

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 14th October

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates					
Monday 17th October	Black History Month lecture (David Olusoga) In school - 11am				
Thursday 20th - Friday 21st October	CE days for all years (pupils off timetable)				
Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd October	Trip: Farming with the natural environment: National Finals (Wales)				
Saturday 22nd - Saturday 29th October	Year 11 MFL trip to Granada, Spain				
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October	Half Term				
Monday 31st October	All pupils back in school				

Please see below a letter from Jonathan Lewis, Service Director of Education and Jyoti Atri, Director of Public Heath.

My ref: Parent Letter – Autumn 2022 Your ref:

Date: 13 October 2022

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As schools and settings return for the autumn term, we expect to see an increasing number of children and staff absences due to winter viruses including Covid-19. As a result, schools and settings are working hard to balance safety with the need to ensure that children receive the education and care they need.

As parents/carers, you have a role to play in helping reduce the spread of infections and ensuring schools and settings can continue to operate.

Covid-19/Respiratory Infections

The symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections are very similar. It is not possible to tell if your child has COVID-19, flu or another respiratory infection based on symptoms alone. Most people with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections will have a relatively mild illness.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their school or setting when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

In some cases, a continued cough or feeling tired remains after other symptoms have improved, this does not mean that the person is still infectious. Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their school or setting. All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. In children, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

If your child is aged 5 years and older and has not had 2 doses of the COVID vaccine, you can book a vaccine appointment. <u>Book or manage a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u>

Influenza

School-aged children (reception to year 6) will be offered influenza immunisation at school through the Community and School Age Immunisation Service. All children 2 and 3 years of age on 31 August 2022 will receive nasal spray vaccine at the GP surgery. Secondary school children

Chief Executive: Stephen Moir Chief Executive: Matthew Gladstone www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk www.peterborough.gov.uk will be offered influenza vaccination as far as it is possible to do so, with primary schools and lower years 7, 8 and 9 prioritised, and older ages offered vaccination once an offer has been made to younger children and subject to vaccine availability. All children aged 2-17 years with long-term health conditions will be offered the flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia and will avoid the need for you to take time off work due to your child becoming unwell with flu. For children from the age of 2, flu immunisation is delivered via nasal spray which is painless and easy to have. Flu vaccines are needed every year as the vaccine is updated as flu viruses can change from one winter to the next. Some children may not be able to have the nasal spray but this will be covered in the consent form which you will be required to fill in before it is given.

Diarrhoea and vomiting (D&V)

During autumn/winter we see increased levels of diarrhoea and vomiting (D&V). Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus. It is important to understand that alcohol gels, whilst effective for COVID-19 do not kill viruses which cause D&V and people are advised to wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and dry them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating. If your child has had symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not return to their school or setting until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Following this advice will help to keep our children's childcare and education settings safe.

Yours sincerely

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Thank to those that attended last night International Talent Evening. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. I would like to ask if we can please be sent any nice photos that you took of the event so that we can use these in assemblies to celebrate the fine work the students are doing.

These will also be very useful for their final assembly in Year 11. Please send these to <u>CAM-Year7@cambournevc.org</u>.

CARTOGRAPHIC

Thank you once again for your support! Mr Ogunfowora

BRITISH

SOCIETY



British Cartographic Society: disaster relief mapping workshop – Tuesday 8th November:

A reminder to all year 10 and 11 Geography students, there is still time to sign up for this workshop. Parents and carers should register their interest using this link. <u>https://forms.office.com/r/tGCkMRrqp3</u>

We would like all our GCSE students to attend as it will be valuable revision for Year 11 and a great way for Year 10 to further understand an important Hazards example in more detail. Also, it is a chance to work on vital map skills, group work and decision making. Please refer to the SchoolPost notification sent out on the 22nd September for more details.



On Diwali, we see every town, city and village lit up with thousands of lamps everywhere in India and other southern asian countries. The celebration is not just about lighting lamps outside – an inner light must come as well. A new beginning, the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

Cambridgeshire's High Sheriff, Mrs J Crompton will inaugurate the event along with MP Anthony Browne and Mr Darryl Preston, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Police High Commissioner.

<u>CamCare UK</u> would like to thank the volunteers, members, teachers, students, parents, stallholders, funders, artists, speakers and every person who contributed to the Charity throughout the year.

Diwali Schedule, Saturday 15th October at the Hub, Cambourne CB23 6GW

2.00-5.00 pm – Diwali Bazar, Community Performance, FREE & open to all. **4.00-6.00 pm** – Rangoli and earthen lamp art, Indian Costume, Saree trails, FREE & open to all.

