



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 8th July 2022

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

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Sports Clubs and Fixtures

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Vacancies

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th July

Year 10 Exams

Tuesday 12th July

Trip: UEFA Women's Euro 2022 (Denmark v Finland)

Wednesday 13th - Thursday 21st July

Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 13th July

Year 8 Sports Day

Year 9 English Trip: Cambridge Shakespeare Festival

Thursday 14th July

Year 9 Sports Day

Summer Concert (7pm - 8pm)

Friday 15th July

Year 7 Sports Day

Friday 22nd July

End of Summer Term (school ends at 1.30pm)

Remote learning submissions



Thank you for supporting your child on their day working remotely on Wednesday: our school staff were able to put the time together to excellent use, and we were really delighted with the professional development and planning outcomes of the day.

We do still have some children who have not submitted all of their assignments from the day; we have asked that this be done by the end of today, and would appreciate your further support in checking that your child has done so, or has spoken to their teacher to show work done on paper, for instance.



Cambourne Village College Summer Concert

7pm, Thursday 14th July

Tickets £5 / £3 available from ParentPay
(or on the door)

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*A wonderful concert featuring many of Cambourne's talented musicians, including:
Cambourne Choir, the Cambourne Band, Ukuleles, and a number of fantastic soloists!*

The perfect way to start summer...



Donations needed for Cambridge City Food Bank

We will be collecting food donations in school for the last couple of weeks of term to go to Cambridge City foodbank.

If you are able to donate any of the below items, as specifically suggested by the food bank, please ask your children to take these to their year office or they can be dropped off at Reception between 8am and 4pm.

Items needed:

- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauces
- Tea and Coffee
- Baked beans
- Snacks
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meals
- Cereal
- Long life juices
- Tinned vegetables



As we come to the end of year 11 core PE, if there are any year 11 students who will no longer be using their CamVC PE kits we would really appreciate having them in the PE department. We can then repurpose them to allow all our students to be able to access their PE lessons without the barrier of a lost or forgotten PE kit.

Donations of PE kit can be left at Reception labelled 'For the PE Department.'

This also includes old trainers or Astros/studs that may longer be required.



Trainee Educational Psychologist Research - Girls who play video games!



Are you a girl who plays videogames?



My name is Naomi Cumberland and I am a Trainee Educational Psychologist. I am doing research with girls who play videogames.

I am really interested in your experiences of playing videogames, the place these have in your life, and how you feel they impact your wellbeing (positively, negatively, or not at all!)

How can you help?

I'd like to hear from young people who:

- ✓ Are female, aged between 11 and 16 years old
- ✓ Play video games in their spare time. This can be any type of game, played across any platform e.g. console, PC, mobile phone, for any amount of time

What will it involve?

- ✓ A video call on Microsoft Teams (of up to one hour) to talk about your experiences
- ✓ You will be asked to bring along a photo or picture to share with me that you think will tell me something about your gaming experiences



I'm interested! What next?

For more information, please show this to your parent/guardian, and ask them to contact me on n.cumberland@uea.ac.uk (Doing this does not mean you have to take part – you will be given lots more information)

From Naomi Cumberland, Trainee Educational Psychologist:

My research is aimed at finding out about teenage girls' experiences of video gaming, and the impact of this on their wellbeing. I will be conducting research with girls aged 11-16 years old who play video games in any format, and this will take the form of an interview, along with the participants bringing along a photograph or picture which captures something of their experiences of gaming and wellbeing to discuss. All interviews will take place via Microsoft Teams whilst the participants are at home with a parent or guardian in the home at the time of the interview. The study has been granted full ethical approval.

Please contact : N.Cumberland@uea.ac.uk for more information.





PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS before the summer holidays.

There are still a number of books out on loan to pupils. We would appreciate your help getting the books back onto our shelves. However, do please note that books may be borrowed over the summer with permission from library staff.

If a book is lost, we ask that you please replace the book (or provide a suitable alternative) or contribute towards the cost of replacing the book (£5 fiction or £10 non-fiction).



