



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 18th October

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 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Curriculum Extension Days (off timetable for all pupils).
Friday 25th October	Year 12 Attitudinal Reports out
Saturday 26th October - Friday 1st November	Years 9 & 10 MFL trip to Granada, Spain
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November - Friday 15th November	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 7th November	Cambourne Sixth Form Open Evening (6pm-8pm)
Thursday 14th November	Year 9 Parent Consultation (Lessons 1-4 taught). School closes at 1:30pm for 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.

Curriculum Extension Days 2024

Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October

We hope your children are looking forward their enrichment days next week.

Year 7 are visiting Colchester Zoo, Year 8 are at Walton-on-the-Naze, Year 9 are at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park and Year 10 are visiting Bhaktivedanta Manor.

All students are expected to participate in the Curriculum Extension days, if you have not given your consent, please could you do so. If your child is not able participate in the Curriculum Extension day please email Mrs Pearce at Cam-Trips@CambourneVC.org. If your child will not be in school please complete an Absence Request Form.

Please be aware there are 9 coaches arriving on both days, in the morning between 7.45am and 9.15am and in the afternoon between 2.45pm and 4.30pm. The coaches are 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 hatched areas or in spaces marked as disabled.

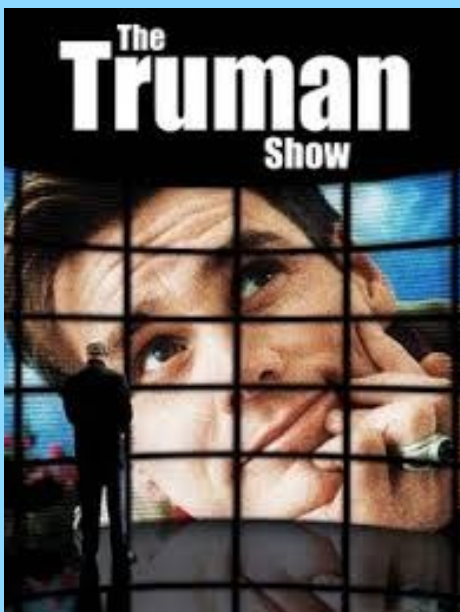
Letters containing details of the off sites have been sent home via SchoolPost,

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Film Of The Week (FOTW)

As you hopefully all know by now, 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 fourth FOTW is... **The Truman Show**



Available on Amazon Prime and ClickView (which students can access by logging on using their school email address), The Truman Show is as relevant today as it was in 1998 when it was first released. Centred around a character who is unknowingly the star of his own television show, The Truman Show raises questions about what is ethical and right in the surveillance of humanity. With the rise of CCTV, mobile phone data tracking and Artificial Intelligence, could this seemingly science-fiction film suggest what might constitute as entertainment in the future?

I love this film because it is one of Jim Carrey's rare 'straight' roles, where he isn't relying on his infamous rubber face. It raises many ethical and moral questions about whether it is better to know or not know and provides the family with LOTS to talk about over dinner, most importantly – 'what would YOU do if you found out all of this was actually fake and you were the star of a TV show?'

The MFL Department are proud to present:

Duolingo Languages Competition open to Parents & Pupils

For the competition, the aim is to use the Duolingo app or website to learn a language. You can continue learning a language you are already learning, or you can learn more than one language. The winner in each category will be the person who has gained the most XP, or Experience Points, within Duolingo by **9am on Sunday 1st December 2024**. There will be prizes for the winners in each category (Parents + all Year Groups). Duolingo is free of charge to use.

Parents and pupils can choose which languages to learn. Perhaps you wish to support your child learning the French, German and Spanish that we offer here at CamVC; maybe you wish to explore a less obvious language such as Swahili, Vietnamese or Hungarian. If learning a language was a new year's resolution, our competition might just give you that added impetus!

If you already have a Duolingo account, you can carry on using it for this competition. Pupils should sign up with their name and school email address so that the lucky winner can be given the prize.

Some Duolingo features are disabled to ensure participants' privacy and safety: you will not be able to participate in discussions, make friend requests, follow other participants or participate in leagues. The competition organisers will be able to see participants' names and progress until the close of the competition, and will be able to see the emails participants used to sign up. Here are the links to sign up:

Parents' competition (whichever years your children are in): www.duolingo.com/classroom/gyjbjk

Year 7 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/pkjcby

Year 8 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywqpus

Year 9 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/fkpcqd

Year 10 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/vsmjsz

Year 11 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/apscdy

Year 12 students' competition: www.duolingo.com/classroom/ywwdqq

If it results in an error, please check if your leaderboard tab has disappeared. If it has, you should have joined successfully.

If you wish to download it onto your device, the Duolingo app is available on [Google Play](#) and [Apple App store](#).

Please contact me at dfernandez@cambournevc.org if you have any questions.

