

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 13th May 2022

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 16th May to Friday 27th May

GCSE Exams

Thursday 26th May

Year 7 Parent Consultation (Periods 3-6 taught). School finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

HALF TERM

Monday 6th June

All pupils return to school





To apply, visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals







If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, up to £1,320 a year.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, your child's school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding ... apply today!

Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on 31 August 2023

The end of Year II (if they are in secondary school on 31 August 2023

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

To apply, visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals





Instrumental Lessons

Would your child like to start instrumental or singing lessons?

Your child could receive instrumental lessons on any of the following instruments:

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Trumpet

They can also have singing lessons!

If you would like to sign them up to start lessons, then please in the online form:

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



If your child receives the Pupil Premium they are able to get a big discount towards the cost of lessons, so if they are interested please do fill in the form, or email qpage@cambournevc.org

Music Clubs

Music Clubs are starting again this week, and there are lots of different musical activities your child can join:

Monday (3-4pm): Concert Band (All instrumentalists Years 7 – 11 welcome)

Tuesday lunchtime: Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8) Tuesday (3-4pm): Jazz Band (Years 9 – 11)

Wednesday lunchtime: Beginner Ukuleles (Years 7 & 8)

Friday (3-4pm): Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)

All pupils are welcome, whether they've attended before, or not. We are looking forward to all these groups performing in this term's Summer Concert!



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

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.

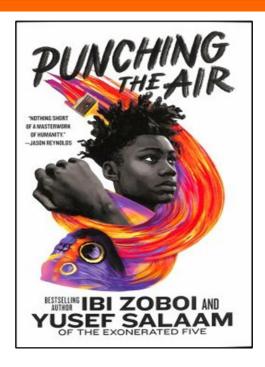
Its aim is to ensure that every student at CamVC can participate in sport, dance and physical activity regardless of costs and is primarily aimed at students of families who cannot afford to pay for these opportunities. Some examples of how the bursary can be used are:

- 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.

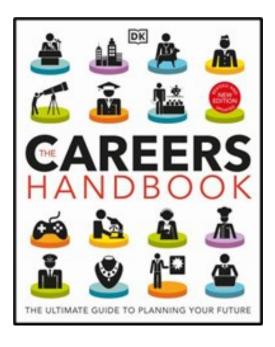


BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Punching the air by Ibi Aanu Zoboi

One fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighbourhood escalates into tragedy. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal Shahid's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it? With spellbinding lyricism, award-winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam tell a moving and deeply profound story based on real events about how one boy is able to maintain his humanity and fight for the truth, in a system designed to strip him of both. Shortlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal. (Available from the School Library and on SORA)



The careers handbook

Advice and tips on choosing the right career path to suit you. This indispensable guide is ideal for teenagers and newly qualified graduates. Career counsellors will also find this a trustworthy companion for helping students with their future career planning. So, whether you want to become a nurse or home decorator, a chef or cybersecurity analyst (or you simply have no idea!) this book is your ultimate source. Concise and combining a userfriendly approach with a bold, graphic design, The Careers Handbook is like having your very own career coach. (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



Please see the dates of Year 11 offer days at local colleges and sixth forms.

Students will receive direct communication from post 16 providers regarding attendance at these. If your child's chosen provider is not shown below, this is because dates are yet to be confirmed.

CAST	7th and 8th July
Long Road Sixth Form College	w/c 4th July
Parkside Sixth	14th July
Hills Road Sixth Form College	5th and 6th July
The Oakes	21st June
Bishops Laney	28th June
Comberton Sixth Form	28th June
Cambridge Regional College	w/c 27th June



Virtual Work Experience











Virtual Work Experience Monday 30th May to Thursday 2nd June 2022

GSK's Virtual Work Experience 2022 will provide GCSE and A level students (Years 10 to 13) with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn about how GSK takes products from molecule to market
- ✓ Learn about different career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- ✓ Gain job application hints and tips
- ✓ Gain an industry-accredited Bronze Industrial Cadets Award.

Sign up here

A message from Long Road College:

Come and discover the right road for you!

