



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 20th 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 23rd September	Pupil Photographs (all years)
Thursday 26th September	TRIP: Year 10 Engineering visit to Carl Zeiss (10am-1:30pm)
Wednesday 2nd October	Pupil flu vaccinations Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 3rd October	Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)
Wednesday 9th October	Post-16 Information Evening
Friday 18th October	Pupil flu vaccinations (mop-up day)



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.

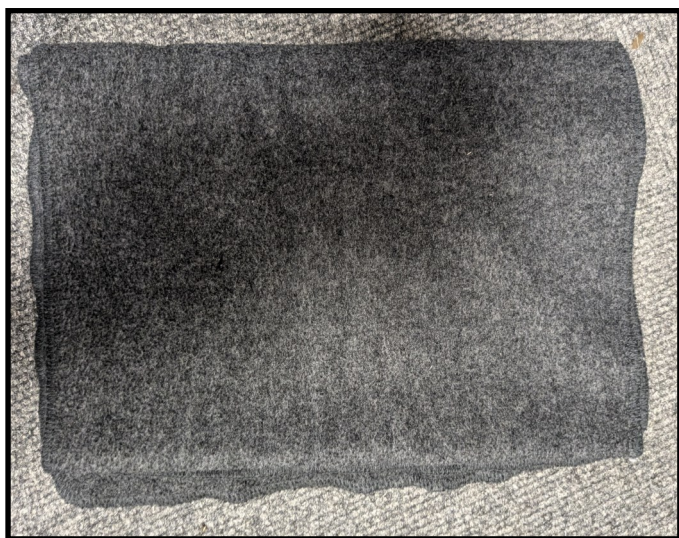
Please note that due to Changes to Section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, the Principal cannot authorise any term time leave unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

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



Un-named Items that have been handed
into reception this week:

16th - 20th September



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





LOST PROPERTY

Boys Trousers

Size 34 / 34



**Any items not collected
within 4 weeks, will be
donated to charity.**



Film Of The Week (FOTW)

My name is Mrs Milne, and I am Head of Film Studies here at CamVC. As a HUGE lover of Film, I thought it would be nice to share my weekly recommendations for you as a family to view. Some you will have seen or heard of, others will be a little more obscure, but all will be appropriate for the whole family and something for you all to share and enjoy. I will endeavour to select from a variety of viewing platforms/ streaming sites, so there'll be something for everyone eventually.



My first FOTW is...

The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Available on Netflix, this hilarious and heartwarming tale of an average family's fight against the uprising of AI robots has something for everyone. It is laugh-out-loud funny on more than one occasion and looks at issues such as family, love, device dependency and growing up.

You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll never look at your phone in the same way again!



Young Carers

Support for Young Carers will begin again on **Thursday 26th September**, running every week B on Thursdays after school until 4pm. This will be held in the Link.

If your child is a young carer, please do encourage them to attend this club and get together with other young carers. There are lots of activities planned for this year, including a trip! Speak to Miss Smith in the Link if you require more information.

For more information on young carers please also see the Young Carers Website with advice and information: <https://www.caringtogether.org/support-for-carers/young-carers>



Sparx Maths

Drop-in Homework Support

Every Monday 12:40 – 13:10

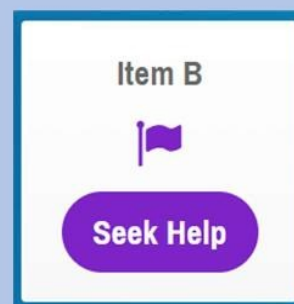
Pink 11

Bring your lunch if you like!



Come for the whole time
to work on your
homework

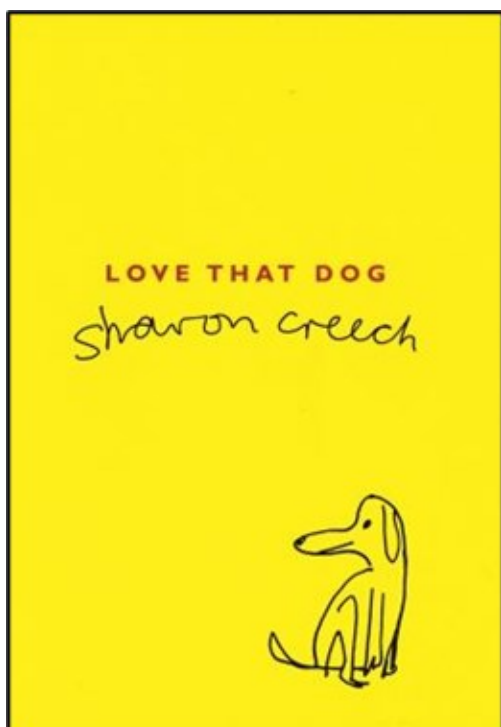
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Drop-in for a few minutes
to get help when Sparx
has said "Seek Help".

