



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 8th September

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

Tuesday 19th September	<b>Year 7</b> individual & tutor group photographs, <b>Year 8 &amp; Year 11</b> tutor group photographs
Thursday 21st September	Year 7 Meet the School Evening
Friday 29th September - Monday 2nd October	MFL trip to Paris
Wednesday 4th October	Open Evening for Year 6 pupils & Families
Thursday 5th October	<b>Staff Training Day - School closed for all pupils</b>

# 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:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you have a legal requirement to inform the school **on each day of absence**. If you are reporting your child's absence from school today, please can you email [cam-absence@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-absence@cambournevc.org) by **8:30am every day of the absence** and leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence and the child's full name and tutor group. If you fail to inform the school, we are legally required to make contact with you, to ensure the child's safety. Even if they have been absence on the previous day we cannot assume they are still at home poorly.

## Appointments:

If your child misses registration for a medical or dental appointment, this is counted as an authorised absence. Please give advance notice, ideally 2 school days, by [cam-absence@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-absence@cambournevc.org) with the dates and times the pupil is expected to be out of school and preferably with a copy of the appointment card/notification so that the absence can be authorised. As much as possible, pupils should be in school prior to/ after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

Prior notification ensures 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.

## Planned Absence Request:

If you plan to take your child out of school for any other reason, a **Planned Absence Request Form** must be completed and returned to the school **10 days prior** to the absence for authorisation. Please email any completed forms to [cam-absence@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-absence@cambournevc.org) or hand into our reception. The form can be found on our [website](#), or is available from our reception.

Please note that due to Changes to Section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, the Principal cannot authorise any term time leave unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

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

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We believe that wearing uniform helps to create a sense of identity and community in school. Our uniform is smart, practical and comfortable and we expect pupils to wear it with pride when at school, on journeys between home and school, and especially when representing the school on visits and fixtures.

Pupils who do not meet our expectations about uniform will be asked to change and non-compliance will usually be sanctioned.

**Shirts:** Branded College blue polo shirt (grey for Prefects). Any garment worn under the polo shirt must not be visible whether the shirt is worn buttoned or unbuttoned.

**Sweatshirts:** Branded grey College sweatshirt (Black for Year 11). The College sweatshirt must always be worn as the next layer over the polo shirt, when another layer is required.

**Trousers:** Branded College trousers – should finish below the ankle. They must be worn with plain socks which can be either grey, black or white.

**Skirts:** Branded skirt – should finish at the knee. Skirts are worn with unpatterned black or neutral tights, or with plain socks in either grey, black or white.

**Shorts:** Branded shorts may be worn. They must be worn with plain socks in either grey, black or white.

**Shoes:** Completely black leather or leather-style shoes that can be polished, with a flat sole. No contrasting branding, sandals, pumps, canvas/fabric style shoes, or boots.

**Jewellery:** The only jewellery permitted is one small, plain stud in each pierced ear. Nose studs and other facial piercings (including temporary blank/neutral retainers) are not acceptable. All jewellery and piercings must be completely removed for PE. Earrings cannot be taped or covered at any time within the school. Please ensure that new piercing is only done at the beginning of the summer holiday and not done within the academic year.

**Hairstyles:** Extreme haircuts and colours as judged by the College are not allowed.

**Make-up:** Natural-looking make-up may be worn. Long fingernails are not acceptable for safety reasons. Fingernails should not be visible above the fingers when the hand is viewed from the palm.

**Outside wear:** When travelling to and from school and when outside the school building, pupils are allowed to wear all items of outdoor clothing, including coats, jackets, hoodies, scarves, gloves and hats. None of these should have inappropriate slogans or logos. These should be removed before entering the building.