LIBRARY AMAZON WISHLIST

During their time at CamVC, our students spend much time in the library. They may attend library lessons, borrow books, do homework, or simply come to read somewhere warm away from the main school hubbub.

We aim to keep our stock up to date, as well as replacing much loved titles as they suffer from their popularity. If you would like to help us with this ongoing and expensive task, please see our Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/bz1SSR7>

If you do decide to donate a book, please remember to fill in the gift message so that we can put a bookplate inside the front cover of your chosen book to acknowledge your kind donation.

Many thanks for considering this idea.

Physical Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

The PE department are absolutely delighted to be running clubs and fixtures again, and it has been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

As you are probably already aware, the extra-curricular sport programme at Cambourne VC is exceptionally strong. It is our aim in the PE department to have every pupil access our extra-curricular provision at some point throughout the week. To help us achieve this, we have created a varied programme of clubs that will change on a termly basis, to allow everyone to find something they enjoy. Pupils can choose whether to come along and enjoy being active with their friends or to train to improve their performance. We would really love to see as many pupils there as possible!

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 for 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 under the clubs tab.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Lindsey Gassner

PE Teacher and Sporting Opportunities Co-ordinator

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 club*
- *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 [HERE](#) with as much information as possible about themselves and the sporting opportunity.



PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – June 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Athletics – Field

Golf – Field

Box Fitness – PH

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9-11 Football – Astro

Dance – Drama Studio

Cricket – Field

Table tennis – Performance Hall

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

Year 7 girls football training – Astro – Football Activators

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Team games – Hard Courts – Sports Leaders

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

FRIDAY 3-4pm

BTEC Catch Up – IT04

GCSE PE Catch up – Pink

Rounders – Field

Year 8 Football – Astro

Year 7 Football – Astro

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

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



Instrument and Singing Lessons

Over 150 pupils currently have instrumental and singing lessons at Cambourne Village College each week – but the good news is there are still spaces for all instruments and singing!

So if your child would like to start lessons, either on a new instrument, or continue developing and extending their skills on an instrument they already play – then sign them up for instrumental or singing lessons!

They can learn to play: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Piano, Keyboard, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums or do singing lessons (pop, musical theatre, classical!)

If you would like them to start in September, then please complete the online form by **Friday 15th July**, or as soon as possible.

[Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://cambournevc.org)

If your child receives the pupil premium, we are able to support you in paying for these lessons, so please sign them up by filling in the form!

If you have any questions about instrumental and singing lessons, please email me (gpage@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 gpage@cambournevc.org

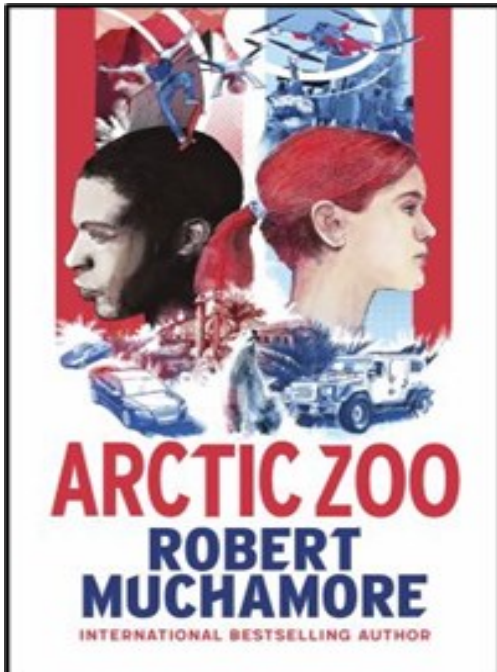
Free Keyboards – to budding any keyboard players!

We have some keyboards in the department, where the power inputs no longer work, but still function using batteries. These have recently been replaced in the classrooms, but we would love the keyboards to not go to waste.