5.30-7.00 pm – Ceremony with the Dignitaries, Artists, FREE, but only by FREE Eventbrite tickets booking.

7.00-10.00pm – Quiz, raffle, activities, DJ, Dance, FREE, open to all, space permitted. Love and peace, have a happy and safe Diwali.







Weekly extra-curricular clubs list

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Lunch	Afterschool	Lunch	Afterschool	Lunch	Afterschool	Lunch	Afterschool	Lunch	Afterschool
WCCYM Christian Union – P3	PE Clubs	Junior singers – Music	PE Clubs	History reading club – B12	PE Clubs		PE Clubs	Aspirational Friday – B13	PE Clubs
The reading room – P12	KS3 computer programming – Comp01		Made of molecules LQBTQ+ - P11	The reading room – P12	Creative writing – P13		Gardening Club – The Centre	Minecraft club – Comp01	Senior choir - Music
	Cambookworms – P12		Yr11 computer programming – Comp02	Craft club – P5	Games design – Comp01		School production – 3-5pm	The reading room – P12	
	Latin club – P18		Jazz band – Music	Ukulele club – Music	Art club – Art1				
	Band – Music		Young carers – The Link		Warhammer club – S1				
			Not just black and white – Dining hall		Drama club - Drama				
					Better together – SF canteen				
					STEM Club - Science				

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

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.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Trampolining – Gym Year 7 rugby – Field Year 8 rugby – Field Glow in the dark sports – Sports hall Girls' football – Astro

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio – STARTING IN OCTOBER Table tennis – Performance Hall

Hockey – Astro

Basketball – Sports hall

Volleyball – Gym

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 GCSE Catch up – O11 KS4 football – Astro

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board Girls active – Sports Hall – Sports Leaders

FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports Hall & Gym Boys' football – Astro Netball – Hard courts Girls' rugby – Field

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



Instrumental & Singing Lessons

In Cambourne we have nearly 200 pupils regularly doing Instrumental & Singing lessons in school!

These lessons are mostly starting next week, although due to lots of new sign-ups we are hiring a new piano / keyboard tutor who will be starting in a couple of weeks.

If you child would like to learn a musical instrument, or get singing lessons – then it isn't too late to sign them up – and for most instruments they would be able to start almost straight away.

We currently offer instrumental lessons for:

- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone
- Piano, Keyboard
- Drums
- Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar

And singing lessons for all varieties of singer – including pop / classical / musical theatre!

If you would like to find out more about how instrumental & singing lessons work, then visit the school website for more details:

Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)

And then fill in the online form here:

Application form for instrument and singing lessons at Cambourne Village College (office.com)

If you have any questions about instrumental & singing lessons, please contact Geoff Page (Head of Music – gpage@cambournevc.org

Music Clubs

There are lots of different clubs that your child can come attend if they want to develop their musical skills and get to know other musicians in the school!

Clubs are free to attend, and the different groups often get opportunities to perform in school concerts, as well as opportunities outside of school.

The following clubs are starting next week (in the Music Block):

Band (Monday 3-4pm), all instrumentalists, all years

Junior Singer (Tuesday lunchtime), years 7 & 8

Jazz Band (Tuesday 3-4pm), years 9-11

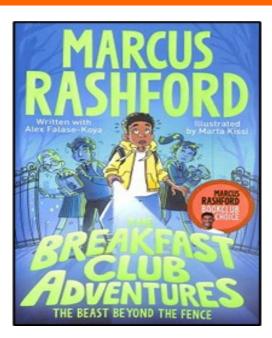
Ukulele Club (Wednesday lunchtime), years 7 – 9

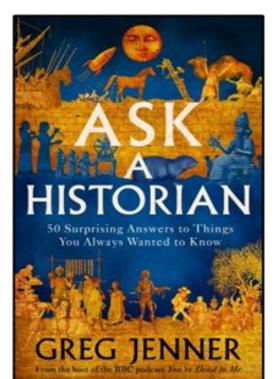
Friday Choir (Friday 3-4pm), years 9-11

If your child is interested in joining a musical club, they are welcome to attend (whatever their ability) and see how they get on!