# PE UNIFORM

## PE Kit Compulsory CamVC branded items

- Red CamVC **Sports T-Shirt or Polo T-shirt**
- Rec CamVC **Sports Hoodie or fleece**

## PE Kit Compulsory CamVC non-branded items

**Plain black shorts** (not cycling shorts nor skin-tight shorts) and/or **plain black skort** OR **plain black tracksuit trousers** (our field is very windy) OR **CamVC Black Leggings** OR all three \*

- **Indoor Trainers** (not school shoes nor pumps such as Vans, Converse, Air Force 1s)
- **Outdoor astro trainers** (for football, rugby and hockey on the 3G pitch)
- **Long black hockey/football socks** or an alternative

## Optional PE kit

- Cam VC Black Leggings
- A plain black, red or white base layer top
- Red Cam VC Fleece
- Rec Cam VC Rugby Top

**Shin pads** for football and hockey are strongly recommended for both lessons & fixtures.

**Gum Shields** for rugby and hockey are strongly recommended for both lessons & fixtures.

**Outdoor “Astro-style” studs:** These are training shoes that have soles with a higher-than-normal raised moulded pattern, for use on artificial grass surfaces. Boots need to have either dimpled soles, plastic studs or moulded blades; flat soled trainers, metal capped or metal studs are not permitted for health and safety reasons and for maintenance of the artificial pitch surface.

EXAMPLE “astro-style” studs, under £20:

- Decathlon – [CLICK HERE](#)
- M&M Direct – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Sports direct – [CLICK HERE](#)

**CamVC Black Leggings:** The only black leggings that will be allowed in PE lessons will be CamVC black leggings purchased from the School PE Kit These have a clear CamVC PE logo down the back calf to be easily identifiable.

*\*Non-CamVC black leggings can be worn but must be worn under a pair of regulation black sports shorts*

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](mailto: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.

**LOST**

**PROPERTY**

# SecondHandUniform

We have a number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: [Second-Hand Uniform Request](#) and enter details of uniform items needed.

Our Reception is open every weeknight evening in term time between 6pm and 8pm so 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 **Nikki Johnston** to organise a time slot:

[NJohnston@cambournevc.org](mailto:NJohnston@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 - Abby Sterling-Clarke [cam-year7@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org)

Year 8 - Sam Tomlinson [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org)

Year 9 - Lorraine Lye [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org)

Year 10 - Lou Boyd [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org)

Year 11 - Mel Stanford [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org)

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).

## Year 11 Notices



We have a number of members of staff joining our tutor team this year. As ever, these members of staff will do their best to offer pastoral support to your son/daughter throughout the course of this year.

Should you have any concerns about your son/daughter, please contact their tutor in the first instance.

Please see below for contact information for our new tutors:

11M: Mrs L MacWhinnie: [lmacwhinnie@cambournevc.org](mailto:lmacwhinnie@cambournevc.org)

11B: Mrs L Webster (sharing the group with Jodie Howe): [lwebster@cambournevc.org](mailto:lwebster@cambournevc.org)

11O: Mrs L Durrant: [ldurrant@cambournevc.org](mailto:ldurrant@cambournevc.org)

11U: Mrs H Gelder: [hgelder@cambournevc.org](mailto:hgelder@cambournevc.org)

11N: Dr J Attrill: [jattrill@cambournevc.org](mailto:jattrill@cambournevc.org)

11V: Miss L Mott (sharing the group with Mrs Courtois currently but taking over when Mrs Courtois starts maternity leave): [lmott@cambournevc.org](mailto:lmott@cambournevc.org)

## DANCE

### Key Stage 3 Dance

For year 7,8 and 9 Dance please can you ensure all students bring and wear their indoor trainers that they would wear for PE indoors. Year 7 dance will be delivered in PE so pupils will be wearing their PE kit, Year 8 and 9 dance will be delivered for one lesson every fortnight. Please do ensure pupils bring their indoor trainers and wear their school uniform following the correct uniform policy.

