

# **WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 01 April**

### The Week Ahead

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**Sports Clubs and Fixtures** Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current programme

Vacancies Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see a list of our current Vacancies

## **Key Dates**

Monday 4th to Monday 18th April Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS

Wednesday 20th April All pupils return to school

**Thursday 21st April** Year 10 & 11 trip to Milton Keynes Theatre (5.30pm to late)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th April

MFL Speaking Exams

Friday 29th - Saturday
30th April

History Community Conference

### **School Uniform**

As a reminder for after the Easter Holidays, please check that your children are in full uniform for the start of the summer term. This includes skirts of the appropriate length and that branded shorts (of appropriate length) are only worn. Full information about our uniform policy is on our website: <a href="Uniform - Cambourne Village College">Uniform - Cambourne Village College</a> (cambournevc.org)

Please also note that students' nails should be of a natural length and not visible over the fingers when viewed from the palm-side of the hand. Long acrylic nail extensions must be trimmed back before the start of term as these present multiple health and safety concerns in PE and other practical lessons. Extreme haircuts and colours deemed by the College as inappropriate are also not allowed.

Thank you for your help in ensuring all pupils look as smart as possible.

# SecondHandUniform

We currently have a large number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: <u>Second-Hand Uniform Request</u> 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 visit to the school to 'see before you buy' at hours to suit you.

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



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 Eadie <a href="mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org">cam-year7@cambournevc.org</a>

Year 8 - Louise Boyd <a href="mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org">cam-year8@cambournevc.org</a>

Year 9 - Melanie Stanford <a href="mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org">cam-year9@cambournevc.org</a>

Year 10 - Kayleigh Blane <a href="mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org">cam-year10@cambournevc.org</a>

Year 11 - Sam Tomlinson <a href="mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org">cam-year11@cambournevc.org</a>

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



Year 11 Leavers Day will take place on **Thursday 30th June from 10am**. Prom will follow in the evening at Minstrel Court, Royston. Further information will be circulated after the Easter Holidays.

# VACANCIES Current Cambourne Village College vacancies

Please see the most recent vacancies at Cambourne Village College - all relevant paperwork, including the adverts, job descriptions, person specifications and application forms, can be found on the vacancies page of the website: <a href="www.cambournevc.org/">www.cambournevc.org/</a>
<a href="mailto:contact-us/vacancies">contact-us/vacancies</a>. Please feel free to share these

amongst friends and family.

Should you like to speak to anyone regarding these vacancies please contact the HR team on 01954 284034 or email our <u>HR</u> department.

- Part-time Teaching Assistants
- Transport Coordinator
- Afternoon Receptionist
- Weekend Receptionist & Events Assistants
- Independent Study Room Supervisor and Teaching Assistant
- Second in Computing
- Year Group Administrator Pastoral Support Maternity Cover
- Cover Supervisors
- Exam Invigilators
- Level 1 Teaching Assistants
- IT Technician





"The teaching is a joy and I have the flexibility to deliver a course that engages and empowers the children in a fun way."

an Outspoken cycle instructor

# We're searching for new Cycle Instructors

# Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

Outspoken Training are looking for confident communicators to enthuse school children to make more journeys by bicycle.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Employed-Variable Hours

Hourly Rate: £12

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability

**Training and Support**: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Graham: jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk 01223 473820

careers.outspokentraining.co.uk







Activities Week is an annual action-packed week comprising fun activities and new experiences for Cambourne Village College students.

This year Activities Week is from Monday 18<sup>th</sup>
July to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
Friday 22nd July is a half day.
Students break for the summer holidays at 12:40pm.

**Year 7** students are invited to a four-day residential at Beaumanor Hall. Communication regarding this went out on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and can be found <u>here</u>. Those students who do not wish to participate in this will work together for the four days through a package of activities put together by staff on site. Details of this activity will be sent nearer the time. Parents will be invited to make a small contribution for this.



**Year 8 & 9** will take part in exciting and stimulating activities both within school and off-site. More details of the activities available can be found in the <u>Activity Week booklet</u>.

Year 10 are off site on work placement.

If your child is in **Year 8 or 9**, hopefully, you received an email earlier this week asking you to submit the activities your child would most like to participate in.

