



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 26th January

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

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Key Dates

Monday 29th January

Year 11 Home Cooking Practical Exam (all day)

Tuesday 30th January

Trip: Year 11 GCSE Photography visit to London (all day)

Wednesday 31st January

Intermediate Maths Challenge (in school) Years 9, 10 & 11
BTEC Dance visit to Milton Keynes Theatre (6pm)

Thursday 1st February

Year 9 Parent Consultation. School finishes at 1:30pm for all pupils. (Periods 1-4 taught).

Trip: Romeo & Juliet at Cambridge Arts Theatre (1:30pm)

Friday 2nd February

Trip: Year 11 GCSE Art-C to Cambridge Museums (all day)

Thursday 8th February

Trust Recruitment Roadshow (3pm-7pm) in the school library

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 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 absent 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.

To all Year 9 parents/carers,

Next week, the Year 9 students will be receiving an assembly on Teenage Pregnancy, to go along with the current RSHE unit they are studying in their PSHE lessons.



As with the PSHE lessons, this will be delivered in age-appropriate and careful way, in line with our RSHE policy.

Should you have any questions, do please email me at re-milne@cambournevc.org

Many thanks,

Mrs Milne

RSHE
Relationships, Sex & Health Education



Dance Trip to Milton Keynes Theatre to see Matthew Bourne's "Edward Scissor Hands" Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Just a reminder for our upcoming trip to see Matthew Bourne's "Edward Scissor Hands" at Milton Keynes Theatre on **Wednesday 31st January**. We are all very excited to see this fantastic Dance show. We will meet students outside the front of school at 6pm and students will need to be collected from school at approximately 10:30pm.

Planned Itinerary

- 18:00 Meet at school
- 19:30 Show starts
- 21:30 Show ends
- 22:30 Collect Students from school



Students are not required to wear school uniform however they must be dressed appropriately. Students may bring some spending money for a programme and snacks. Students will be responsible for any money or payment methods they bring. Please also note that rucksacks can't be taken into the auditorium so we suggest that students do not bring one and should they need to bring a bag it is a small bag only. We are very much looking forward to the show!

Thank you so much for your support,
Miss Ricketts

History Lecture Success!

Thank you to everyone who came to our free History public lecture with Professor Reynolds, we had over 100 people attend!

It was a brilliant & inspiring lecture about the differing narratives of US History. Our next event will be in the summer term, stayed tuned for more information soon.



Follow us on X (Twitter) @CambourneVC and @Historic_All for updates.

For more information contact:
Jess Angell (Head of History at CamVC)
jangell@cambournevc.org





SORA, the school's reading app, offers a range of books and magazine titles students can read anywhere.

We have recently updated the way pupils access SORA, making it easier to sign in using the school account.

If pupils have problems accessing SORA – come to the library for help.

Pupils can now access Cambridgeshire County Council's e-books, via SORA – follow the poster for even more age-appropriate choices. Users must have a valid Cambridgeshire County Council library card to access resources – see their website for more information:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries>



<https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/library>

We are actively looking to recruit new staff for a number of teaching and support staff roles across the Trust. Why not come along, meet our teams, and explore the available opportunities in our schools.

Visit us at CamVC on Thursday 8 February 3pm – 7pm

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW

Thursday 18 January to Thursday 29 February 2024

Are you thinking about a new career in education?

If so, then look no further. We are actively looking to recruit new staff for a number of teaching and support staff roles across the Trust. Why not come along, meet our teams, and explore the available opportunities in our schools.