### Key Stage 4 Dance: BTEC DANCE

#### **Equipment**

Other than standard (Pencil case, HB pencils, pencil sharpener; rubber, coloured pencils, black or blue biro, or ink pen and cartridges, short ruler, reading book – and charged iPad)

#### **Dance clothing**

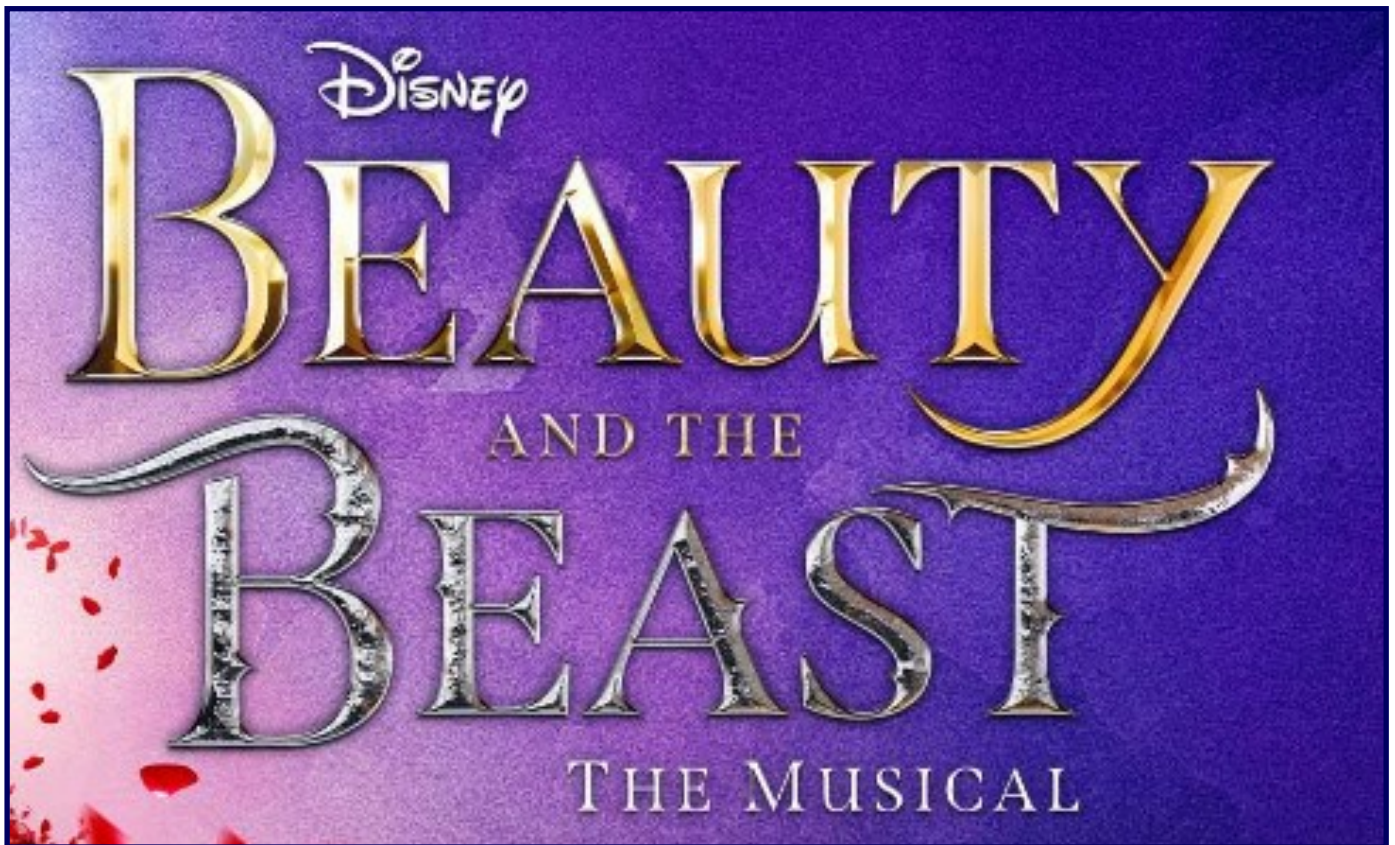
Dance leggings/tights or dance trouser black leotard, black t-shirt, jumper/long sleeve top or PE hoodie, sports socks, indoor trainers, barefoot, dance grips, water bottle

Please do not feel that you must buy new clothing but if you could ensure that clothing is plain and in black that would be ideal.

