



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 5th July

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu	Please CLICK HERE to see our current Menu
Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Sports Clubs and Fixtures	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 8th July	Lower School Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Lower School Production "Going for Gold" (7pm start)
Wednesday 10th July	Year 9 Sports Day Year 10 Core RE Day
Thursday 11th July	Year 8 Sports Day Summer Arts Concert (7pm)
Friday 12th July	Year 7 Sports Day
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th July	Activities Week Year 7 at Beaumanor Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 19th July	Last day of term (school finishes at 1:30pm)

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.

Activities Week 2024

Monday 15th to Thursday 18th July 2024

Activities Week will soon be here and we hope your children are looking forward to their off-timetable activities!

Year 7 students are either at Beaumanor or participating in on-site activities and **Year 8 & 9** are participating in a mixture of off-site and in-school activities; you should have received letters via SchoolPost with further details about your child's activity choices.



Reminder letters for Year 8 & Year 9 off-site activities will be sent next week.

Year 7 students were told this week about their accommodation and activity groups.

We would be grateful if you make any final payments, give consent or complete any waivers as soon possible; it will not be possible for your child to participate in Go Karting or Water and Land Sports if you have not completed a wavier.

For other off-site activities please give your consent via ParentPay.

If your child is no longer able to participate in an activity or you would like an extended payment plan please email Mrs Pearce at VPearce@CambourneVC.org as soon as possible.

If your child will not be in school please complete an [Absence Request Form](#).

Students participating in in-school activities should arrive at school in time for registration at 8.35am; apart from Art Encounters all in-school activities require students to wear school uniform or school PE uniform. The school canteen will be open as normal for morning break and lunch time.

Please also be aware there are 10 coaches arriving on Monday morning between 7.45am and 9.15am. There are 6 or 7 coaches on the other days; the coaches have been staggered but the time the coaches actually arrive may vary. The layby in front of the Cambourne & Hardwick Primary School and Cambourne Village College will be reserved for the coaches.

If you need to drop your child off or pick them up please be as quick as possible, give way to the coaches and park so the coaches can pass; they have a wide turning circle. Please do not park in spaces marked as disabled.

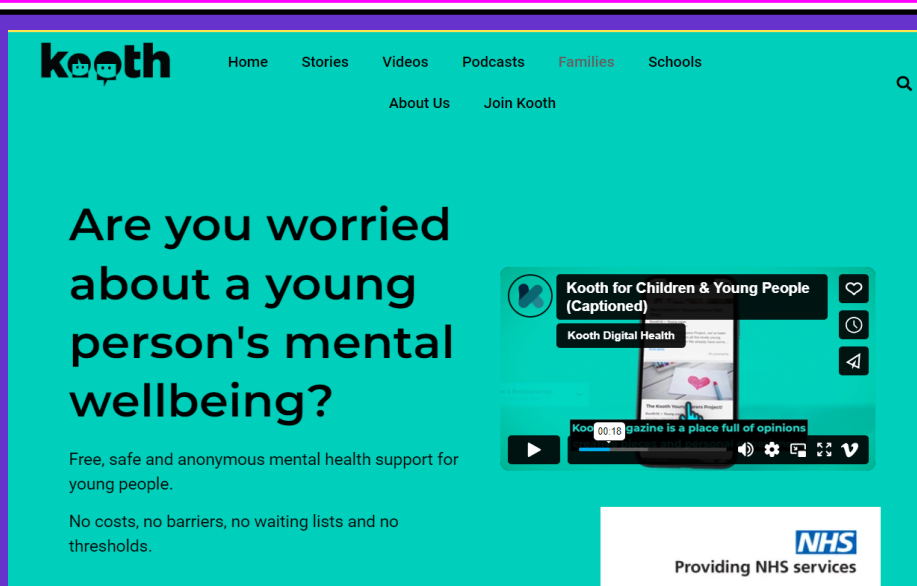


Cambourne Sixth Form Taster Days

As Cambourne Sixth Form takes shape ready to welcome our first cohort in September 2024, we were delighted to welcome 190 students from our own Year 10 into the Sixth Form to have a Taster experience of life as a Sixth Former. Students found out more about the A Level and BTEC courses we offer through sessions run by our subject specialist staff, and got to enjoy the sunshine in our fantastic outside space, The Crescent. They also heard a talk from Ms Rose, Head of Sixth Form, and Mr Clarke, Trust Director of Sixth Form, giving more information about the Post-16 options process and the specific experience that CamSF offers our young people. As Year 10 students move in to Year 11, there will be many further opportunities for advice and guidance about their next steps, such as our Post-16 information evening on 9th October and the Sixth Form Open Evening, on 7th November.

