

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 20th October

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current Menu

Extra-Curricular Clubs Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current programme

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

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

Key Dates

Saturday 21st - Saturday	MEL Trip to Granada Spair
28th October	MFL Trip to Granada, Spair

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October HALF TERM

Monday 30th October	All pupils return to school (vveek A)
	Spanish Exchange Information Evening (6pm)

Wednesday 1st November WW1 History trip Information Evening (6pm)

Thursday 2nd November Cambourne 6th Form Open Evening (6:30pm onwards)

Thursday 9th November Year 11 Parent Consultation (periods 1-4 taught). All pupils leave at 1:30pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

absence per year

97% or above

VERY GOOD

THIS IS YOUR

TARGET

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
BELOW
EXPECTATIONS

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

Reporting your Child's Absence from School:

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 **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 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 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 CONSULTATION: 2

We believe that wearing uniform helps to create a sense of identity and community in school.

School uniform helps improve safety and has a positive effect on the learning environment.

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.

We are continually grateful for your support in sending your children to school in the correct uniform. We also understand the importance of consulting with our families on the issue of uniform and would appreciate if everyone could answer the questions on the MS form here:

https://forms.office.com/e/1mjAd4b7xA

This survey will be open for two weeks, <u>until Sunday 29th October.</u>
Please can all parents and carers fill this in, so we can get the widest view across all our families.

Results will then be fed back to everyone in this bulletin and via a focus group.

Thank you.





For Years 10 and 11:

This is a polite reminder to purchase your child's <u>KS4</u>

<u>English texts</u> on <u>Parent Pay</u>. Please <u>let us know</u> if you are having any difficulties or need any financial assistance.

<u>History Revision Space Every Thursday Lunchtime in BLUE 13</u> (to start after half term).

Your child can come and complete some History revision in a quiet independent History study room! This will take place every **Thursday lunchtime in B13**.

There will be plenty of revision resources and materials for them to use. Ms Clissold and Ms Murray will be supervising the space and can help answer any History questions you (or your child) may have. Pupils can eat their lunch in the room too.

If your child is in Year 10, they can come and complete their homework or start revisiting content they have learnt this term. If your child is in Year 11, we strongly recommend they make the most of this time to revise for their upcoming mocks! Ask your child to speak to their History teacher if you (or they) have any questions.

REMEMBER

With more wet weather as we head into autumn...

As the weather starts to turn, this is a reminder that the school gates **do not open until 8:20am**, (and the pupils can head to their social areas). If you child does arrive to school before that time, please make sure they have the appropriate waterproof clothing.

All <u>coats must to be stored in each child's locker</u> during the school day and cannot be worn around the school building (as per our uniform policy).

On rainy days the car park does also get very busy, so please try to leave home earlier to void your child getting a late sanction.

Thank you.

As the college continues to grow in size, we have increasing numbers of pupils cycling to and from school.

We routinely deliver assemblies to pupils to remind them about road safety and the importance of being considerate to pedestrians and other road users but we occasionally receive reports of unsafe conduct.

If your child cycles to and from school, please do remind them to cycle on the roads or designated pathways, cycle at a safe speed, and to be aware of their surroundings/other road users.

It is also important that you remind your child to park their bikes in our designated bike and scooter sheds and particularly **NOT IN FORNT OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL** (which is for primary school staff).

If you are interested in additional training for your child from Bikeability please follow this link: https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/bikeability.php and https://outspokentraining.co.uk/

Further tips and advice for cyclists can be found here: https://think.gov.uk/cycle-safety/

Free Webinar: Seeing beyond the behaviour.

YMCA Trinity is running a free webinar for all professionals and parents on **Wednesday 1st November.**, between **7pm-8pm**.

If you're interested, please register your place on the link below

Q & A - 20:00 - 20:30

Topic: What is your child telling you? Seeing beyond the behaviour

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xef5VIZvRPWt7ntnsind6A

If you have any questions get in touch by emailing YMCA directly at mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk

Visit their training calendar for all other workshops and full day courses.





A letter to parents and carers of our Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils, from Peter Hains. Char of the Henry Morris Memorial Trust (registered charity: 311419)



p.hains105@btinternet.com

Dear Parents / Carers Oct 2023

Re Henry Morris Awards 2024

I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for your son or daughter.

Every year, the Henry Morris Memorial Trust offers students the chance to apply for financial awards. These awards are for students (13-19) for 'travel with purpose' or for 'home-based projects'. Students from all Cambridgeshire secondary schools are entitled to apply.

In previous years, students have travelled, alone or in groups, to destinations in the UK and abroad like the Norfolk coast, Stratford, Edinburgh, Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. Home based projects have included building a virtual reality drone, restoring a wrecked 'cello and making a Regency style dress.

Sometimes the projects have a direct impact on students' learning at school, for example art students visiting a gallery in London. Other projects, like walking the Norfolk Coastal Path, develop independence and confidence and can be life-changing experiences. Examples of what students have done can be seen on our website: www.henrymorris.org.