I am looking forward to it very much

Thank you

Miss Ricketts



## **School Musical Production: Beauty and the Beast –**

### **AUDITION on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Following the success of last year's two musical productions "Chicago" and "Boudicca Goes Ballistic!" we are very excited to announce this year's school musical production will be... "Beauty and the Beast"! The production will take place in the Coates Theatre in March 2024.

We will be holding auditions for this production next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> September) in the Performance Hall from 3 – 5pm.

We always have many pupils keen to take part in the school production, and unfortunately we do have to restrict numbers, which does mean that not everyone who auditions is guaranteed to get a part in the show. However, we do strongly encourage everyone who is interested to take part, and there are many more opportunities for all pupils in music, drama and dance throughout the year.

All the details about the show, and a full list of rehearsals (including 3 weekend rehearsals), are outlined in the attached letter. Please read this information carefully, and make sure all rehearsals are clearly noted – as cast members are expected to attend ALL rehearsals (with the usual exemption for school absence, medical appointments etc.)

If you are happy to for your child to take part in the school production, they will need to bring a [signed copy of the permission form](#) with them to the audition.

If you have any questions about the production, or the audition process, please email Geoff Page ([gpage@cambournevc.org](mailto:gpage@cambournevc.org))



### **Music Clubs**

All our music clubs are going to be starting up again next week – so if your child plays an instrument, or enjoys singing, then please encourage them to come along.

The following clubs will be running this term.

- Monday 3 – 4pm: CamVC Band – All instrumentalists welcome (Years 7 – 11)
- Tuesday 3- 4pm: Junior Singers (Years 7 – 9) – Christmas mini-production *tba*
- Tuesday 3 – 4pm: Rock Bands (Years 9 – 11)
- Thursday 3 – 5pm: School Production (Years 7 – 11)
- Friday 3 – 4pm: Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)

Pupils are very welcome to come along and try any club they are interested in joining.

### **Instrumental & Singing Lessons**

These will be starting next week, and everyone signed up for lessons will receive an email confirming the day and time of their first lesson.

If your child is interested in doing Instrumental or Singing lessons, there are still many places available. You can sign them up for lessons using the online form, found here:

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

### **Headphones for KS3 Music lessons (all pupils)**

We have enjoyed welcoming Year 7s, and welcoming back Year 8s & 9s to the Music Block this week. As part of their weekly music lessons, they will be continuing to develop their keyboard skills.

To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

We have reminded pupils of this expectation this week in lessons.

These headphones / earphones can be bought for as little £2-£3 from local shops like Morrisons, Home Bargains, or online from places like Amazon. We do not expect (and would strongly discourage) pupils from bringing expensive or bulky headphones with them.

We would expect that it might take pupils between 1 – 2 weeks to source some earphones / headphones, but after that it would be useful if they were ready to use them in lessons. If for any reason it is not possible for your child to bring some earphones to the lesson, please email (or ask them to email) their class teacher. In cases of financial constraints we will be able to provide headphones for pupils to borrow, if arranged in advance.



## PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2023

### MONDAY 3-4pm

KS3 rugby – Field

KS4 basketball – Sports hall

Girls' football – Astro

Table tennis – Dining hall

Rowing and fitness – Gym

### TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio

KS3 basketball – Sports hall

KS4 rugby – Field

Girls rugby – Field

Netball – Hard courts

Football training – Astro

### WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

## **FIXTURES**

BTEC Catch up – IT04

Wellbeing Wednesday – PE (sports leaders)

### THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Girls active – Sports hall (sports leaders)

### FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports hall

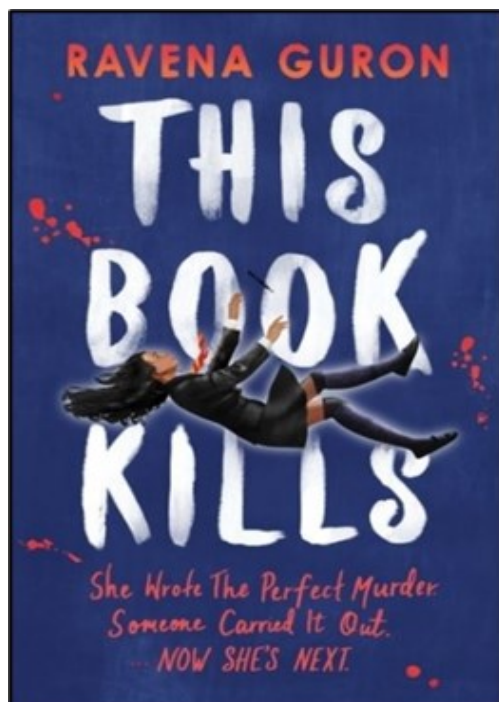
Champions League football games – Astro

Everyone's invited! – PE (sports leaders)

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

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

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



## *This book kills* by Ravena Guron

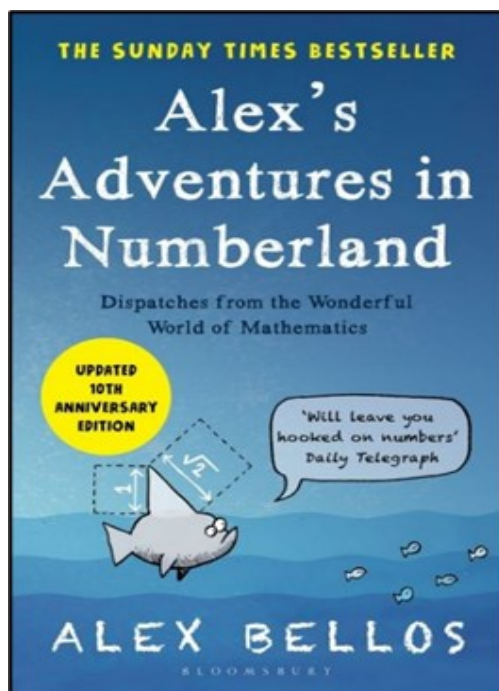
When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and rich kids in Jess Choudhary's school is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be...

Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story that she wrote.

And then Jess receives an anonymous text thanking her for the inspiration. With time running out, Jess knows if she doesn't solve this mystery she'll finally have something in common with Hugh Henry.

She'll be dead too.

*(Available from the School Library and on SORA)*



## *Alex's adventures in numberland*

by Alex Bellos, illustrated by Andy Riley

Explodes the myth that maths is best left to the geeks, and demonstrates the remarkable ways it's linked to our everyday lives. Explains the surprising geometry of the 50p piece, and the strategy of how best to gamble it in a casino. A light is shone on the mathematical patterns in nature, and on the peculiar predictability of random behaviour. From the world's fastest mental calculators in Germany to numerologists in the US desert, from a startlingly numerate chimpanzee in Japan to venerable Hindu sages in India, these dispatches from 'Numberland' are an unlikely but exhilarating cocktail of history, reportage and mathematical proofs. The world of maths is a much friendlier and more colourful place than you might have imagined.

*(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](#)

# Changes to the number 18 bus timetable - effective from 3rd September.



## Cambridge | Comberton | Cambourne | St Neots

### Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

		sch	nsch	nsch	sch						sch	nsch	sch	nsch		
Cambridge Drummer St bus station bay 5		0740	0750	0855		0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1435	1455	1547	1600	1730	1905
Newnham Barton Road, Grange Road		0751	0757	0902		1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1445	1505	1607	1610	1750	1914
Grantchester Pearces Close		0758	0803	0908		1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1450	1510	1613	1615	1755	1918
Barton The Hoops		0804	0809	0914	0914	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1456	1516	1619	1621	1800	1923
Comberton outside Village College B1046		▼	0815	0920	0920	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	▼	1522	▼	1627	1806	1929
Comberton Village College grounds		0812	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	1508	▼	1627	▼	▼	▼
Kingston Village Hall		0820	0822	0928	0928	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1515	1529	1633	1634	1813	1936
Bourn Willow Tree		0826	0828	0934	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1521	1534	1638	1639	1818	1941
Cambourne Broad Street, Morrisons	0604	0837	0839	0945	0945	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1533	1544	1649	1649	1828	1951
Lower Cambourne School Ln opp Co-op	0606	0840	0842	0948	0948	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1537	1547	1652	1652	1831	1954
Caxton Brockholt Road													1655	1655	1834	1957
Longstowe crossroads													▼	▼	▼	2002
Gt Gransden Post Office													1702	1702	1841	2014
Abbotsley Vicarage Farmyard													1709	1708	1847	2021
St Neots Wintringham	0618	0857	0857	1003	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1551	1601				
St Neots rail station	0620	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
St Neots Market Square	0625	0904	0904	1009	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1558	1608	1723	1720	1858	2032