Cambourne Sixth Form Offer Holder Day

Our brand new Sixth Form was delighted to welcome many of our prospective students for September along on Monday 1st July to meet their teaching staff and experience tasters inducting them to their chosen A Level and BTEC courses. They were given a tour of our facilities by Dr Bell, our new Deputy Head of Sixth Form, as well as a further talk from Ms Rose, Head of Sixth Form, and Mr Clarke, Trust Director of Sixth Form, to support in preparing for the transition from GCSEs to the next steps in their education. The Domino's pizza lunch was also a popular feature of the day! Our Offer Holders will shortly be given information to access their summer transition work, and on how to formally take up their place after GCSE results day. Ms Rose said of the day *"It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 11s return to explore their brand new Sixth Form, and to see the welcome they gave to the students joining us from other schools. We feel very prepared for our opening in September and we're delighted that many young people have made the choice to remain on the Cambourne campus for the next phase of their education. Our teachers and Sixth Form support staff are so excited to see the Sixth Form we have been planning for so long finally come alive!"*



Link to support: <https://explore.kooth.com/families/>

Other sources for support outside of school can be found via the QR code:

Summer Weather: The summer weather seems to have arrived (a little late, and we may be being a bit over-optimistic about its longevity!).

As a reminder, please ensure that your children are prepared for the warmer days, including:

- **Ensuring they always carry a water bottle and refill it at break and lunchtime**
- **Ensuring they take any antihistamines before leaving home in the morning**
- **Ensuring they apply sun protection before going out in the sunshine at PE, break and lunchtime**

The school cannot administer antihistamines (or any other medication) to your child without your prior written consent. If you want the school to hold antihistamines for your child we are happy to do so, but you will need to complete the appropriate form from our [website](#) and drop it into Reception with the medication.



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Pupils with medications in School:

Please can Year 11 parents ensure that they arrange the collection of their child's medication that the school holds for them, on or after Thursday 20th June.

We have some controlled medications locked in the first aid room (which will need to be collected by an adult) and some emergency boxes in reception (as well as the normal paracetamol etc) but we can give that medication to the pupils if they come and ask for it.

Any medications not collected by the 18th July will be responsibly disposed of.

EID End of School Year Party: Saturday 6th July 2024 at Great Cambourne Green (near Dental Practice), CB23 6AJ. Time: 10:30 - 18:30.

Bouncy Castle / Food and a lot more, all welcome!

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SUMMER PARTY

EID & END OF SCHOOL YEAR PARTY

BURGER VAN
INDIAN STREET FOOD
ARAB DESSERT
ICE CREAMS
SOFT DRINKS

BOUNCY CASTLES

HENNA
CLOTHES
GROCERIES

THE GRILL PLUG
SMASHBURGERS • WINGS • SHAKES

GREAT CAMBOURNE GREEN (NEAR DENTAL PRACTICE), CB23 6AJ

SATURDAY 6TH JULY, 10:30 AM TO 6:30PM

www.CambourneCrescent.org

GOING FOR GOLD!

Book, music
and lyrics
by Geoff Page

7:30pm, Tuesday 9th July | Wednesday 10th July
Tickets online: £6, £4 (concessions)

"The pluck, the luck,
and the yuck of
scientific progress"



Tickets are available for the Lower School production (Going for Gold) and the Summer Concert.

Both of these events are happening near the end of term – and should be a fantastic celebration of the very many talented pupils in the school.

We would love as many people as possible to come and see these events – so get your tickets as soon as possible – as events can sell out!

If you would like to attend, but need financial assistance – please contact Emma Soley (esoley@cambournevc.org) to arrange a ticket.

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Lower School Production: Going for Gold

“The pluck, the luck, and the yuck of scientific progress”

Evening Performance 1 - 7:30pm, Tuesday 9th July

Evening Performance 2 – 7:30pm, Wednesday 10th July

Tickets: £6 / £4 (concession)

It's 1566, and Hennig Brand (formally assistant to a glass-maker's assistant) is now an self-styled alchemist, determined to unlock the secrets of the universe, and discover how to make gold from base materials. Aided by his long-suffering wife and his ever-enthusiastic assistant, Hennig's scientific instincts lead him in some rather unexpected directions, and before long his noxious experiments are offending his neighbours, and his unconventional ideas are offending some of Germany's leading scientists.