Long Road Open Evenings: Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th July 2022

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

Choose an Applied Science Diploma or an A level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science, and you'll benefit from the college's well-established links with top universities and the local research community including the neighbouring Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How about an Applied Diploma in Sport or a PE A level? Our on-campus sport facilities, basketball academy and hi-tech student gym is everything you need to stay both fit and focused.

If you're a creative individual, you could study an Applied Diploma in Art or Graphic Design, or an A level in Art, DT or Photography, giving you access to our bespoke art studios, specialist design workshops and photography darkroom. When you're ready, you can graduate to our Level 4 Foundation Art course to really kick-start your creative career.

Whichever direction you take, as a member of our friendly, vibrant and dynamic community you can develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward.

BOOK NOW: Long Road Open Evenings 5th & 6th July, 5pm – 9pm

To ensure our event is safe and enjoyable for everyone we are asking you to **book 1 ticket per person** for our Open Evening.

With staggered arrival times in place, simply select your preferred date and time slot and book your required number of tickets!

If you have any questions please contact us via email at <a href="https://example.com/hel-base-contact-us-via email at hel-base-contact-us-via email at hel-base-cont

We can't wait to meet you at our Open Evenings! Best wishes, Long Road OPEN EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 STUDY YEAR 11s ALSO WELCOME

YEAR 10s

Don't miss out -

www.longroad.ac.uk

LONG PENINGS 5TH & 6TH JULY 2022, 5–9PM

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#OPENROAD





Apprenticeship scheme at Cambridge University Hospitals (Addenbrookes Hospital and the Rosie)

- We would like to raise awareness that there are around 350 different roles across the NHS, and although doctors and nurses are incredibly important, and we have a great apprenticeship degree pathway for nursing, we also have roles and apprenticeships in a range of different areas which include; admin, management, radiography, occupational therapy, science and Estates and Facilities, amongst others.
- We have over 400 apprentices on around 22 different qualifications currently. These include people in a range of ages, roles, backgrounds and academic ability.

NHS apprenticeship routes vary from Level 2 to Level 7. Some are available immediately for new starters, and others can be obtained when already working as a staff member at the hospital. We recruit at varying times of the year, depending on when departments have appropriate vacancies.

Please note apprenticeships are *not* an easy route. It is challenging for anyone to work in a fulltime role and study and succeed in a qualification at the same time, but the work based learning and development, funding for the qualification and salary received can offer a great alternative to traditional college or university qualifications.

Please see the flyer below and look through the websites listed. Also, although not listed on the flyer, our team facilitate apprenticeships and widening participations programs for Royal Papworth Hospital. They have less routes available for direct school or sixth form leavers, but we can inform about their career options. Feel free to email for more information.



Are you thinking about an Apprenticeship?

Why not start a career in the NHS?

What Types of Apprenticeships can I do?

- Payroll
- Occupational
- Therapy **Finance**
- Healthcare Lab Technician
- Carpentry
- Nursing
- Business
 - Administration
- **Customer Service** Healthcare Science

Details of the different types of apprenticeships CUH offer: www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/apprenticeships/



NUS/NHS Discounts

How to apply:

Apprenticeships are advertised regularly and you can apply on the CUH website:

What are the benefits of being an apprentice?

No College or University debt! (paid for by employer) Training role with lots of support from Line- Manager,

Mentors, College Assessor and pastoral care support

from the Work Opportunities Team (CUH)

Paid annual leave (27 days)

www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/current-vacancies/

NB; Any offer of employment will be subject to passing a Literacy and Numeracy screening.

You can also contact the Work Opportunities Team on 01223 349341 or 01223 349385

apprentices@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

How long will I be employed for?

A standard Apprenticeship at CUH is for a minimum fixed term of 16 months up to 4 Years.

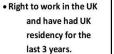
Websites you might find useful:

http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

http://www.cuh.nhs.uk/addenbrookes-

https:www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk





Apprenticeship Application

• 16 or over depending on Apprenticeship.