Remember: You need to complete 100% every week

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

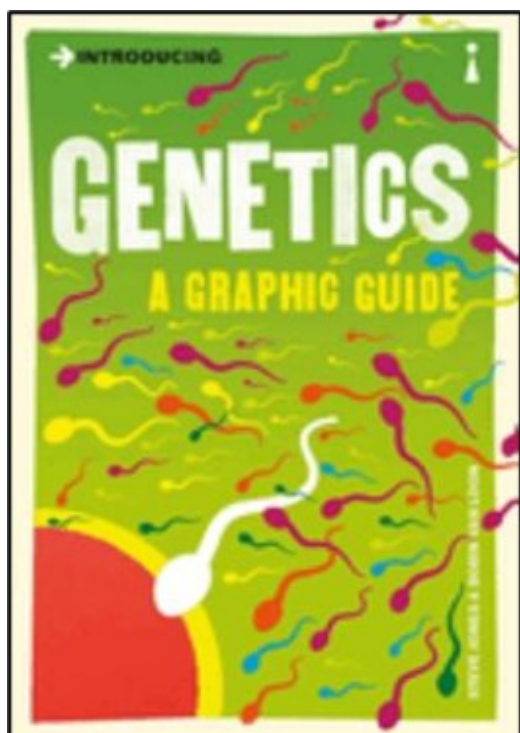


Love that dog

By Sharon Creech

Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms. Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments—and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say. Slowly Jack learns the pleasures of writing poetry as Miss Stretchberry encourages him to tell his own story through verse. What emerges is a moving and memorable story about a boy and his dog and his growing passion for poetry.

(Available from the School Library)



Genetics: a graphic guide

By Steve Jones & Borin Van Loon

Genetics is the newest of all sciences - nothing useful was known about inheritance until just over a century ago. Now genetics is exploding, and before long we will have the complete code, written in three thousand million letters of DNA, of what makes a human being. From the early work of Mendel to the discovery of DNA, the human gene map and the treatment of inborn disease, this book takes its readers on a journey of discovery. No one can afford to be ignorant of genetics. This book is the perfect introduction.

(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>

PERFORMANCE HALL, LUNCHTIME, 12:45 – 1:15 PM

Join Toby Roberts, Maker in Residence at Raspberry Pi, as he takes you on an exciting journey from his days as a police officer to becoming a creative tech innovator.

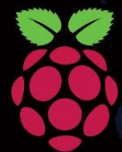
Toby will share how he uses Raspberry Pi to build incredible projects, including lightsabers, Iron Man arc reactors, giant animated Lego figures, and more.

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INSPIRATIONAL **RASPBERRY PI** FRIDAYS

Use the Pi, Tech Jedi
A Journey from
Officer to Innovator



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 COMMUNITY FETE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM

GREAT CAMBOURNE CRICKET GREEN



INFLATABLES AND FOOD 'TIL LATE!

ORGANISED BY CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

FUNDS RAISED FOR CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY GROUPS



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Positively Parent Your Teen. 3-week online workshop via TEAMS

Facilitated by
Samantha Stacey and
Clare Merrington
Education Inclusion Family Advisors

Looking at the following information.

Improve your communication style and the benefits of using a positive parenting style.

How do we identify what our children need?

How to reduce challenging behaviour and conflict?

Building self-esteem in our Teen.

Please follow link below. Booking is essential and places are limited. Please note handouts will only be given to those that attend the workshops.

Wednesday 9th October 1-2pm

Wednesday 16th October 1-2pm

Wednesday 23rd October 1-2pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ufHnPnq45E>



For more information contact me directly on:

 samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

October Family events at Cambourne Town Library



From Monday 7th until Saturday 12th October is it National Libraries week and we are celebrating everything Green for this libraries week. Please come down and celebrate with us and do something eco-friendly.

Nearly New Books Sale - This will be running all week with books that are in fantastic condition and will be sold at very reasonable prices.

Thursday 10th - After school litter pick from 3pm- 5pm. Pick up litter collecting equipment from the library foyer. Please return equipment and rubbish collected in bags to the library for disposal. Any children taking part will need to bring their own gardening gloves and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Friday 11th - 9.30- 10 am. Green themed story and rhyme time. For pre-schoolers and their adults. Duplo will also be put out after the session.

Saturday 12th - 10.30- 11.30 am. Nature collage craft Come along to this fun craft session to cut, stick and make a hanging nature decoration, using recycled materials.

Free and no need to book, just turn up. Suitable for ages 3yrs+. Parental supervision required at all times.

October is also Black History Month. So come and explore our display celebrating Black contributions to British life and literature.

[Cambridgeshire Online](#) | [Cambourne Library](#)



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](#).



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 | 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.