Students apply by using the application form on the website. The **deadline** is the **31st** January 2024. The majority of applicants will be called to interview in Queens' College at Cambridge University on a Saturday in March. For students who live a long way from Cambridge, we can offer a travel bursary to help with the costs of getting to the interview (details will be available on our website).

After the successful students have completed their projects, they are required to write a report, and we give financial prizes for the best ones.

I hope you will encourage your son or daughter to look at our website, and to consider applying for an award.

Yours faithfully

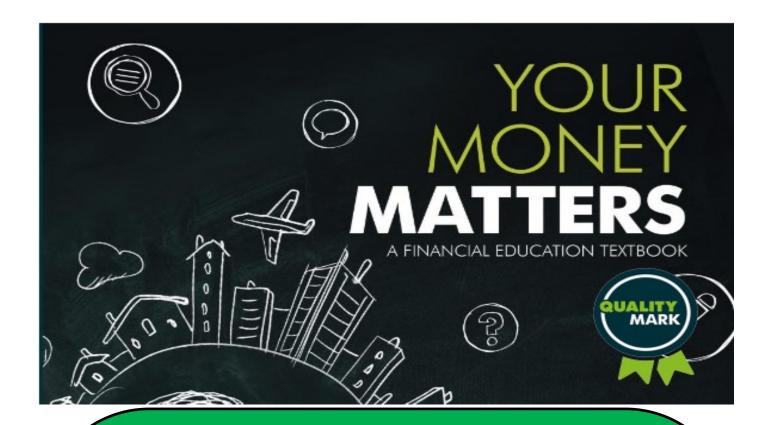
Peter Hains

Chairman.









Your Money Matters (England Edition) has been designed for use with young people age 14 – 16 in England and covers topics including spending and saving, borrowing, debt, insurance, student finance & future planning.

Funded by Martin Lewis, founder of MoneySavingExpert.com, this curriculum mapped textbook was sent to state funded English secondary schools in late 2018.

We later released an updated edition in July 2021 for England, which you can download here.

A natural extension to the Financial Education Planning Frameworks, the student facing Textbook includes guidance on issues such as:

- Saving and spending
- Borrowing
- Good and bad debt
- Risk and rewards
- Insurance
- Investments
- Future planning around student loans
- Tax and national insurance

Direct link is here: <u>Your Money Matters - England Edition - Young Enterprise &</u> Young Money (young-enterprise.org.uk)

Please see below for an **early evening careers 'expo' event on 1 November** for students in year's 9-11 and their parents. The focus in on building the future and is a great opportunity for young people to discover what jobs are available in planning and the built environment. Click on the poster below for more information.



CDF, together with the Royal Geographical Society, brings you

BUILD THE FUTURE

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A CAREER IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

1 NOVEMBER 2023

4:00 - 7:30 PM

Fancy designing innovative urban spaces? Want to be a part of shaping a sustainable future? Then come along to our Careers Fair to discover the fantastic opportunities provided by studying Geography and pursuing a career in Planning and the Built Environment. Highlights include:

- Talks from young planning professionals, surveyors and developers
- Expo with stalls from leading companies in the sector
- Networking and work experience opportunites.



Find out more and register via the eventbrite link, found <u>here</u>

Admission by ticket only



www.camdevforum.com info@camdevforum.com





This month, <u>the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the British Army, is</u> <u>celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships!</u>

For this special episode, Rachel speaks to Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the Army's apprenticeship programme, and parent of a British Army apprentice, Mandy Gregson, to ask all the big questions about their prestigious apprenticeship programmes, including:



Apprenticeships

- ☐ What does an apprenticeship in the British Army look like?
- ☐ What options are available?
- ☐ How do you go about getting an apprenticeship?
- ☐ What is the training like? And many more!

Click on the episode link below...





Join our webinar on **7th November at 4pm** to find out more about AFC Harrogate and how the college helps 16 – 17 year olds prepare for a career in The British Army.

You'll hear from current/past apprentices on their experiences of Army Foundation College Harrogate and how it has impacted and inspired their career so far.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.



RECURRING RELEASES

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

IN-GAME PURCHASES

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Get your ultimate team

Advice for Parents & Carers

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

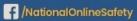


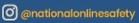
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PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – October 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

KS3 rugby - Field

KS4 basketball - Sports hall

Girls' football - Astro

Table tennis - Dining hall

Netball - Hard courts



TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance - Drama studio

KS3 basketball - Sports hall

KS4 rugby - Field

Girls rugby - Field

Football training - Astro

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up - IT04

GCSE revision - Classroom

Volleyball – Sports hall

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



Music Clubs

All our music clubs are up and running – so if you 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:

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

Headphones for KS3 Music lessons (all pupils)

As part of the Years 7, 8 and 9 weekly music lessons, they will be continuing to develop their keyboard skills.

