



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 27th 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

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
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day Black History Month Film Screening (4pm onwards)
Thursday 17th October	International Talent 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.

Introduction from our Safer Schools Officer: Chris Boother

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Safer Schools Police Officer 477 Chris Boother starting at Cambourne Village College this half term. My role within the police is to work across a range of Secondary Schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and as part of this, my primary role is to safeguard children and help them steer clear of criminality by providing education, guidance, and support on various key issues, including drugs, knife crime, cybercrime, and sexual offences. Through my work, I strive to be a familiar and approachable figure in policing, one that students, staff, and parents can rely on for advice, support, and intervention when needed.



I work closely with school staff and at Cambourne I am based in the new green wing and will be in school here every Thursday to ensure that students receive the best possible support, acting as a consistent point of contact between the police, staff, and students. My regular presence within the school is aimed at fostering a positive and open relationship between young people and the police, helping to build bridges within the community.

By educating students about the dangers of criminal behaviour and offering preventative guidance, my goal is to create a safe environment where children feel protected and supported.

If you need to get in touch with me, please use the following email: saferschools@cambournevc.org

Thank you.

Pupil Flu vaccinations—REMINDER

This is a reminder that the first flu vaccination session will be held in school on Wednesday 2nd October. **Whether you wish to consent to or decline the vaccination for your child, please complete the form at the following link:**

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>

This will enable you to select the appropriate version of the vaccine (nasal or intramuscular injection) or to decline both. There will be an additional session on 18th October for those who are not able to be vaccinated during the first session. We would remind you that if your child misses these sessions, they will not be able to receive their vaccination from your GP. The vaccination service does offer catch up clinics on specific dates for any children who miss their vaccination in school: more details are available here:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics/>

If you should have any queries, please email the vaccination service direct at cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk – CamVC simply host these sessions and are unable to answer any queries with regard to the suitability of the vaccine or access to the portal.





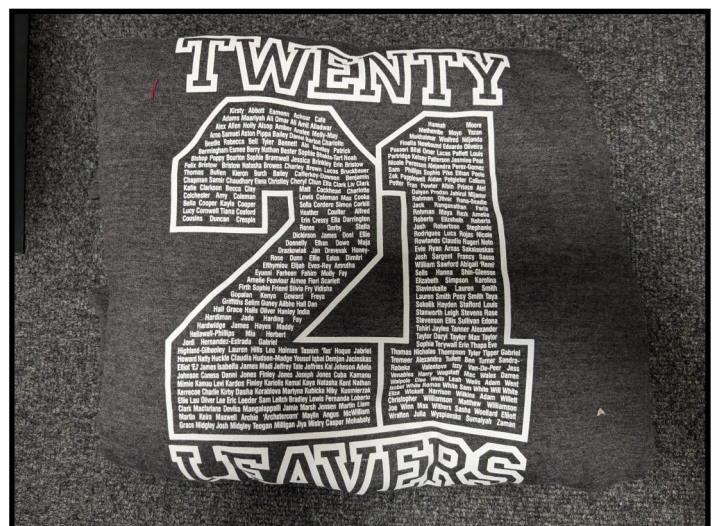
Un-named Items that have been handed into reception this week:

23rd - 27th September 2024



Contact the College Reception or email

thecollege@cambournevc.org if you recognise any items.