If your child enjoys playing the keyboard (in class lessons or instrumental lessons), and you would like one of these keyboards, then you would be very welcome to have one.

Please email gpage@cambournevc.org to request one.

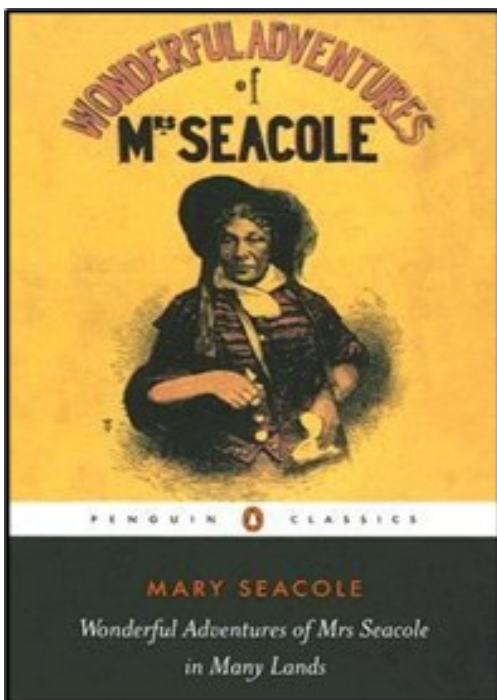
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Arctic zoo by Robert Muchamore

From Britain... Georgia gets straight As at school, writes essays for fun, has been placed first in twenty-six drone races and has a serious addiction to buying Japanese stationery. She plans to follow her older sister Sophie and become a doctor, but her worldview is shattered when Sophie commits suicide.

To Nigeria... Julius lives in Ondo, a Nigerian state where half the population lives on less than a dollar a day. But he isn't one of them. His uncle has been governor of Ondo for more than a decade and his mother is the power behind that throne. He finds refuge in a derelict zoo with best friend Duke, but as the two of them grow close, the world outside becomes more and more hostile. **(Available from the School Library)**



Wonderful adventures of Mrs Seacole in many lands by Mary Seacole

The autobiography of Mary Seacole, a Jamaican woman whose fame rivalled Florence Nightingale's during the Crimean War. Mary Seacole travelled widely before eventually arriving in London, where her offer to volunteer as a nurse in the war was met with racism and refusal. Undaunted, she set out independently to Crimea, where she acted as doctor and nurse to wounded soldiers while running her business, the 'British Hotel.' A witness to major battles, Seacole gives vivid accounts of how she coped with disease, bombardment, and other hardships at the battlefield. Told with energy, warmth and humour, her remarkable life story is a key work of nineteenth-century literature that provides significant insights into the history of race politics. **(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](#)



Cambridge Maths School - Open Events

Cambridge Maths School are hosting their Open Events which will take place during the morning of **Saturday 9 July** and from 6.30pm on **Tuesday 12 July**.

These events are aimed at **Year 10 students** but open to all year groups for students who are starting to consider their A-Levels. [Click here](#) for more information.



June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Oakes College Summer Open Evening – Wednesday 13th July 6.00 – 8.30pm

I hope that you and your family are well and that your child is enjoying Year 10.

We are delighted to invite you to our open evening at the Oakes College on 13th July. Our students cannot wait to show you around our buildings, share their experiences of their studies and what life is like as an Oakes student. Our teachers will also be present to answer questions on the courses on offer, to advise on good combinations and reassure regarding the application process.

Without doubt, visiting a centre in person is the very best way of experiencing the atmosphere and community of a sixth form. We are confident that you will come away from The Oakes with a clearer perspective of how we have created such a positive and successful college, tailored to the needs of individuals.

The events begin at 6.00pm on Wednesday 13th July with presentations about Oakes College and its provision.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening.