We look forward to seeing them there.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





The Breakfast Club adventures: The beast beyond the fence by Marcus Rashford

When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. Nothing that goes over that wall ever comes back. But when Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join The Breakfast Club Investigators, he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure to solve the mystery, along with his new mates Stacey, Lise, and Asim! As they uncover one surprising clue after another, the Breakfast Club Investigators start to realise that things aren't as they seem, and there might be something strange lurking just beyond the fence... (Available from the School Library and on SORA)

Ask a historian: 50 surprising answers to things you always wanted to know by Greg Jenner

In this book the author, BBC podcaster, and public historian Greg Jenner provides answers to things you always wondered about but didn't know who to ask. Responding to 50 genuine questions from the public, the author whisks you off on an entertaining tour through the ages, revealing the best and most surprising stories, facts, and historical characters from the past. *Ask A Historian* spans the Stone Age to the Swinging Sixties and offers up a deliciously amusing and informative smorgasbord of historical curiosities, devoured one morsel at a time. *(Available from the School Library)*



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

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

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



Virtual Work Experience Programmes October 2022



springpod.com



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The new and free interactive careers gallery, <u>*Technicians: The David</u></u> <u><i>Sainsbury Gallery*</u>, opens for KS3-4 students (ages 11+)</u>

Opening on 3 November 2022, the gallery offers students a unique insight into a range of technical careers, and supports in achieving the Gatsby Good Career Guidance benchmarks.

A visit to the gallery is guaranteed to set your children's imaginations soaring as they:

• Get hands-on with interactive careers-related exhibits and meet a technician in our <u>free careers workshop</u>.

- Experience what it's like to create visual effects, create lifesaving drugs, and operate advanced technology.
- Explore their own skills and interests to consider their career options.

This information is from the Science Museum (not Cambourne Village College), so please see the links below for more information or to contact them directly.

Click here to book tickets.

Click here to explore the gallery.

<u>Click here for more information about the free work-shop.</u>

Science Museum 033 0058 0058 info@ScienceMuseumGroup.ac.uk



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INVITATION FOR PARENTS: FREE TO ATTEND SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

HOW TO COACH TEENAGERS TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for this academic year. These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

12TH OCTOBER: MAKING IT IN MEDICINE
Expert advice on how to get into medical school
16TH NOVEMBER: FUTURE-PROOFING STUDENTS
Preparing students for the jobs of the future
30TH NOVEMBER: FINDING A FUTURE IN FINANCE
Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

Register Now -

EXPERIENCES IN 19 CAREERS

Explore our life-changing, immersive career opportunities for ages 12-18, which take place at UCL and live online.

Weekend programmes are available throughout this term, we are currently offering a 15% discount on our flagship summer programmes.







info@investin.org

Register Now

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Cocks and Hens Tennis Club Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED

October Half Term Tennis Camps!

- Monday 24 to Friday 28 October
- 6 to 10 yrs / 11 to 16 yrs

	Age	Time	Dates	Cost per day	Cost for all days
1	6 – 10 yrs	10:00 – 12:00 (2hrs)	24 to 28 Oct	£20 Discount: 10% for members	£80 Discouns: 10% for members
	11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	24 to 28 Oct	£35 Discount: 15% for members	£140 Discount: 15% for members

no have some fun, improve your game and learn some new

skills!

More details on our website: www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps www.facebook.com/cocksandhenstennis

or for more information contact Justin Layne on cockshenscoaching@gmail.com

Find us off Grantchester Road, CP3 9ED. Access on foot/bicycle via Fulbrooke Road or by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway before the national speed limit sign.



South Cambridgeshire District Council

October holiday

Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays



For more information:

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





Reporting your Child's absence from school

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

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</u> <u>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.



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

TEAMS | ONENOTE

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

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments: https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx

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



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: <u>Second-Hand Uniform Re-</u><u>quest</u> and enter what uniform needs your child has.

With evening reception hours (6pm to 9pm) each weeknight (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> <u>Staines@cambournevc.org</u>



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 - Sam Tomlinson <u>cam-year7@cambournevc.org</u> Year 8 - Lorraine Lye <u>cam-year8@cambournevc.org</u> Year 9 - Louise Boyd <u>cam-year9@cambournevc.org</u> Year 10 - Mel Stanford <u>cam-year10@cambournevc.org</u> Year 11 - Kaleigh Blane <u>cam-year11@cambournevc.org</u>

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



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.

Everyone's Responsibility

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 <u>cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org</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 <u>cam-</u> <u>support@cambournevc.org</u>.

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 24 hours.

Communication with the School

How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email **cam-year7**@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email **cam-year8**@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email **cam-year9**@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email **cam-year11**@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

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.