<https://www.wegottickets.com/CamAcademyTrust>

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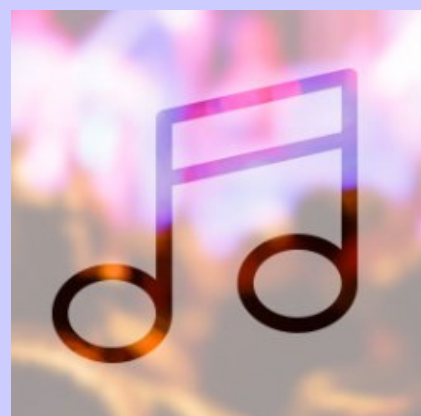
Summer Concert

7pm, Thursday 11th July (please note start time of 7pm)

Tickets: £7 / £5 (concession)

A musical extravaganza featuring Cambourne Village College's ensembles and a number of our talented performers.

<https://www.wegottickets.com/CamAcademyTrust>



A message from our new uniform supplier, Schoolyard:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to inform you about an important update regarding our school uniform suppliers. In addition to our current supplier, we are pleased to announce that Schoolyard will now be an additional authorized supplier for our school uniforms.

Schoolyard is a local company based in Royston, renowned for their high-quality products and excellent customer service. They offer a wide range of uniform items that meet our school's standards and specifications. We believe this addition will provide more convenience and flexibility for you when purchasing uniforms for your children.

Key Points:

- **Effective Date:** Starting from 1st July 2024, you can purchase uniforms from Schoolyard.
- **Location and Contact:** Schoolyard is located at Units 1&2, RO24, Jarman Way, Royston, Herts SG8 5FE. You can contact them on 01763 245911, go to their website – schoolyard.co.uk or visit their factory/office to try on uniform.
- **Product Range:** Schoolyard will offer a range of our school uniform, including Sweatshirts, Polos, Trousers, Skirts. Unfortunately, they will not be able to sell any of the PE Kit until May 2025 due to our current contract with our other uniform supplier.
- **Quality and Standards:** All uniforms provided by Schoolyard will adhere to the quality and design standards of our school.
- **Pricing:** Competitive pricing will be maintained to ensure affordability for all families.

We believe that having an additional supplier will enhance your shopping experience and ensure that all students have easy access to the uniforms they need.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Schoolyard on 01763 245911 or email sales@schoolyard.co.uk

Thank you for your attention to this update and for your continued support of our school.

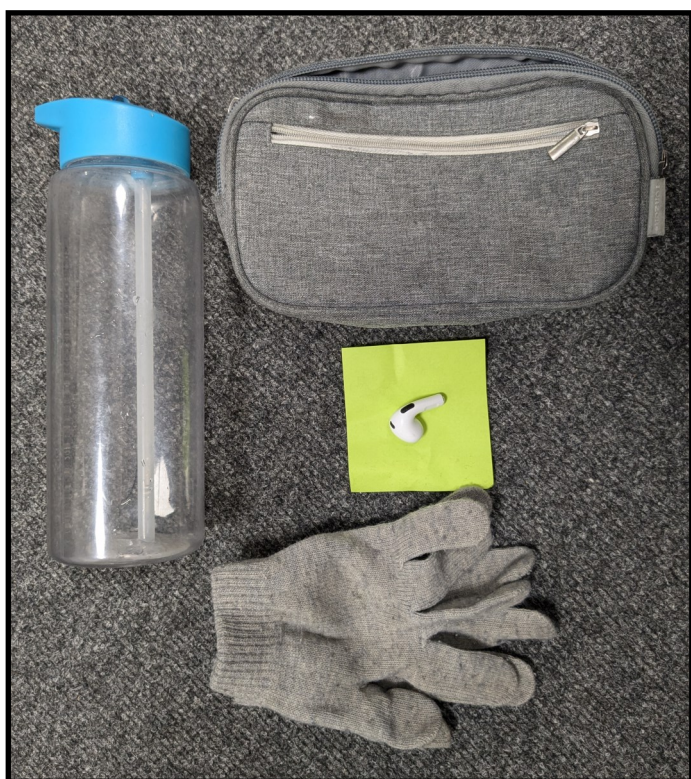
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Items that have been handed into reception this week: 1st - 5th July

