



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 6th September

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 16th September	Jeans for Genes Day!
Thursday 19th September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Monday 23rd September	Pupil Photographs (all years)
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 3rd October	Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)



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.

Catering Reminder

As we continue to welcome our new caterer Innovate, we hope your child is impressed with the range and quality of food available.

The daily spending limit is £7 per day. If you would like this to be set to a different amount, then please fill in this form <https://forms.office.com/e/PnuWNk5WP9> and we will update your child's daily limit.

A welcome message from Innovate Catering and a menu with pricelist are available for everyone to see. We look forward to welcoming Innovate into our College and are excited about the offer they have for both the College and Sixth Form.

A WARM WELCOME FROM *Innovate* YOUR NEW RESTAURANT PROVIDER



We are delighted to partner with the students, teachers, and staff within the Cam Academy Trust

Our aim, along with the schools' is to provide all students with an **exceptional catering experience**. Our very talented Executive Chefs and our fantastic catering teams will be serving exciting menus packed with **healthy ingredients**, that are full of variety, and with loads of interesting new things to try. It's important that the food tastes as good as it looks, and we're sure you won't be disappointed.

What's on the menu?

Innovate has long been considered the most inventive school caterer and that's because we're very clear about our food. All our dishes are prepared every day using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced. As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

- **A huge selection of 'grab and go' items** including baguettes, paninis, burritos and salads to name a few.
- **A variety of healthy, tasty main meals prepared fresh every day** from carefully selected ingredients. The menu will follow a similar weekly pattern, so you know what to expect, providing **over 35 choices each day** in addition to the ever-popular chef specials, themed events and loyalty schemes.
- **Our Street Vibes range, global street food that tours the world.** It's always changing; from Korean fried chicken, Chinese bao buns, to Greek souvlaki, there's always something new to try!
- **A salad bar bursting with flavour**, from traditional garden salads through to composite salads with a wide variety of grains, proteins, and dressings
- **Theme days** we're travelling around the world! We'll go to different regions each half term, with 3 days of special dishes alongside Street Vibes street food for the whole half term. There are also lots of individual special days and promotions that will run throughout the year!

I have a free school meal allowance, what can I have?

We want to ensure that all of our customers have access to a healthy nutritious meal, with this in mind, we have some meal deals in place. These include the hot main meal offer, a hot wrap or hot chefs special with a hot dessert.

We have also developed our "Blue Dot Deal", 4 items can be purchased for the free school meal price. Selected hot items such as garlic bread, mini pizza boats, mushroom quesadilla, and selected cold items such as filled rolls, crudites, fruit pots etc. (Usually priced at £1.10 each) can be bundled together at the free school meal price. However, students can purchase any items they wish that fall within the free school meal allocation, including the breakfast and break time offer at the school.

Tell us what you think

Once you've tried our service, let us know what you think. Drop us an email at hello@impactfood.co.uk to tell us about your dining experience. We also run regular customer and parent surveys which are sent out via the school: with the results being used to improve our service and adapt our menus.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours sincerely,
Martin Coughlan

Regional Operations Manager

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Innovate IFG

DRINKS	PRICE	BREAKFAST	PRICE
Water 500ml	£1.10	Breakfast Roll	£1.55
Fruit Slush – Med/Lrg	£1.10/£1.45	Mini Breakfast Baguette	£1.55
Capri Sun	£1.30	3 Piece Breakfast Pot	£2.10
Dalston Cans	£1.40	Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.35
Radnor 200ml Carton	£1.10	Pancake with Topping	£1.25
Milk / Flavoured Carton	£1.10	Waffle with Topping	£1.65
HomeBakes		Pastries & Croissants	£1.65
Muffins	£1.30	Cereals + Milk (8oz)	£1.00
Small Cakes	£1.00	Porridge for Staff	£1.00
Cookies/Brownie	£1.30	Porridge for Students	Free
Chocolate/Cheese Straw	£1.30	Porridge Toppings	£0.45
HOT GRAB & GO		COLD GRAB & GO	
Ciabatta/Bagel	£2.65	Blue Dot Roll	£1.10
Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.65	Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.20
Toastie - Half/Whole	£1.10/£2.20	Wrap	£2.65
Korean Crispy Chicken	£2.65	Naturally – Premium Salad	£3.00
Tandoori Chicken Naan	£3.00	Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette	£2.35/£2.65
Wrap/Twister	£2.65	Half Baguette	£1.55
Chicken Wings	£2.30	Cold Pasta Pot 16oz	£2.50
Shawarma	£2.65	Vegetable Sticks with Houmous	£1.60
Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.55	Protein Pots	£1.00
Chicken Fajita Taco Boat	£3.00	Salad Pots	£2.00
Hot Bowls	£2.65	Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£2.20/£2.50	Whole Fruit	£0.55
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.10		
ALL POWER BITES			
Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.30		