Yours sincerely

Karim Marsaoui
Deputy Principal
Head of The Oakes College Cambridge

Head of College: Karim Marsaoui
Deputy Heads of College: Robert Syposz Emma Hayward Tom Watkins
Pastoral Support: Helen Davis

Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN
Tel: 01223 868327
Email: office@oakescc.org
www.oakescc.org

Open Eve/2022/Summer Term/Year 10 PC





Summer Open Evening

Wednesday 13th July
6.00pm – 8.30pm
www.oakescc.org



SUMMER YOUTH ROWING COURSE

13-18YR OLDS

Learn to row

JULY 2022
25TH-29TH

AUGUST 2022
1ST-5TH AUG



NO PREVIOUS ROWING REQUIRED

Your opportunity to learn the most iconic sport in Cambridge - in the most fun way possible!

- 5 day course at £150pp (+ booking fee)
- Learn and perfect the full rowing technique
- Proven to aid college and university applications
- Learn to row in an 'eight' boat - same as the Cambridge-Oxford Boat Race
- Work together as a team

****Limited spaces available****

- ✓ Safest boat in the fleet
- ✓ Led by a club captain
- ✓ includes land and water training
- ✓ Row on the iconic River Cam

✉ info@cambridgerowing.com

🌐 www.cambridgerowing.com/summer-course



Cambridgeshire Libraries are currently welcoming to refugees and other new arrivals. They are happy to provide library membership and support with using library resources. They are also aware that a number of Ukrainians have arrived recently in our area we have produced a library leaflet in Ukrainian, distributed via local council welcome packs and available in all library branches.

Here is general information about Cambourne Library, including opening hours, as it is local for most of your students and their families: [Cambourne Library](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambourne-library) ([cambridgeshire.gov.uk](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk))

Information from **Total Clothing**: School Uniform supplier



Parents will have the chance to “**win back the cost of their school uniform order**”, if they place their **order from 1st – 30th June**. (min order £35.00 max £150.00 back) .Please see the price guides on [our uniform page](#) of the website for more information.

The Total Clothing Shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am -5pm (from Monday 11th July, Monday to Thursday 9am -5.30pm and 9-5pm on Friday) **and on Saturday from 10.00am till 4pm from Saturday 16th July until Saturday 3rd September.**

This year they are offering a “**WALK IN**” service to all parents with no appointments necessary. This will allow us to service more customers at any one time and gives greater flexibility for your parents to visit our shop during the full opening hours.

As part of their sustainability journey, “**ENZO**” our eco turtle has been introduced to tell parents about their eco journey and can be [downloaded here](#).

An important date to note is **Wednesday 10th AUGUST** – PARENTS NEED TO HAVE PLACED ORDERS BY THIS DATE TO RECEIVE UNIFORM IN TIME FOR THE START OF THE NEW TERM IN SEPTEMBER.

Our other school uniform supplier is [Essential SchoolWear](#).

Their last order date online is **Friday 12th August**

Please also check out their website for 2022-23 uniform options and offers.

Essential Schoolwear



If you have any concerns about buying uniform for the next academic year, please speak to your year team.

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 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: El-Staines@cambournevc.org



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 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 [school website](#).

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

Reporting your Child's absence from school

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, 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 [planned absence request form](#). 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 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/>



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 <https://combinedminds.co.uk/>

TEAMS | ONENOTE

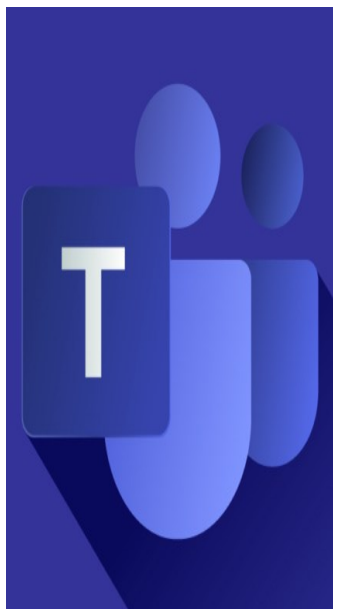
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments:

https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/EckeBWkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx

[Click here](#) for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos

(if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account [here](#))





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 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.