Our recruitment roadshow will take place at the following venues:

St Peter's Huntingdon, PE29 7DD
Thursday 18 January 2024 4pm – 7pm
Gamlingay Village Primary, SG19 3HD
Thursday 25 January 2024 3pm – 6pm
Cambourne Village College, CB23 6FR
Thursday 8 February 2024 3pm – 7pm
Melbourn Village College, SG8 6EF
Tuesday 13 February 4pm – 6pm
Thongsley Fields Primary School
Thursday 29 February 2024 4pm – 7pm



Please register your interest using the QR code below



For information about our current vacancies please navigate to:
www.catrust.co.uk



Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 1st February 2024

Cleaner

Cleaner Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

Vacancies

Maintenance (Site) Assistant

Maintenance (Site) Assistant Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

General Teacher of Secondary School

General Teacher of Secondary School Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

Teacher of Science

Teacher of Science Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

Teacher of English

Teacher of English Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

Teacher of Maths

Teacher of Maths Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 2nd February 2024

Exam Invigilator

Exam Invigilator Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 29th February 2024



PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – January 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

Hockey - Astro (KB)

Girls' football – Astro (LM)

Table tennis – Dining hall (KR)

Volleyball – Gym (HT)

KS4 basketball – Sports hall (JF)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

KS3 basketball – Sports hall (JF)

Dodgeball – Gym (LM)

Football training – Astro (LY)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff)

GCSE revision – Classroom (KB)

Wellbeing Wednesday – PE (sports leaders)

Netball – Hard courts (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Girls active – Gym (sports leaders)

Badminton (Sports Hall) (All)

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 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)

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

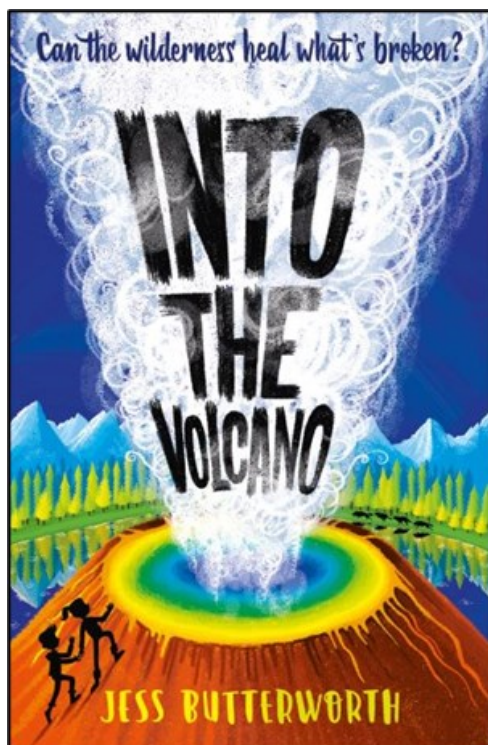
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

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.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



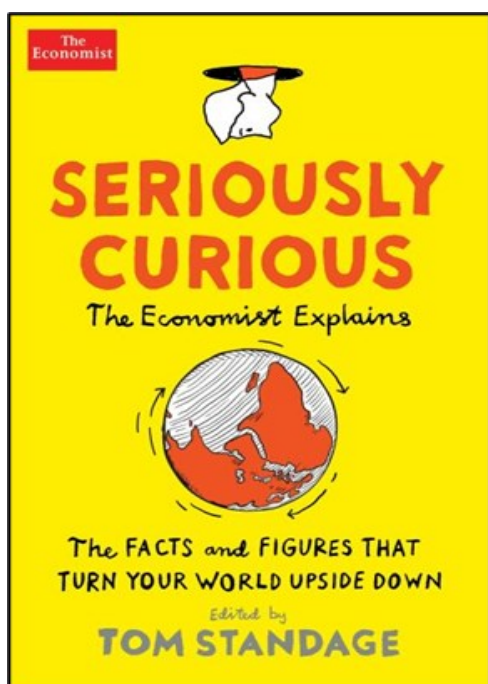
Into the volcano

By Jess Butterworth

11 year-old Emma and 12-year-old Sebastian live halfway across the world from each other, but when a terrible shooting leads to the loss of people close to each of them, they end up meeting in the Rocky Mountains. Bonding through their shared grief, they quickly become friends, and decide to search together for an elusive rainbow pool as a way of saying goodbye to the ones they lost.