VAT on hot food and beverages will be charged at the current rate for all staff members

TARIFF SEPTEMBER 2024

BREAKFAST	PRICE	HOMEBAKES	PRICE
Breakfast Roll	£1.55	Muffins	£1.30
Mini Breakfast Baguette	£1.55	Small Cakes	£1.00
3 Piece Breakfast Pot	£2.10	Cookies/Brownie	£1.30
Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.35	Chocolate/Cheese Straw	£1.30
Pancake with Topping	£1.25	HOT GRAB & GO	
Waffle with Topping	£1.65	Ciabatta/Bagel	£2.65
Pastries & Croissants	£1.65	Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.65
Cereals + Milk (8oz)	£1.00	Toastie - Half/Whole	£1.10/£2.20
Porridge for Staff	£1.00	Korean Crispy Chicken	£2.65
Porridge for Students	Free	Tandoori Chicken Naan	£3.00
Porridge Toppings	£0.45	Wrap/Twister	£2.65
COLD GRAB & GO		Chicken Wings	£2.30
Blue Dot Roll	£1.10	Shawarma	£2.65
Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.20	Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.55
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Naturally – Premium Salad	£3.00	Hot Bowls	£2.65
Basic Baguette/Premium Baguette	£2.35/£2.65	Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg	£2.20/£2.50
Half Baguette	£1.55	Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.10
Cold Pasta Pot 16oz	£2.50	ALL POWER BITES	
Vegetable Sticks with Houmous	£1.60	Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.30
Protein Pots	£1.00	SOUP	
Salad Pots	£2.00	Fresh Soup Available Daily	£1.80
Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00		
Whole Fruit	£0.55		

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Cambourne Sixth Form has welcomed its first students!

We're delighted to have welcomed many former CamVC students, as well as young people from across Cambridgeshire, into the first cohort of our new Sixth Form. For parents of new Sixth Formers, who are reading this bulletin for the first time, welcome!

Our Sixth Formers have spent their first few days meeting the CamSF team and exploring our wonderful facilities, as well as beginning their academic lessons. We have begun a programme of academic and pastoral support, led by tutors and the Sixth Form team, to ensure that our students are able to successfully manage the 'Leap' from GCSEs to Level 3 programmes of study. Teachers have reported that their new Year 12 students are "delightful" and "keen to learn"; we certainly have high aspirations for them!

The Sixth Form will be open to visitors from across the school at the main school open evening on 2nd October, at the Year 11 'Preparing for Post-16' evening on 9th October, and at the Sixth Form Open Evening on 7th November. Information for both current and prospective parents is available at www.cambournesixthform.org.

Frankie Rose, Head of Sixth Form

SCHOOL UNIFORM: EXPECTATIONS **for Years 7—11**

We are continually grateful for your support in sending your children to school in the correct uniform. We believe that wearing uniform helps to create a sense of identity and community in school. It helps improve safety and has a positive effect on the learning environment.

We want to maintain our current high standards of school uniform and to ensure that all uniform follows our principles of being smart, practical and comfortable. 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.

As a reminder, please see the guidance on our website: <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/uniform> which also has examples of the types of accepted uniform and shoes.

There are also links to our uniform suppliers [Schoolyard](#) and [Total Clothing](#).

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 evening receptionist **Natalie Selwood** to organise a time slot:

NSelwood@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 - Sonia Wilson cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Nicola Smith / Abby Stirling-Clarke cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Laura Harvey cam-year9@cambournevc.org