Good luck

Viel Glück

Bonne chance

Buena suerte

Powodzenia,



duolingo



Join us for a series of
free public lectures.
The lectures are open to
all and will be hosted at
Cambourne Village
College.

FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Join us for our next free History Community Lecture on
Tuesday 26th November (4-5pm) – this event is open to ALL

Professor David Reynolds

WHAT WE'VE GOT WRONG ABOUT CHURCHILL.

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill, we are delighted to welcome the esteemed Professor Reynolds back to Cambourne Village College. He will share his expert knowledge on one of Britain's most iconic figures, offering a vivid new perspective on Churchill's life and work.

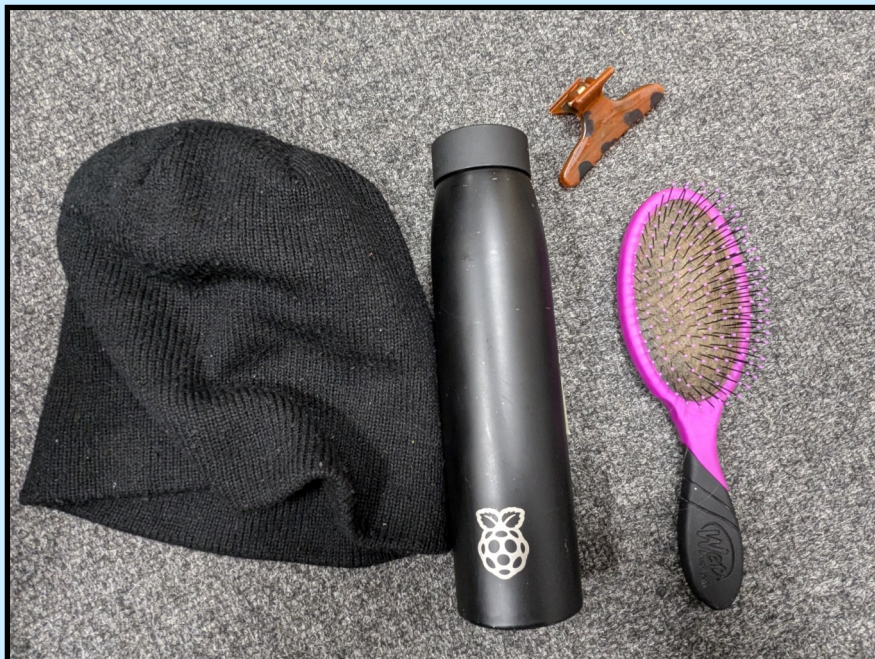
TUESDAY 26TH November
4-5pm (Doors open 3.45pm)

Cambourne Village College - Sixth Form Lecture Theatre

Follow us on Twitter @CambourneVC for dates and updates

For more information contact:
egreen@cambournevc.org





Un-named Items that have been handed
14th - 18th October 2024



LOST PROPERTY

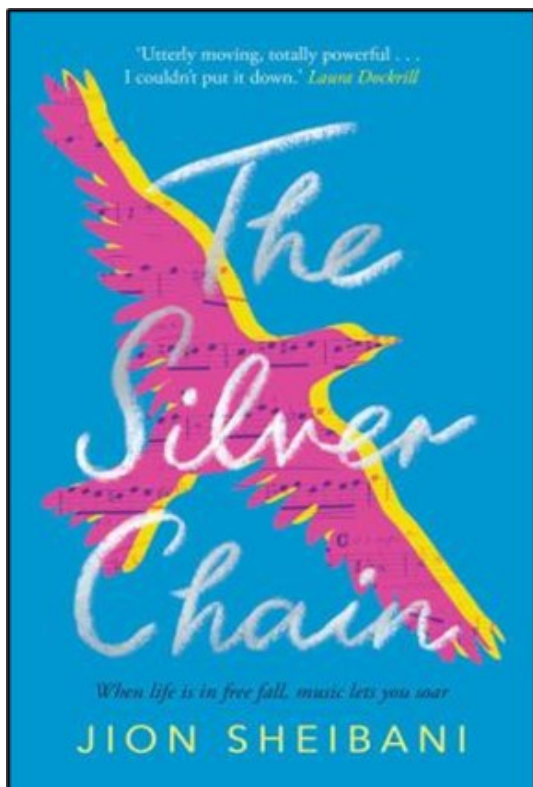


Contact the College Reception or email thecollege@cambournevc.org if you recognise any items.