If you have not received this email please contact Mrs Pearce at <a href="mailto:VPearce@CambourneVC.org">VPearce@CambourneVC.org</a>.

We would be grateful if you could submit your child's preferences by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**; this will enable us to allocate places and notify students the week beginning the **25<sup>th</sup> April**.















## **Physical Education**

## A quick reminder to all parents, carers and students of the health and safety rules in PE lessons.

Students should not be wearing earrings or any jewellery in their PE lessons. The covering of earrings with tape is not a sufficient safety measure; students should be fully removing all earrings in order to participate in their practical PE lessons.

Additionally, long nails, acrylics and nail extensions also pose a significant health and safety issue during PE. Please ensure all long nails or acrylics are cut short or removed for the start of term.

These rules are to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your support with ensuring students can abide by them.

#### PE Fixtures

There are a large number of fixtures that take place across the year and many pupils are selected for these based on their participation in clubs.

Parents should note that pupils will be selected and informed about fixtures prior to the event and given the timings of these and details about the location and what to wear. This information is displayed on the board outside the PE office for all pupils to see.

It is expected that it is pupils' responsibility to pass on this information to parents.

We therefore do not get written consent for every fixture each week.

If any parent does not agree with their child being selected and taken on fixtures in this way, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

### Parents (and visitors) attending sports fixtures

If any parent would like to come along to one of our PE fixtures and watch, they are more than welcome to do so **after 4pm**. If any parent arrives before 4pm, they will be politely asked to wait off site until 4pm. Parents should also note that there are no toilets available.

### **Barons' Sporting Bursary**

We have been incredibly lucky to work alongside Barons BMW in Cambourne to create the Barons' Sporting Bursary. This bursary is awarded to any student who would like to join a community sports club or to participate in a sporting festival or event but cannot afford the membership or associated costs.

Its aim is to ensure that every student at CamVC can participate in sport, dance and physical activity regardless of costs and is primarily aimed at students of families who cannot afford to pay for these opportunities. Some examples of how the bursary can be used are:

- Paying for a year's membership to a Sports Club, e.g. Cambourne Netball Club
- Paying for transport costs to get into Cambridge to participate in a
- Paying for additional equipment e.g. a new hockey stick
- Paying for the entry costs of an event like the Cambridge Schools Cross Country
- Paying to attend a sports coaching or refereeing course such as a FA young officials course

If your son/daughter would like to apply for the bursary then please encourage them to fill out the form <u>HERE</u> with as much information as possible about themselves and the sporting opportunity.



### PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs - April 2022

#### MONDAY 3-4pm

Athletics - Field

Year 8 Football - Astro

Glow in the dark team games - Performance Hall

Netball - Hard Courts

Golf - Field



### **TUESDAY 3-4pm**

Year 7 Football - Astro

Year 9-11 Football - Astro

Dance - Drama Studio

Cricket - Field

Table tennis – Performance Hall

### WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

### **FIXTURES**

GCSE Catch Up - meet at PE office

Year 7 girls football training – Astro – Football Activators

#### **THURSDAY 3-4pm**

Team games – Hard Courts (SL)

Football Leadership Academy - 3:15-5:15pm - Speak to Mr Young

Chance to Shine Cricket leadership course - 3:15-4:15pm - Astro - Speak to Miss Gassner

Your time leadership course – 3-4pm – Speak to Miss Curtis

#### FRIDAY 3-4pm

BTEC Catch Up - IT04

Glow in the dark just dance – Performance Hall

**Boys changing** – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms **Girls changing** – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms







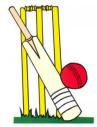
# Year 9 Girls Cricket Leadership Course

A 4-week leadership course starting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Learn more about cricket and leadership – a fantastic opportunity if you are thinking about becoming a sports leader or taking BTEC/GCSE PE.

Sign up outside the PE office.
For more information, speak to Miss Gassner

1	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 3-4:30pm	3	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 3-4:30pm
2	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 3-4:30pm	4	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1:30-3pm











# **Cricket Umpiring Course**

### Who is it for?

Anyone aged between 13 - 18 who would like to learn more about umpiring and scoring cricket and is keen to volunteer some of their time to do so.

### What will I learn?

The basics of being an umpire, including the major laws, set up of the game, hand signals, game management and how to score.