### Saturdays

Cambridge Drummer St bus station bay 5		0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1600	1730	1905					
Newnham Barton Road, Grange Road		0903	1004	1105	1206	1307	1407	1507	1612	1742	1915					
Grantchester Pearces Close		0909	1010	1111	1212	1313	1413	1513	1617	1747	1920					
Barton The Hoops		0915	1016	1117	1218	1319	1419	1519	1623	1753	1926					
Comberton outside Village College B1046		0921	1022	1123	1224	1325	1425	1525	1629	1759	1931					
Kingston Village Hall		0928	1029	1130	1231	1332	1432	1532	1636	1806	1937					
Bourn Willow Tree		0934	1035	1136	1237	1337	1437	1537	1641	1811	1942					
Cambourne Broad Street, Morrisons	0604	0845	0945	1046	1147	1248	1348	1448	1548	1652	1821	1952				
Lower Cambourne School Ln opp Co-op	0606	0847	0948	1049	1150	1251	1351	1451	1551	1655	1824	1955				
Caxton Brockholt Road										1658	1827	1958				
Longstowe crossroads										▼	▼	2002				
Gt Gransden Post Office										1705	1833	2012				
Abbotsley Vicarage Farmyard										1712	1839	2018				
St Neots Wintringham	0618	0859	1000	1102	1204	1305	1405	1505	1605							
St Neots rail station	0620	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
St Neots Market Square	0625	0904	1006	1108	1210	1311	1411	1511	1611	1724	1851	2028				

journeys in green boxes run on Cambridgeshire school days only

journeys in orange boxes run in Cambridgeshire school holidays only

#### term dates 2023/24

Friday 1 Sep to Friday 20 Oct 2023  
 Half Term: Monday 23 to Friday 27 Oct 2023  
 Monday 30 Oct to Wednesday 20 Dec 2023  
 Christmas Holidays: Thu 21 Dec 2023 to Wed 3 Jan 2024

Thu 4 January to Fri 16 February 2024  
 Half Term: Mon 19 to Friday 23 February 2024  
 Monday 26 Feb to Thu 28 March 2024  
 Easter Holidays: Fri 29 March to Fri 12 April 2024

Mon 15 April to Fri 24 May 2024  
 Half Term: Mon 27 to Fri 31 May 2024  
 Mon 3 June to Mon 22 July 2024  
 Summer Holiday: Tue 23 July onwards



maps & fare info at [whippetbus.co.uk](http://whippetbus.co.uk)