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

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

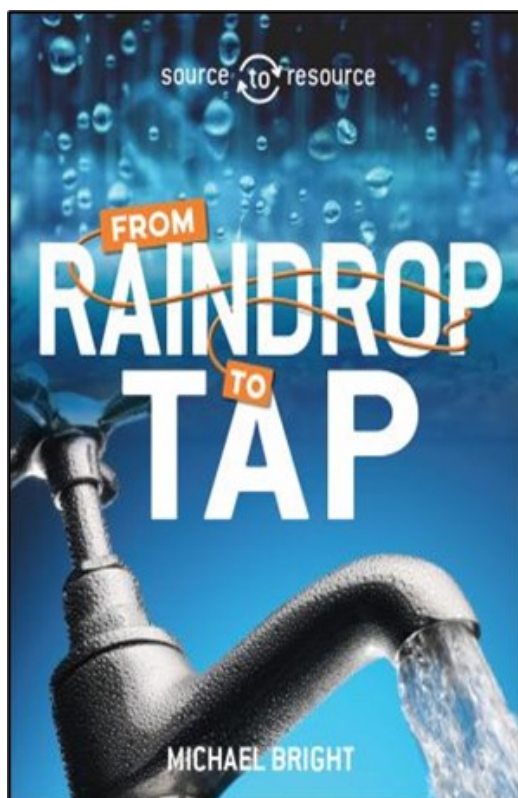


The Silver Chain

By Jion Sheibani

Azadeh is a budding violinist on a music scholarship at an expensive private school, dealing with all the usual trials of being sixteen: trying her best to fit in, keep up and have fun. Then as her mum's mental health spirals out of control, Azadeh's world starts to unravel. Her friendships fall away, and as much as she and her dad try to keep a lid on everything, their problems insist on taking over. Feeling alone, it's her violin that finally helps Azadeh to find her way back to her friends, herself and even her mum.

A beautifully packaged, highly important and irresistible novel about mental health struggles and the solace we find in music and rhythm, friendship, family and honesty. ***(Available from the school library and on SORA)***



Water: From Raindrop to Tap

By Michael Bright

Water is one of the most amazing resources that we use in abundance and have come to rely on heavily. It is used in all sorts of household chores, leisure activities and in work and industry. From the pitter-patter of raindrops to the whoosh of water from the shower, we follow the journey from the source to the resource. We begin by looking at what water is and where it comes from, and the all-important water cycle. We then look at how water is stored and treated ready to be pumped around the country and into our homes. Finally, we consider the environmental impact of our water use and what we can do to use less water in our daily lives. We also look at how people live in places that do not have a reliable water supply and methods that can be used to clean water that is in short supply.

(Available from the school library)



Sparx Maths

Drop-in Homework Support

Every Monday 12:40 – 13:10

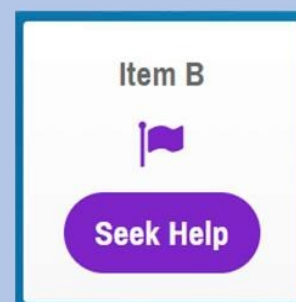
Pink 11

Bring your lunch if you like!



Come for the whole time
to work on your
homework

OR

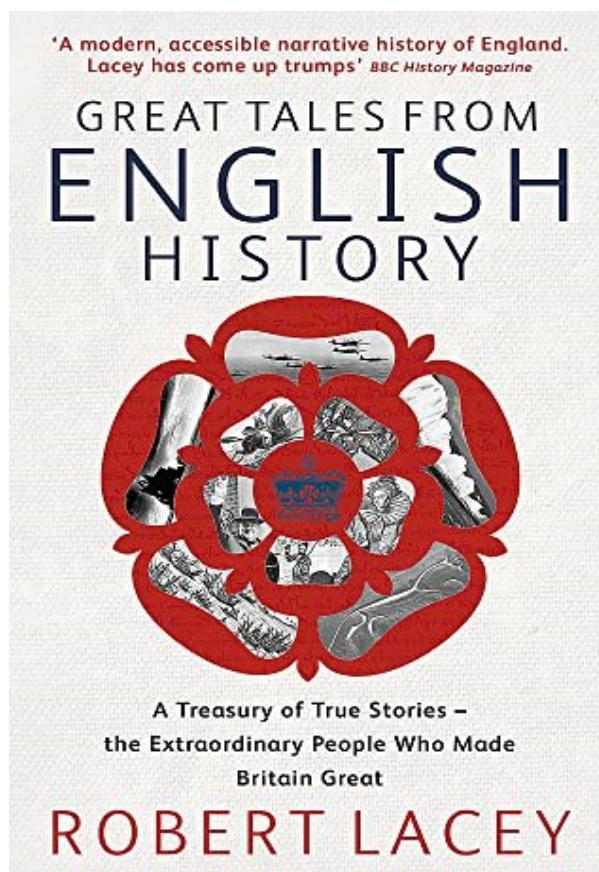


Drop-in for a few minutes
to get help when Sparx
has said "Seek Help".

Remember: You need to complete 100% every week

HISTORY READING CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME – B13



From ancient times to the present day, the story of England has been laced with drama, intrigue, courage and passion. Come and join our history reading club for a rich and vibrant narrative of heroes and villains, kings, and rebels.