But they soon find themselves lost on top of a super volcano, dodging bubbling mud spots, steaming hot springs, and rainbow filled calderas. As rain threatens, they're forced to construct a makeshift camp and encounter moose, wolves and a grizzly bear. But when they run out of food, their adventure becomes a race for survival as they try and find their way out of the wilderness.

(Available from the School Library)



Seriously curious

The Economist Newspaper Ltd Edited by Tom Standage

Some questions you never think to ask. Others, you didn't know you didn't know. And some facts are so surprising they cry out for answers.

What can a president actually do? Why do cities sink into the ground? Why is Australia seemingly invulnerable to recessions? Why do people in couples do more housework than singletons?

The brilliant minds of the Economist collect these questions.

Individually, they might seem bite-sized and inconsequential, but taken together they can reveal a whole new world.

(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](#)

YMCA Trinity Group Webinar: “How to respond when your child/teen says no.”

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm.

Please join us on the 7th of February 2024 at 7pm in attending this free webinar for all professionals and parents. Register your place using the link below. If you have any questions get in touch by emailing us at mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk

February 7th, 2024

Webinar: 19:00 – 20:00

Q & A – 20:00 – 20:30

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7txpG6z9QseZCKSVz2B1rQ



YMCA



Healthy You

Healthy You Virtual Festival January 2024

Living Sport are inviting you to join them for a fabulous, fun-filled month-long programme of FREE classes, workshops, talks and events focusing on physical activity, mental wellbeing and healthy eating. Whatever your age or activity level, you will be able to find something to try.

They hope by taking part in this event, they will inspire you to carry forward some healthier habits into the new year and beyond. Why not try something for the first time...

Here's a selection of what's on offer: Pilates, Ballet, Family Dance, T'ai Chi; Healthy Eating workshops; Wellbeing during Menopause; Strength & Balance classes; Fitness for Schools; Goal Setting; Motivation-support; Podcasts, and so much more!

You can access over 40 videos and take part in 80 live sessions throughout the month and it's all totally FREE! View the full programme and start booking onto the live sessions <https://livingsport.co.uk/healthy-you-virtual-festival-2024/>



Positively parent your teen. 4-week online workshop.

Facilitated by
Samantha Stacey and
Clare Merrington
Education Inclusion Family Advisors

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment.

Session 1 Communication and parenting styles

Session 2 How do we identify what our children need and challenging behaviour.

Session 3 Active Listening and increasing self-esteem.

Session 4 Labelling and encouragement.

Tuesday 6th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 13th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 27th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 5th March 7-8pm

Please scan link below to book a place. Booking is essential and places are limited.



For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

 samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The Cambourne VC Charitable Trust would like to hear from you if you would like to see a cinema in Cambourne! Click on the poster below and take a few minutes to fill out the survey, to show your support and to give your views on the type of film you'd like to see.

Also visit <https://cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitycinema/> for more information.



Cinema Questionnaire

Have your say!

We are most interested to hear from Cambourne residents and those of the surrounding villages, the types of films they may wish to see at the community cinema.

You are cordially invited to participate in the survey by completing the questionnaire online at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/57W7PKV or scanning the QR code above.

Email: cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitycinema





YOUTH ROWING COURSE

FEB '24
19TH-23RD

APR '24
2ND-4TH

14-18YR OLDS
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MAY '24
27TH-31ST

JUL '24
27TH-31ST

JUL-AUG '24
29TH JUL- 2ND AUG



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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=OqjANx

[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](#))



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.

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



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 cam-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 [school website](#).

New Mental Health Text Line

A new local mental health free text messaging support service has launched across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. **HEAR 85258** is being funded by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in partnership with the national service SHOUT.

The free to use text service provides real-time support to people who are struggling with their mental health across the county.

When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will offer them calm in a time or place of crisis. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported while working on a plan of action and signposted to local and national mental health services.

Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password, or registration. It is available for anyone who lives, works or studies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

For more information about what mental health services are available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, visit www.keep-your-head.com

If you feel your or somebody's life is at risk due to their mental health, dial 111 and listen for the option for the mental health crisis team.



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

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**



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

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.