



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 13th September

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

Thursday 19th September	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening (5:30pm start)
Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day!
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)
Wednesday 9th October	Post-16 Information Evening



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less  
absence per year  
**97% or above**

**VERY GOOD  
THIS IS YOUR  
TARGET**

Between  
7 and 19 days  
absence per year

**90% - 96%**

**BELOW  
EXPECTATIONS**

More  
than 19 days  
absence per year

**Under 90%**

**POOR  
ATTENDANCE**

## Reporting your Child's Absence from School:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you have a legal requirement to inform the school **on each day of absence**. If you are reporting your child's absence from school today, please can you email [cam-absence@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-absence@cambournevc.org) by **8:30am every day of the absence** and leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence and the child's full name and tutor group. If you fail to inform the school, we are legally required to make contact with you, to ensure the child's safety. Even if they have been 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](mailto:cam-absence@cambournevc.org) with the dates and times the pupil is expected to be out of school and preferably with a copy of the appointment card/notification so that the absence can be authorised. As much as possible, pupils should be in school prior to/ after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

Prior notification ensures the Year team and Reception staff are aware of your child arriving late / leaving early and the necessary arrangements can be put in place. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, they should inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and make their own way down to Reception. The Reception staff will try to help locate children for appointments, but we do not always have someone available to do a collection from lessons.

## Planned Absence Request:

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

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

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



Items that have been handed into reception this week:  
9th - 13th September



Contact the College Reception or email  
[thecollege@cambournevc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org) if you recognise any items.

# WE WILL ROCK YOU




Auditions for our school musical this year will be **We Will Rock You.**

Thursday the 19th of September in the Performance Hall between 3:00pm until 5:00pm

No need to bring or prepare anything, just come along!

Good luck!



**JEANS  
FOR  
GENES**

**Our Jeans for Genes day will be on Friday 20th September.**

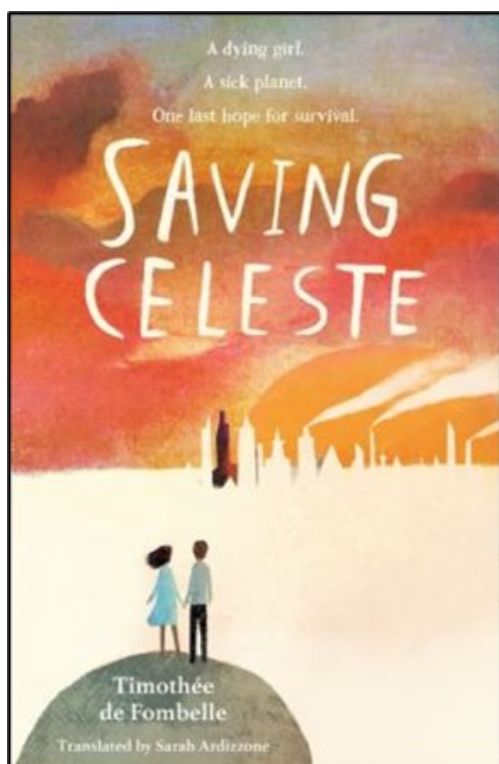
Blue Jeans can be worn to school but regular school polo t-shirt and school jumper **MUST** also be worn.

Donations will be welcome from all and will go towards raising money for children with genetic conditions—more information can be found on their website:

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/funding-in-action>

More information will come out next week for parents and pupils.

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

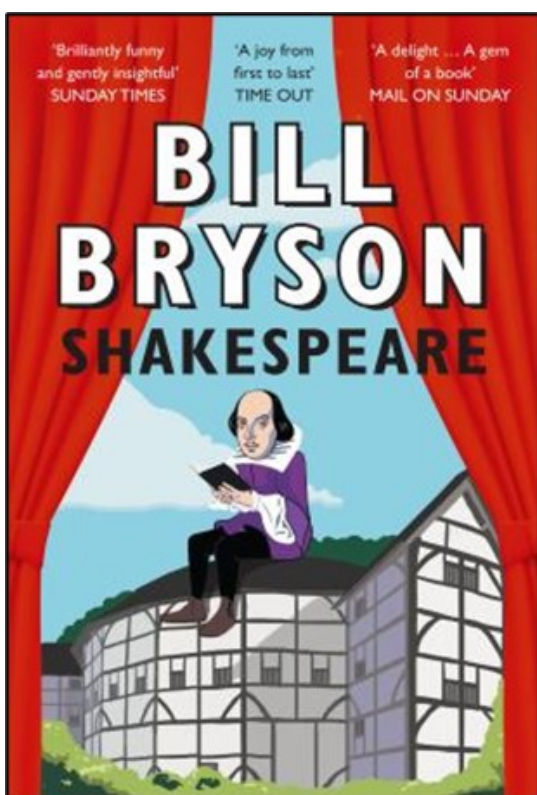


## ***Saving Celeste***

By Timothée de Fombelle

An incredibly moving and powerful story about climate change.

