher at least 2 weeks prior to removal of the child from school.

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

than 19 days absence per year Under 90% POOR

ATTENDANCE







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

Online Safety Tips

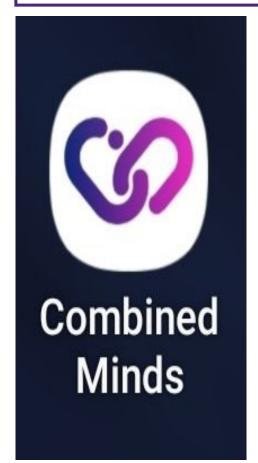
KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

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=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 here)



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

If your child needs a coat/jacket and would like to look through our unnamed items to find something suitable for them, please ask them to go to their Year team office or email the College.



SecondHandUniform

We currently have a large number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: Second-Hand Uniform Request and enter what uniform needs your child has.

With reception being open until **9pm each week night during term time**, there is an opportunity to organise a Covid safely-distanced visit to the school to 'see before you buy' at hours to suit you.

Please email our evening receptionist **Liz Staines** to organise a time slot: <u>El-</u>Staines@cambournevc.org



Thank you for your continued support with your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform.

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 Ramsay cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Louise Boyd cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Melanie Stanford cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Kayleigh Blane cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year11@cambournevc.org

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



- 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/



We need more funds!

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

To be able to bring a CINEMA to Cambourne, we need YOUR support to raise the final £100,000, 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



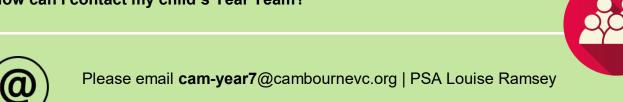
Students IT Support

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 camsupport@cambournevc.org.

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-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email **cam-year11**@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

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 the college@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.