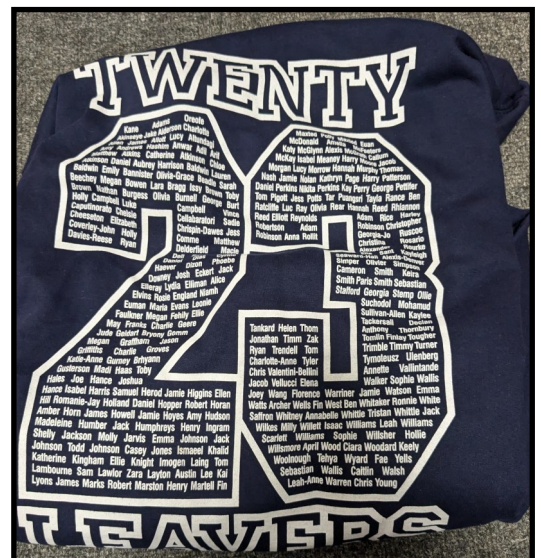




LOST PROPERTY



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

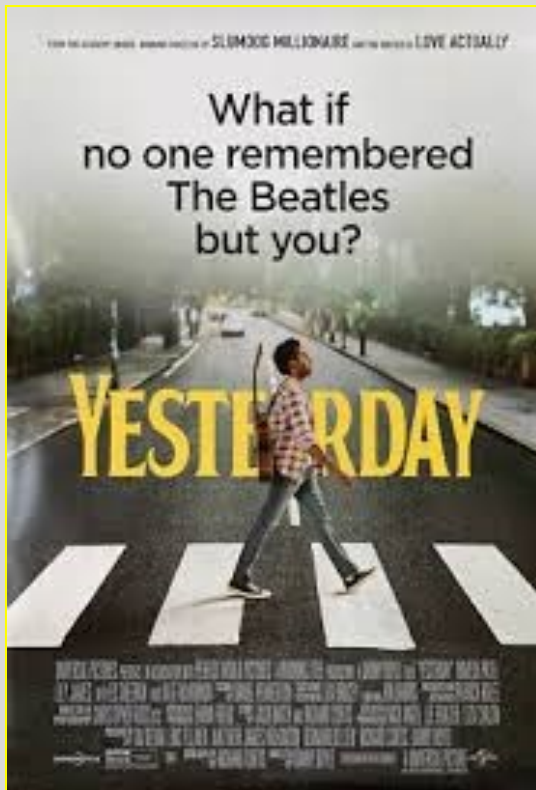


Film Of The Week (FOTW)

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 second FOTW is...

Yesterday



Available on Amazon Prime Video, this nostalgic trip down memory lane imagines a world where no one remembers The Beatles except for one man, who then uses their extensive repertoire to impress the world, and Ed Sheeran (in the challenging role of playing himself!). I didn't grow up listening to The Beatles, yet every song seems familiar to me, and you will feel the same.

A beautiful and thought provoking tale of what the world loses and gains from the brilliance that is created by the few.



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

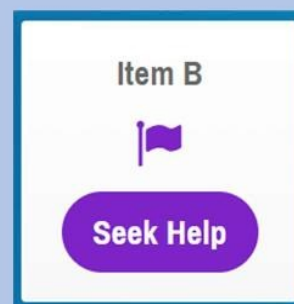
Pink 11

Bring your lunch if you like!



Come for the whole time
to work on your
homework

OR



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

Remember: You need to complete 100% every week

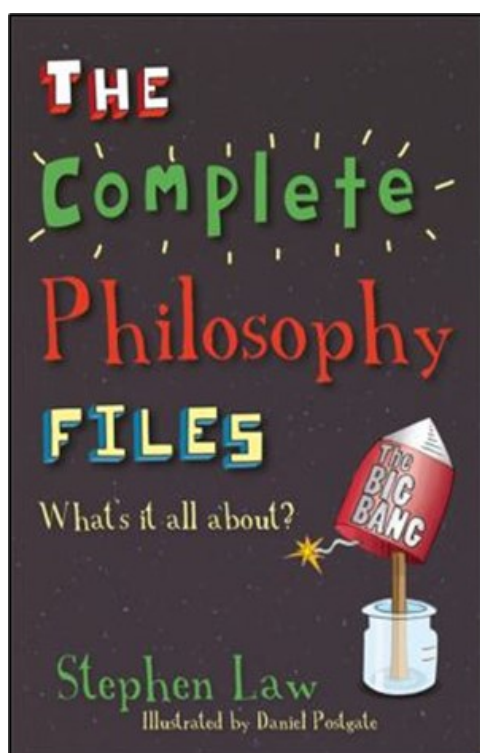
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Oh My Gods

By Alexandra Sheppard

Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic. But for Helen Thomas, it's tragic. She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an actually cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. Especially as it seems like someone is determined to expose the family secret and have them banished from the mortal world. Can Helen find a way to save her family, or will she lose them forever? Sheppard interweaves modern-day teenage life and Greek mythology in this fun and fantastical book! **(Available from the school library)**



The Complete Philosophy Files

By Stephen Law

Why does the universe exist? Could you become a robot? Is there a god? Is it ever right to kill someone? Is time travel possible? If you have ever pondered questions like this then this is the book for you! Dip into any chapter and you will find lively scenarios and dialogues to take you through philosophical puzzles ancient and modern, involving virtual reality, science fiction and a host of characters from this and other planets. The dialogue is illustrated by humorous cartoons which appear frequently throughout the book. Rather than forcing his opinions on you, Stephen Law voices his thoughts, then encourages you to come to your own conclusions. Law has a gift for communicating complex ideas. He offers few answers, but his highly refreshing personal approach will have you thinking and arguing with as much pleasure as he does himself. **(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.