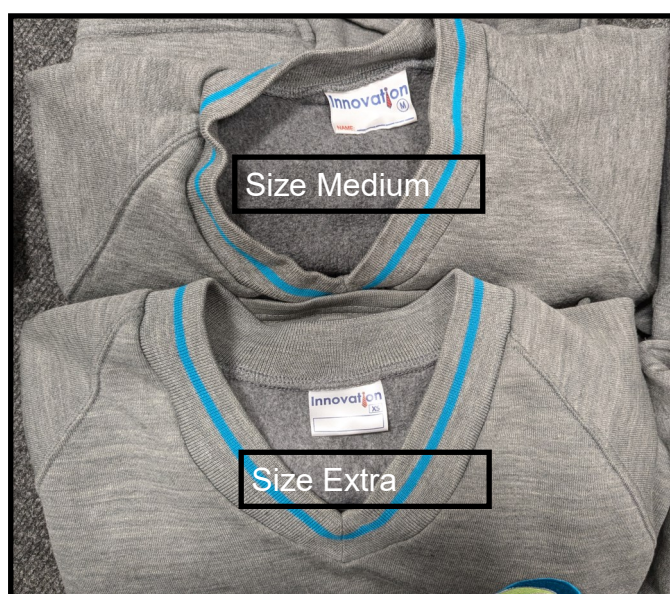
Contact Reception or email thecollege@cambournevc.org if you recognise any items.



You may or may not be aware of a new travel initiative the Combined Authority have launched **which allows those under 25 years old, to travel via bus, anywhere within the Combined Authority region** (Huntingdon, St Ives, Cambridge, Peterborough, St Neots, Chatteris, March, Ely, Wisbech) **for just £1.**

This will be useful for students who use public transport to travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and to attend social activities.

Please click the following link for more information and to apply for the 'Tiger Bus Pass' [£1 Bus Fare - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority](#)