### Are there any other benefits?

This course is free! You will also receive a free officials t-shirt to wear when umpiring, a free umpire clicker and membership of the ACO. You will also be asked to umpire at county competitions in the summer.

### When will this take place?

Thursday 31st March, 3:15pm, meet outside the PE office.

# If interested, sign up outside the PE office!

For more information, speak to Miss Gassner.



# Community Conference

**COMING SPRING 2022** 



follow @Historic\_All for updates



### Introducing our first FREE HISTORY COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 29th-30th April 2022

Register your interest here <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/D8EAEKKSui">https://forms.office.com/r/D8EAEKKSui</a>

Last academic year we hosted public lectures in the early evenings at school, which had been very well attended. More recently, these lectures have moved online via Microsoft Teams, and have had over 200 people – pupils, staff, members of the community as well as pupils and teachers from other schools – attending and contributing to discussions. We have so far hosted lectures with academics from the universities of Cambridge, Nottingham, Durham, Oxford, Southampton, and numerous others. You can view recordings of some of these lectures via our school website: <a href="https://www.cambournevc.org/news-and-events/historic-all">https://www.cambournevc.org/news-and-events/historic-all</a>

We have kept these events free of charge to reinforce our belief that education should be for all. The aim of these lectures is multifaceted: they expose our students and the wider community to academics and scholarly debate, and they are also intended for teachers to continue to build subject knowledge as a form of Continued Professional Development.

We have been overwhelmed with the positive response we have had from these lectures, and now are looking towards a face-to-face event to showcase the joy in learning about History! We plan to host a free 'Community Conference' 29th-30th April 2022 for our students, staff, local schools, and the wider community. We aim to have a programme that encompasses:

### Friday 29th April

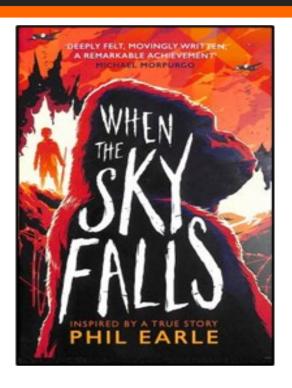
- 2pm-3pm: Dr James Crossland (Liverpool John Moores University):The First War on Terror": Bomb-Throwers, Spies and Panic in the Victorian Age
- 3.30pm-4.30pm: Professor Malcolm Gaskill: Witches on the Frontier: A Seventeenth-Century American Tragedy

### Saturday 30th April

- 11.30am- 12.30pm: Family lecture TBC
- 1pm-2pm: Chris Thatcher (Oxford Archaeology): Cambourne's Archaeology
- 2.30pm-3.30pm: Professor Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln): Digging pandemics: how to find the Black Death in your back garden.

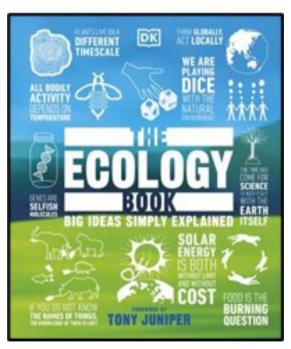


# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



### When the sky falls by Phil Earle

It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it? Inspired by a true story. Shortlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal. (Available from the School Library and on SORA)



### The ecology book

Explore ecology in this accessible introduction to how the natural world works and how we have started to understand the environment, ecosystems, and climate change. Why is greater biological diversity desirable? How was the hole in the ozone layer discovered? Is another mass extinction on the way? Throughout history, people have tried to order the living world and understand how it works. As our influence on the planet grows, answering these profound questions is becoming more and more pressing. (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



### Parent Workshop - Career Conversations with your child(ren) -

Monday the 25th of April at 6pm

**Form the Future** are running a free online workshop series to help parents and guardians support their children to make informed careers decisions and choose the best pathway for them.

The next workshop, on **Monday the 25th of April at 6pm**, will look at how you can have a career conversation with your child/ren. Whether your child/ren have a clear idea of what they'd like to do beyond school or whether they have absolutely no idea, the workshop will share some approaches for how you can engage your young person in thinking about and planning their next step.

Register here for free.