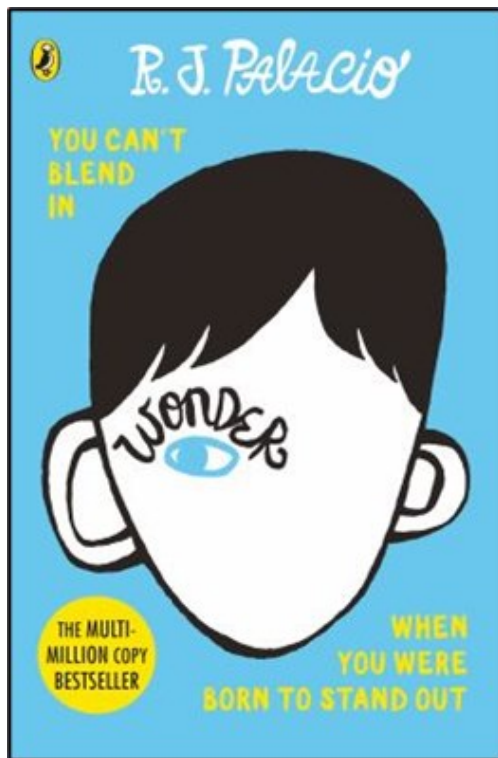
Year 10 - Lisa Radburn cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Lou Boyd cam-year11@cambournevc.org

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



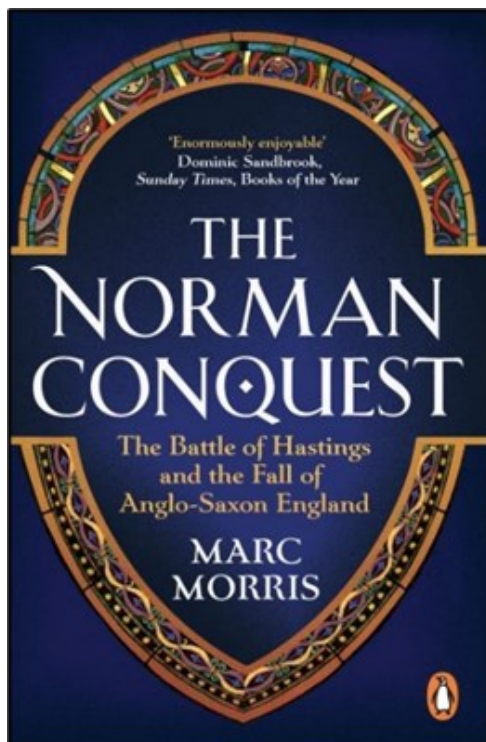
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all? Wonder is a funny, frank, astonishingly moving debut to read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page **(Available from the School Library and on SORA)**



The split history of the Norman Conquest

By Nick Hunter

An upstart French duke who sets out to conquer the most powerful and unified kingdom in Christendom. An invasion force on a scale not seen since the days of the Romans. One of the bloodiest and most decisive battles ever fought.

Going beyond the familiar outline, bestselling historian Marc Morris examines not only the tumultuous events that led up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, but also the chaos that came in its wake - English rebellions, Viking invasions, the construction of hundreds of castles and the destruction of England's ancient ruling class. Language, law, architecture, even attitudes towards life itself, were altered forever by the Norman Conquest. **(Available from the School Library)**

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 – September 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 and 8 football – Astro (LY and EH)
Badminton – Sports hall and Gym (LM and KR)
Netball – Courts – (HT and GT)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9, 10 and 11 football – Astro (GT)
Dodgeball – Gym (LM)
Rugby – Field (KR)
Dance – Dance studio (JR)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

Vcert Catch up – IT04
Volleyball – Sports Hall - (HT)
Hockey – Astro (KB)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities/meetings – 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

Remember to scan the QR code in the changing rooms to register your attendance for the club.



Cambourne
Church

CAMBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE GARDEN

A community project to celebrate 25 years of Cambourne by making the land around the church into a place of welcome, beauty, produce and wildlife.

Produce harvested is donated to the Cambourne Foodbank Welcome Centre.





Cambourne Church

Some of the team meet every
Wednesday at the veg plot to
harvest whatever is ready for the
Thursday Foodbank.

2pm or by arrangement email
garden@cambournechurch.org.uk

We meet monthly 10am – 12 on the second Saturday of
each month to work on the veg garden, flowers,
meadows and trees, and hoping to plant hedges and
install seating. Bring your own hot drink.

Adults of all abilities and accompanied children
welcome, with or without experience.

13th July

12th October

10th August

9th November

14th September

7th December (1st Sat)



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

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



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](#))





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 | PSO - Sonia Wilson



Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSO - Nicola Smith & Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSO - Laura Harvey & Sam Tomlinson



Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSO - Lisa Radburn

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSO - Lou Boyd

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 284000



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 business hours.