Criteria:

- Not currently in full-time education.
- Some apprenticeships require certain GCSE grades, depending on the qualification offered, however you will need basic numeracy skills for all apprenticeships.
- Level 2 Apprenticeship requires Grade 3 (D)
- Level 3 Apprenticeship requires Grade 4 (C)



























Insight into NHS Careers Virtual Summer Programme 2022 27th & 28th July 2022, 10am – 3pm

There are over 350 roles in the NHS and not all of them are patient facing care or in a hospital setting. Have you thought you might like to be in engineering? Did you know you could do this and many other roles in the NHS?

Join us for a 2-day programme where you'll have the opportunity to find out about some of the roles available in the NHS:

- Digital Communications
- Speech and Language
- Mental Health Care Roles
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Allied Health Professions
- Portering

- Pathology
- Medical
- Social Care
- Social Worker
- Midwifery
- Radiology
- Nursing

- Healthcare Science
- Water Quality Team
- Information Technology
- Ambulance Service
- Apprenticeships
- Operating Department



Dear Parent/ Guardians

Spaces on NCS this summer are filling fast, we wanted to keep you updated and let you know how many spaces are left. **Key details are below.**

Wave	Date	Spaces available	Week 1 residential Location
1	Monday 27 th June to Friday 8 th July	4	Overstrand Hall, Cromer
2	Monday July 11 th to Friday July 22 nd	Waiting list open	Green Park, Aylesbury
3	Monday Aug 1 st to Friday Aug 12 th	4	Green Park, Aylesbury

- Week 1 of the programme will be a residential. **Transport will be provided** from central pick-up points for this week.
- Week 2 locations will be in Cambridge, Fenland and Ely. You will need to attend daily.
- Each week will be Monday to Friday only, weekends are free.
- Choose your preferred wave date and your preferred location for week 2.

To book your teens place and avoid missing out, go to <u>www.wearencs.com</u>

NCS programme price	Or	NCS bursary programme price
£50		£10

Bursaries are available for young people that are:

- Eligible for free school meals
- On an EHCP
- In or have recently left care
- A young carer

If you have any questions, please contact one of our team:

Kim Jeffries, on **07920029496** or via email kim.jeffries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Becky Nerou, on **07551279218** or via email kebecca.Nerou@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Natalie Taylor, on **07825905841** or via email Natalie.Taylor@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Donna Malinauskaite, on **07887304581** or via email Donata.Malinauskaite.gov.uk



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 <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u>** 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-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 <u>cam-</u> <u>year7@cambournevc.org</u>
- Year 8 Louise Boyd <u>cam-</u> year8@cambournevc.org
- Year 9 Melanie Stanford <u>cam-year9@cambournevc.org</u>
- Year 10 Kayleigh Blane <u>cam-year10@cambournevc.org</u>
- Year 11 Sam Tomlinson <u>cam-</u> year11@cambournevc.org

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

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

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
POOR
ATTENDANCE

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Requesting authorised absence for Eid-Al-Fitr

Many Muslim families will be celebrating Eid at the beginning of May. The school understands that some students may take time off for religious observance. This is an authorised absence, but we still require families to inform us of their intention for their child to be absent for this day and a **Request Form for Planned Absence** must be completed and returned to the Schools Main Reception at least 2 school days prior to Eid.

In line with the Government guideline, it is only the official day set apart by the religious body that can be approved for religious observance.

Planned Absences Request

For any planned absences from school, other than medical appointments, a planned absence request form must be completed and returned to the Attendance Officer at least 2 weeks prior to removal of the child from school. This is so the school can consider each application individually and request further information or evidence if required for approval.

When considering requests for term-time absence, we will take into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request. A pupils attendance records and prior requests for leave will also be taken into consideration.

If due to circumstances you are unable to give 2 weeks' notice, please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can still review your request. If you take your child out of school without prior approval this can be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Term Time Holidays

If you are planning a holiday during term time, please be aware that it is the Academy's policy not to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Cambridgeshire County Council states: The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are "rare, significant, unavoidable, short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Please refer to <u>Cambridge County Council</u> for initial guidance on term time holidays before completing the college's <u>Request Form for Planned Absence</u>.







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)





Student 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 cam-support@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-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 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.