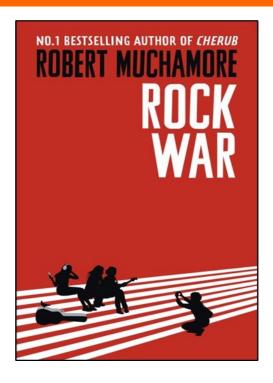
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones of earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

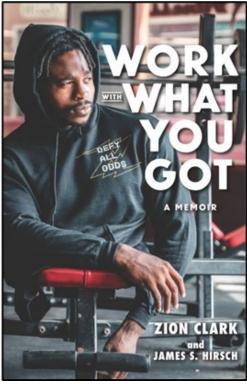
We have reminded pupils of this expectation this week in lessons.

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 the 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.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





Rock War (Book 1 in the Rock War series)

By Robert Muchamore

Meet Jay, Summer, and Dylan.

Jay plays guitar, writes songs and dreams of being a rock star. But his ambitions are stifled by seven siblings and a terrible drummer. Summer works hard at school, looks after her nan and has a one-in-a-million singing voice. But can her talent triumph over her nerves? Dylan is happiest lying on his bunk smoking, but his school rugby coach has other ideas, and Dylan reluctantly joins a band to avoid crunching tackles and icy mud.

They're about to enter the biggest battle of their lives. And there's everything to play for.

With well crafted characters, this first book in the series leaves you wanting more.

(Available from the School Library Year 9+ only)

Work with what you got: a memoir

by Zion Clark and James S. Hirsch

When a baby named Zion was born in 1997 to an imprisoned, drug-addicted mother, his future seemed bleak. Born without legs due to a rare condition called caudal regression syndrome, Zion was abandoned and shunted to a fostercare system ill-equipped to care for him.

In this stirring memoir, he is bounced from home to home, subjected to abuse, neglect and inconceivable hardship. Somehow, Zion finds supportive angels along the way: his first two foster families, who offer a haven; the wrestling coach who senses his "warrior spirit" and nurtures it; the woman of fierce faith who adopts a seventeen-year-old and cheers his every match.

From narration of how Zion adapts wrestling moves to defeat able-bodied opponents, wielding phenomenal arm and hand strength, to accounts of his extraordinary work ethic, unflagging optimism and motivational speaking, this is an inspirational story of courage.

(Available from the School Library Year 9+)

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



U15's TRAINING: Thurs 6pm Sun 11am

LOCATION: Huntingdon Racecourse

U15's Team Manager: +44 7880 782964

Teen Volleyball Taster Session

When - Sunday 12th November 2-3pm

Where - Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre, Back Lane, Great Cambourne, CB23 6FY

Who - 13-17 year olds

Price - £5 each (cash on the day)

Format - arrive 10 mins early for a warm up, then there will be training on how to play volleyball followed by one or two fun taster games with 4-6 players per side.

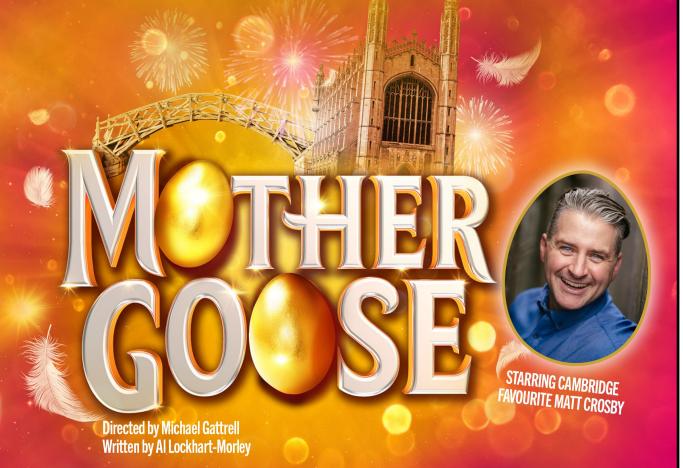
Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club will be running this taster session for teenagers, with a view to perhaps holding a regular session twice monthly if there's enough interest.

Parents need to stay for the duration of the session please and complete a disclaimer on arrival saying that they are responsible for their young people.

Please contact co-organiser <u>darcyjanesimpson@gmail.com</u> to register your teen's interest in the taster session (first come first served). Thank you.

PANTOMIME AWARDS 2022 WINNER

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE PRESENTS
THIS YEAR'S TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME



'THE HEARTWARMING ESCAPISM'
YOU NEED IN YOUR LIFE'

CAMBRIDGE INDEPENDENT on Dick Whittington, 2022

'FULL OF ENERGY, FULL OF COLOUR AND SPARKLE'

CAMBRIDGE 105 on Dick Whittington, 2022



THU 30 NOV 2023 - SUN 7 JAN 2024 BOX OFFICE 01223 503333 CAMBRIDGEARTSTHEATRE.COM 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 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



Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 - Abby Sterling-Clarke <u>cam-</u>year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Lorraine Lye cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Lou Boyd cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Mel Stanford cam-year11@cambournevc.org

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

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)





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



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 48 hours.

Communication with the School

How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email cam-year7@cambournevc.org | PSA Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Lou Boyd

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford



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

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