Free Webinars for Parents or Year 10 and Year 11 Pupils:



Success with Exams.

Event Details:

"The Secret to GCSE Success" Webinar

Thursday, 3rd October 2024, 7pm-8pm

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/secret-to-gcse-success>

Hosted by Emily Hughes, author of the 'GCSE Survival Guide for Parents' and founder of Parent Guide to GCSE, this webinar will equip parents with the tools they need to help their children prepare for GCSEs without the stress. Emily is a well-known expert on teen parenting, frequently featured in the media, and her practical, easy-to-implement advice has helped countless families navigate the GCSE journey.

We've received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our previous events, which have been shared by over 300 schools.

The webinar will cover essential topics such as:

- Why starting now makes all the difference.
- Revision tips and strategies that save time.
- The parent's role in supporting GCSE success.
- Motivating teens to stay on track without overwhelming them.

A Q&A session to address specific questions from parents.

Replay available:

Parents who cannot attend the live event will have access to a replay, as long as they've registered.

The link to register, which also contains all the details is below:

<https://events.parentguidetoeducation.com/secret-to-gcse-success>



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



Free

COURSES FOR PARENTS

Resolving parental conflict



It's not unusual to have disagreements in a relationship, but when they spill out into family life, they can be emotionally damaging to children.

Family Hubs are offering free courses for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough parents who are experiencing relationship conflict and want to improve their communication with each other.

- **Improve the communication with your partner to support your children**
Friday 4 October, 12-1pm & Friday 11 October 12-1pm

To sign up to a course visit <https://forms.office.com/e/J2sVr8V9km>

- **Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children**
Wednesday 16 October 6:30 -7:30pm & Wednesday 23 October 6:30 -7:30pm

To sign up to a course visit <https://forms.office.com/e/J2sVr8V9km>

B = Booking Required

£ = There is a charge for this session

Please encourage your children to have their say on **youth provision in the local community** by accessing the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/k3eu4BmEiX>

Closing date is **Friday 18th October**.

YOUTH SURVEY

**FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE
AGED 11 - 19
YEARS OLD**



**WHO LIVE IN SOUTH
CAMBS**

SCAN ME

**A CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR OPINIONS AND
INSIGHTS ON WHAT MATTERS TO YOU**

Web link to survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/k3eu4BmEiX>

More info: communities@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



**THE
connections
BUS PROJECT**



**The
Kite
Trust.**



Cambridgeshire South Care Partnership



**Cambridgeshire
County Council**



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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](#)





Cocks and Hens Tennis Club

Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED



October Half Term Tennis Camps!

DATES:
AGE GROUPS:

Monday 28 Oct to Friday 1 Nov
6 to 10 yrs / 11 to 16 yrs

SPECIAL OFFER!
ONLY 4!!!!

BOOK FOR ALL 5 DAYS AND PAY FOR

Age	Time	Dates	Cost per day	Cost for all days
6 to 10 yrs	09:00 – 12:00 (3hrs)	Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	£30 Discounts: 10% for members	£120 Discounts: 10% for members
11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	Mon 28 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	£35 Discounts: 15% for members	£140 Discounts: 15% for members

**Come and have fun,
improve your game and
learn some new skills!**

For details and to book visit our website:
www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps

Or for any questions contact Justin Layne on:
cockshenscoaching@gmail.com

Find us off Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED.
Access on foot/bicycle via Fulbrooke Road or
by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards
Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway
before the national speed limit sign.

"It was very inclusive.
Everyone is made to
feel welcome."

"I liked how there were
different levels of
players so both me and
my sister had people of
our level to play with."



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](#))



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](#).



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.