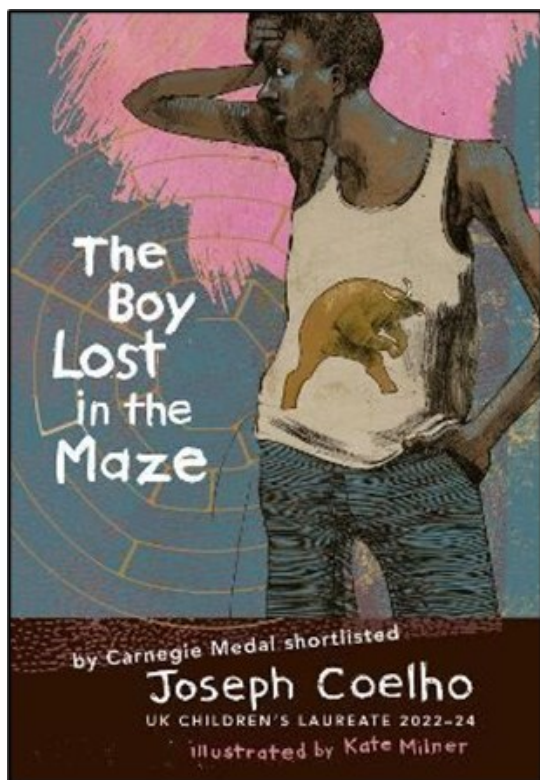


**Lost
Property**

**Any items not collected BEFORE
THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, will be
donated to charity**



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

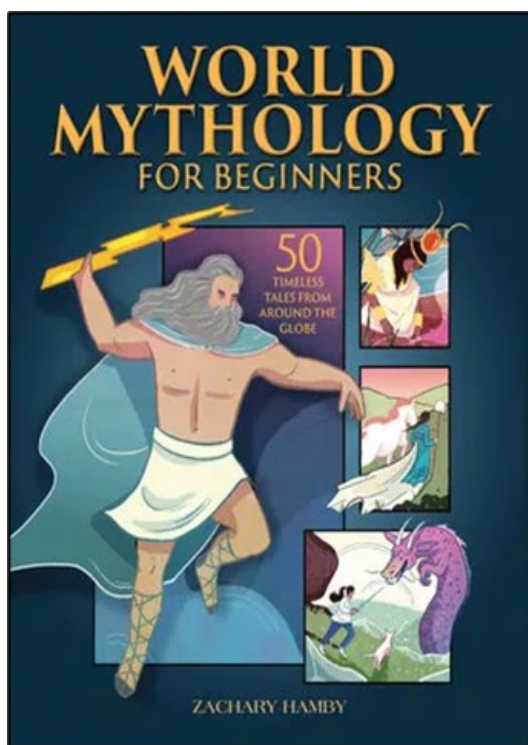


The Boy Lost in the Maze

By Joseph Coelho

Winner of the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing. In his new verse novel, Joseph Coelho brilliantly blends Greek myth with a 21st century quest. In Ancient Greece Theseus makes a dangerous and courageous journey to find his father, finally meeting the Minotaur in the Labyrinth. While Theo, a modern-day teenage boy, finds himself on a maze-like quest to find his own father. Each story tells of a boy becoming a man and discovering what true manhood really means. The path to self-discovery takes Theo through 'those thin spaces where myth, magic and reality combine'. Doubts, difficulties and dangers must be faced as Theo discovers the man he will become.

(Available on SORA as e-book / audio format, and the School Library)



World Mythology for Beginners

By Zachary Hamby

Lose yourself in the world's most compelling myths!

People have always created stories to explain and explore the world around them. World Mythology for Beginners introduces you to fifty of the most incredible tales of gods, heroes, and monsters. From common classics to lesser-known tales, these compact and modern retellings are a joy to read. Discover myths that cover every corner of the globe, from the Greek classics to the oral traditions of Africa. Read myths and legends presented with a storyteller's flair that makes it easy to enjoy them time after time. Contextualize each story with a collection of quick facts about its origin, key figures, and insights into the lessons and legends each myth celebrates. You'll never forget the myths, their meaning, and their place within history. ***(Available on SORA)***

Additional Reading resources and skills: https://linktr.ee/cambourne_vc

Cambourne Village College Library: <https://cambournevc.concordinfiniti.co.uk/library/portal>

Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6698162>

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – Summer 2 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm –

Athletics (LM, HT, GT, KR, LY)
Girls Cricket (External Cambs Cricket Coach)

TUESDAY 3-4pm –

American Flag Football - Astro (LM)
Rounders (GT, KB)
Badminton (KR)
Dance – Drama Studio (JR)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