Insights: Your Guide to SEND Careers, taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30pm – 7.00pm. You can register for the event by clicking on the following link: <a href="https://bit.ly/">https://bit.ly/</a>
FtFInsights8

### Insights: Your Guide to SEND Careers

28th April, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Find out about the different options available to you when you leave school, and learn about the different employers that welcome SEND candidates.

More information about who will be attending will be available in the coming weeks.

This free online event is for students in Year 8 and above, their parents and guardians.

Register at: https://bit.ly/FtFInsights8



### A course that will help you to:



- use play and praise to build a more positive relationship and increase your child's self esteem
- support language, social and emotional development
- establish clear routines

# Incredible Years Parenting Course

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30am - 11.30am

This is a free parenting programme for parents of children aged 2-8 years where you can build on the foundations of parenting by enhancing and learning new skills through play and time spent with your child.

For more information and to book your place telephone 01954 284 672 or email us on <a href="mailto:childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>

Blue School, Classroom 2

Eastgate, Great Cambourne CB23 6DZ

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





# TRIPLE P TEENS



This course focuses on adolescent behaviour, goal setting, strategies to manage behaviour and teach self-regulation.

Appropriate for parents of teenagers up to 16 yrs.

# Child and Family Centres

Melbourn Village College,
 Community Centre, The Moor,
 Melbourn, Royston SG8 6EF

Starting from
Wednesday 27th April
to Wednesday 15th June
weekly 1pm - 3pm

CALL US 01954 284 672
CHILDANDFAMILYCENTRE.SOUTH@CAMBRIDGESHIRE.GOV.UK



Cambridge
University Hospitals

Together Safe Kind Excellent

## Caring in the NHS

Are you interested in a career in the NHS?

Are you in year 9- 13?

If so, come and join a range of live virtual sessions discussing different roles within the NHS.

### Insight into Bioinformatics and Genomics (Genetics)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 5-6pm

### Insight into Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Audiology

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 5-6pm.

# Insight into Nursing Adult/ Paediatrics, Apprentice Nursing Associate and Play Specialist

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 5-6pm

### Insight into the Roles in Theatres, Physician's Assistant and Mental Health,

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 5-6pm

## Insight into Dietician, Prosthetics and Speech & Language

Insight into Pharmacy, Midwifery and Roles in the Ambulance Service

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

5-6pm

Speech & Language
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 5-6pm

### Insight into Life Sciences

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

5-7pm

### Insight into Clinical Research

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

5-6pm

## Insight into Imaging Ionising and Non- Ionising (Radiology / Radiography)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 5-6:30pm

## Insight into Human Resources, Finance and Administration

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 5-6:30pm

#### Insight into being a Doctor

Tuesday 21st June 5-6pm

### Insight into Support Workers in Nursing, Maternity and Theatres

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 5-6pm

## Insight into Apprenticeships and Careers in the NHS, Your Questions Answered

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm

To register for any of these events and receive joining details please click on the link below and complete the relevant online application forms on our website.

https://www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/where-could-i-work/work-experience/insight-programmes/



workexperience@addenbrookes.nhs.uk Work Opportunities Team

# THE LIBRARY PRESENTS

## **Cambourne Library**

(Outside, behind library)
Sackville Way, Great Cambourne CB23 6HL



# Samba Drumming Workshop

### Saturday 28 May

Running time: 2 hours

Suitable for:

Adults and young people 7+ yrs

Tickets: £6 / £3 Start time: 11am

A high energy all-inclusive experience. **Anthony Paul** will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythms using an exciting range of percussion instruments.

No musical experience required. All instruments provided.



'Great interaction with a range of ages and entertaining the whole way through'

Haddenham participant

To book tickets and to see access information and full detail of the whole programme visit www.library.live/the-library-presents











# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

The best way to report your child's absence from school is to email <a href="mailto:thecol-lege@cambournevc.org">thecol-lege@cambournevc.org</a> <a href="mailto:before 8:30am in the morning">before 8:30am in the morning</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org">thecollege@cambournevc.org</a>. 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, 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.

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.







### **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 <a href="mailto:cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org">cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org</a>

# **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 <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: <a href="https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG">https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG</a> 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>)





## **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 <a href="mailto:cam-support@cambournevc.org">cam-support@cambournevc.org</a>.

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 Eadie

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 <a href="mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org">thecollege@cambournevc.org</a>



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.