All Welcome - bring your lunch along too!

The Maths Paper Society

After school on Mondays in Pink 01

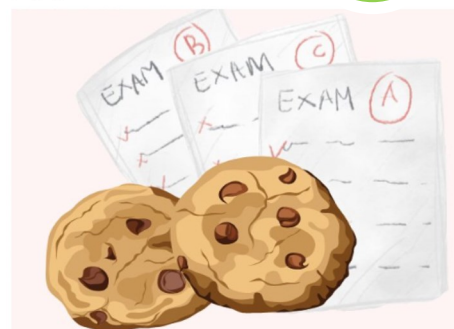
3.10 – 4.10pm

All Year 11 welcome



GCSE Papers and biscuits provided.
Stay for an hour and do some practice.
Get help when you need it.
A paper a week is proven to boost your
GCSE grade, plus you will get positive
points!

Starts Monday 14th October



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. The Singing School was established to give children the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day.

For more information and to book, please see
www.oxbridgesingschool.com

Sat 21 & Mon 23 December 2024
St Catharine's College,
Cambridge



Cambridge Juniors: for those aged 7–12

When: Saturday 21 and Monday 23 December 2024

Cambridge Seniors: - for those aged 13–18

When: Saturday 21 and Monday 23 December 2024

Where: St Catherine's College, Cambridge

Rep: Festive and Seasonal music, selected to both challenge and engage young minds.

How: booking is via our website [here](#) . **We are a Not for Profit organisation. Bursaries are always available on our courses.**

Concert: There will be an informal concert at the end of each day to which families are warmly invited.

For those who don't know us, here is what is being said about us:

"My children sing all the way home - we just love your courses."

If you can't make the date or time
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday
25th Nov
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday
7th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
12th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday
18th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday
21st Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.



OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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

Study Smart Course Available:

Fully funded courses are available to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work or change their career, by offering an opportunity to gain the necessary skills for free, for a school support job that fits in with your family life. The courses are run online, within school hours and during term times (also avoiding school drop off and pick up).

Courses start on the 21st October and the courses are run approximately every 3 weeks.

As the funding has been awarded by the (Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), there are some eligibility criteria that must be met for a fully funded place, which is listed on the web-site: www.studysmartuk.online

**STUDY
SMART**
Free Online Courses



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**Education & Skills
Funding Agency**

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

**Available in
Levels 1, 2 & 3**

**CACHE Certificate in
Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging
Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN**



**Six Week Course
Mon - Fri**

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm

3rd session 4 - 4:30pm

**(optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**

We are **Cambridgeshire Youth Ballet Company** and we are performing 'Little Mermaid The Ballet' at Hinchingsbrooke Performing Arts Centre on 3rd November.

It is a ballet performed by children from all around the area. Talented ballet students audition to be part of the company. This is a family friendly event and hope as many people come to watch and support.

This is our Ninth year, after successful performances of Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Peter Pan, Cinderella and The Nutcracker. With full set and costumes.

www.cybcompany.co.uk

◆ CAMBRIDGESHIRE YOUTH BALLET COMPANY ◆

LITTLE MERMAID THE BALLET

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
12.30PM : 4.30PM
HINCHINGBROOKE
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
PE29 3BN

01480 223331
SWEVENTS.LITTLEBOXOFFICE.COM



IN ASSOCIATION WITH





Cocks and Hens Tennis Club

Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED



October Half Term Tennis Camps!

DATES: Monday 28 Oct to Friday 1 Nov
AGE GROUPS: 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.

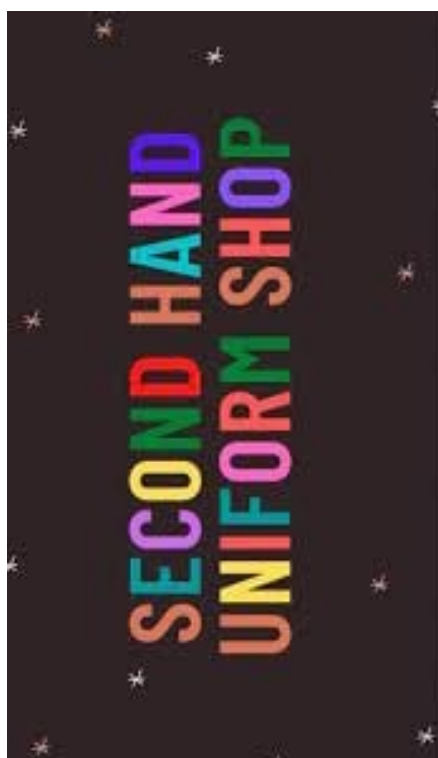


If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please email thecollege@cambournevc.org so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

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 to organise a time slot:

TheCollege@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

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**



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.