The world is run by industry and the only thing that matters is to buy, buy, buy. People live in crowded cities where cars are stacked vertically, and shopping centres run miles into the sky. Celeste lives in Tower 330, barely visible in the immense city, shrouded by a fog of fumes. On the day she starts school on the 110th floor of a tower block, Celeste meets a lonely, young boy. The next day she doesn't return. Her blood has become as polluted as the seas and rivers. On a mission to save her, the boy battles the forces of industry and takes her far, far away. Will the world realise the truth of Celeste's disease? Will there be time for her, and the planet, to recover? **(Available from the school library and on SORA)**



## ***Shakespeare***

By Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson examines the facts, myths and stories that have comprised our knowledge of the life of William Shakespeare. Despite being the most celebrated poet in the English language, who left behind nearly a million words of text, Shakespeare's biography has long been a thicket of wild supposition arranged around scant facts. With a steady hand and his trademark wit, Bryson sorts through this colourful muddle to reveal the man himself. He celebrates Shakespeare as a writer of unimaginable talent and enormous inventiveness, a coiner of phrases, 'vanish into thin air,' 'foregone conclusion', 'one fell swoop' that even today have a home at the tips of our tongues. His Shakespeare is like no one else's - the beneficiary of Bryson's genial nature, his engaging scepticism and a gift for storytelling unrivalled in our time. **(Available from the school library and on SORA)**

**Additional Reading resources and skills:** [https://linktr.ee/cambourne\\_vc](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

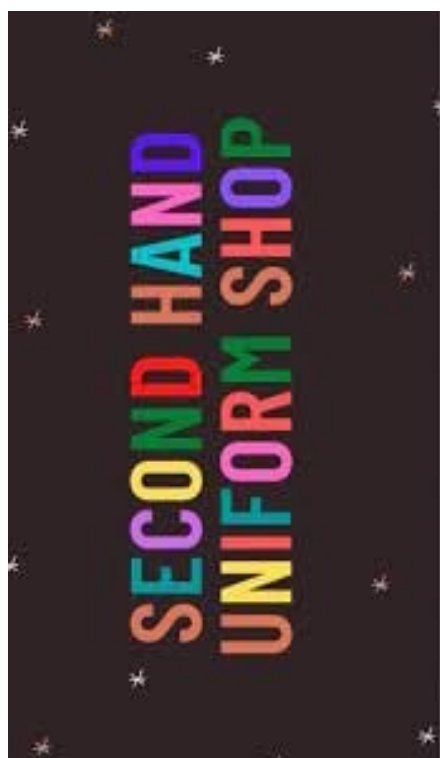
**Remember to scan the QR code in the changing rooms to register your attendance for the club.**

If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please email [thecollege@cambournevc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org) so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

If your child needs a coat/jacket and would like to look through our unnamed items to find something suitable for them, please ask them to go to their Year team office or email the College.



# Lost property



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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org)

Year 8 - Nicola Smith / Abby Stirling-Clarke [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org)

Year 9 - Laura Harvey [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org)

Year 10 - Lisa Radburn [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org)

Year 11 - Lou Boyd [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org)

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



## TARIFF SEPTEMBER 2024

*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		

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Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.35	Chocolate/Cheese Straw	£1.30
Pancake with Topping	£1.25	<b>HOT GRAB &amp; GO</b>	
Waffle with Topping	£1.65	Ciabatta/Bagel	£2.65
Pastries & Croissants	£1.65	Panini – Half/Whole	£1.55/£2.65
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Porridge for Staff	£1.00	Korean Crispy Chicken	£2.65
Porridge for Students	Free	Tandoori Chicken Naan	£3.00
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Blue Dot Roll	£1.10	Shawarma	£2.65
Deli Sub Roll/Sandwich	£2.20	Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.55
Wrap	£2.65	Chicken Fajita Taco Boat	£3.00
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	<b>ALL POWER BITES</b>	
Vegetable Sticks with Houmous	£1.60	Range of 8oz Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.30
Protein Pots	£1.00	<b>SOUP</b>	
Salad Pots	£2.00	Fresh Soup Available Daily	£1.80
Yoghurt/Jelly/Fruit Pots	£1.00		
Whole Fruit	£0.55		

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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=OgjANx](https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/EckeB-WkJX1NoaAcIPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx)

[Click here](#) for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos

(if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account [here](#))



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





## Students IT Support

If your child needs a password reset, for example to their email, Show My Homework or any of the platforms we use at the College, or if they have any issues with their iPads, please email [cam-support@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-support@cambournevc.org).

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

## Communication with the School

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

Please email [cam-year7@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Sonia Wilson



Please email [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Nicola Smith & Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Laura Harvey & Sam Tomlinson



Please email [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org) | PSO - Lisa Radburn

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cambournevc.org)

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