Volleyball – Sports Hall (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

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

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

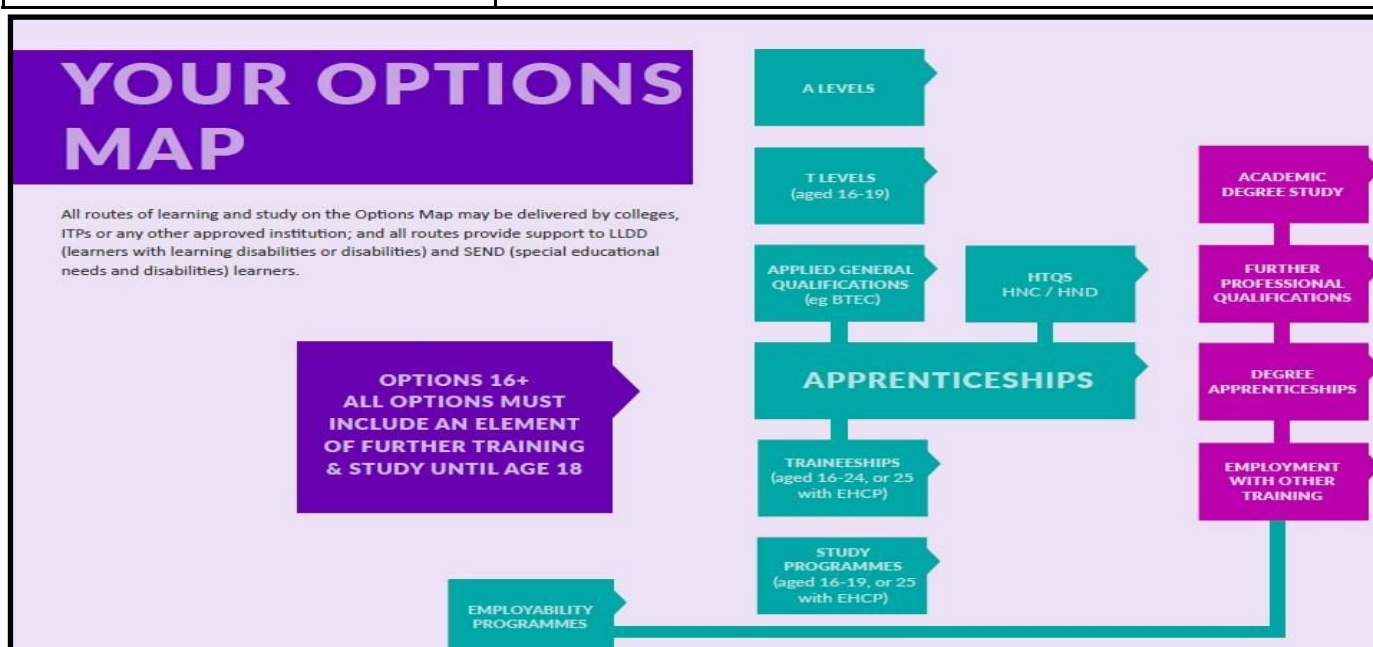


CAMBOURNE
VILLAGE COLLEGE

POST 16 OPEN EVENTS

Attendance at most of the events below are to be self-organised by parents/pupils. We will share all information received on these events, but it is pupils'/ parents' responsibility to register attendance with the individual sixth form/college and organise travel accordingly. If attending an open event that falls during school hours, a planned absence form will need to be completed, so that student absence can be authorised. Completed forms should be returned to the attendance officer at thecollege@cambournevc.org or handed into reception. Planned absence forms can be found at: <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/absence.php>. Pupils are normally limited to attendance at a maximum of two college open day/ taster day events during school time.

Institution	Details
Cambourne Sixth Form	Open Evening: Thursday 7th November 2024 www.cambournesixthform.org
Bishop Laney, Ely	Year 10 Taster Day: Thursday 11th July, all day https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10
Cambridge Maths School	See website for updates. https://cms.tela.org.uk/
Hills Road Sixth Form	Open Day: Saturday 6th July 10-4pm Open Evening: Monday 8th July 5-8pm Booking required: https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/
Impington International College	Year 10 taster: 10th July, all day https://www.impingtoninternational.org.uk/
College of West Anglia	Year 10 Taster Days Wisbech Campus: 1st July 10-2pm Register online: https://cwa.ac.uk/about/open-days



Term time only

Junior netball for all

New!



Learn how to play or progress your skills

Free taster session • Booking essential

Mondays

Girton Rec. Ground

5.00-6.00

School years 3-6

6.00-7.00

School years 6-9



To book, scan
the QR code
or go to:
[forms.gle/
WpJiQ8oM-
mrzTxHxS7](https://forms.gle/WpJiQ8oM-mrzTxHxS7)

Wednesdays

Netherhall School

4.30-5.30

School years 3-6

5.30-6.30

School years 6-9



To book, scan
the QR code
or go to:
[forms.gle/
p78yUByw-
cznnsDYr7](https://forms.gle/p78yUByw-cznnsDYr7)

£6 per session, £5 for siblings

Year 6's are welcome to attend either session

For more details email: info@gkfit.co.uk

GKfit
Active Together

CHARITY 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY 17
AUGUST 2024**



**CAMBOURNE
FOOTBALL PITCHES**

**CHILDREN MATCHES
2PM - 3PM**



**ADULT MATCHES
4PM - 5PM**

- All teams must be registered by 10th August please contact Amy_clark123@hotmail.com
- £20 Entry per team
- Please arrive 15 minutes before KO
- Bring your own team shirts/same colour tops
- First kick off at 2pm
- Only 3 subs per team
- Food and drinks available

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Cambridge YOUTH ASSEMBLY

**NOVEMBER
2024**



What is a 'Youth Assembly'?

The Cambridge City Youth Assembly is the first formal meeting of delegates with the City Council to represent the views and opinions of young people.

The Youth Assembly seeks to engage young voices in the process of improving our community through democratic process.



The Cambs Youth Panel is sending a delegation to represent your views.

www.cambsyouthpanel.co.uk

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



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 afternoon receptionist **Kitty Leung** to organise a time slot:

KLeung@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](#).



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

[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](#))



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





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.