bus times valid from **3 September 2023**



### Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

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St Neots Market Square stop E	0635	0635	0735	0720	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325			1425	1428	1525	1532	1632	1735	2040
St Neots Wintringham	▼	▼	0741	0726	0832	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331			1431	1434	1531	1538	1638	1741	2046
Abbotsley Vicarage Farmyard	0647	0647																	
Great Gransden Post Office	0615	0654	0654																
Longstowe crossroads	0627	▼	▼																
Caxton Brockholt Road	0632	0659	0659	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Lower Cambourne School Lane Co-op	0635	0702	0702	0758	0743	0849	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346		1446	1449	1546	1553	1653	1756	2101
Cambourne Broad Street Morrison's	0638	0706	0706	0802	0749	0853	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350		1450	1452	1550	1556	1657	1800	2103
Bourn Willow Tree	0647	0717	0717	0812	0801	0904	1001	1101	1201	1301	1401		1501	1503	1601	1607	1708	1810	
Kingston Village Hall	0652	0723	0723	0818	0807	0909	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406		1506	1508	1607	1613	1714	1815	
Comberton opp Village College B1046	0659	0731	▼	0826		0916	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413		▼	1514	▼	1620	1721	1822	
Comberton Village College grounds	▼	▼	0731	▼	0816	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		1513	▼	1615	▼	▼	▼	
Barton The Hoops	0706	0738	0738	0833	0825	0924	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421		1521	1521	1623	1627	1727	1828	
Grantchester Pearces Close	▼	0745	0745	0840	0833	0931	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428		1528	1528	1630	1634		1834	
Newnham Barton Road, Grange Road	0713	0750	▼	0845	0839	0936	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433		1533	1533	1636	1640		1839	
Hills Road Sixth Form College	▼	▼	0810	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Cambridge Drummer St bus station	0722	0759	0825	0855	0855	0946	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442		1542	1542	1648	1648		1848	

### Saturdays

St Neots Market Square stop E	0635	0830	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1428	1532	1632	1735	2040
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Abbotsley Vicarage Farmyard	0647											
Great Gransden Post Office	0654											
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Barton The Hoops	0736	0924	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1521	1625	1725	1826	
Grantchester Pearces Close	0742	0930	1026	1126	1226	1326	1427	1528	1632		1832	
Newnham Barton Road, Grange Road	0748	0936	1032	1132	1232	1332	1433	1534	1638		1837	
Cambridge Drummer St bus station	0756	0945	1044	1144	1244	1344	1445	1544	1648		1846	

journeys in green boxes run on Cambridgeshire school days only

journeys in orange boxes run in Cambridgeshire school holidays only

#### term dates 2023/24

Friday 1 Sep to Friday 20 Oct 2023  
 Half Term: Monday 23 to Friday 27 Oct 2023  
 Monday 30 Oct to Wednesday 20 Dec 2023  
 Christmas Holidays: Thu 21 Dec 2023 to Wed 3 Jan 2024

Thu 4 January to Fri 16 February 2024  
 Half Term: Mon 19 to Friday 23 February 2024  
 Monday 26 Feb to Thu 28 March 2024  
 Easter Holidays: Fri 29 March to Fri 12 April 2024

Mon 15 April to Fri 24 May 2024  
 Half Term: Mon 27 to Fri 31 May 2024  
 Mon 3 June to Mon 22 July 2024  
 Summer Holiday: Tue 23 July onwards



maps & fare info at [whippetbus.co.uk](http://whippetbus.co.uk)



bus times valid from **3 September 2023**

# 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](https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/EckeB-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_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](#))



## 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.

**Safeguarding is  
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.

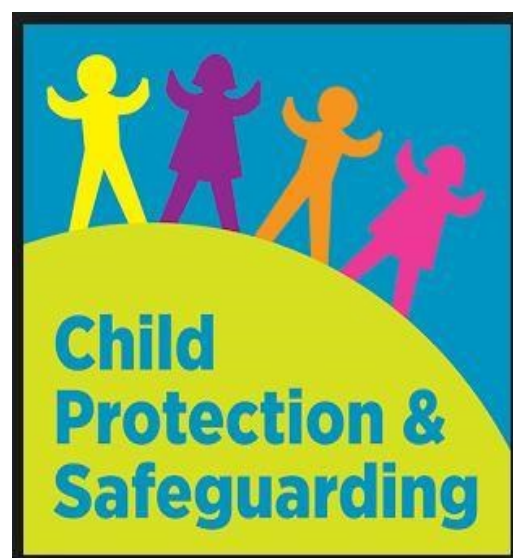
We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

### 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 [cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org)





## 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](mailto:cam-support@cambournevc.org).

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.

## Communication with the School

### How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email [cam-year7@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org) | PSA Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org) | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org) | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org) | PSA Lou Boyd

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org) | PSA Mel Standord



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](mailto: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](http://www.cambournevc.org)

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.