

WELCOME TO THE ABBEY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

It has been another great start to the Autumn half term at Abbey College, despite the challenging circumstances this last week. We are so proud of our staff and students who have handled the situation brilliantly and would like to thank all our families for their compassion, co-operation and support.

There is so much to be proud of this half term. It has been fantastic to see our new Year 7 students join us and become part of the Abbey College community. You can read more about this later in the newsletter but I am really pleased with how they have settled into their classrooms and engaged in their learning. We have also seen our existing pupils achieve great things and demonstrate the Abbey College Spirit.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term, it is certainly well deserved.



Welcome Year 7!

This half term, we welcomed our new Year 7 students who have settled in so well at Abbey College. Despite the new guidelines and ways of working, they have conducted themselves brilliantly and really engaged in their learning.

It has also been great to see so many Year 7 students engaging with Spirit around the school and receiving Spirit points.

A big well done to 7C1 who currently stand at the top of the leader board!

Well done to all involved for making it such a successful start to the term.



The Gold Award in Mental Health

We were recently awarded the highest possible accreditation in the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award, the Gold Award!

To achieve the Gold Award, we had to demonstrate a community approach to mental health, evidencing policies and initiatives that worked towards improving mental health and wellbeing for both staff and pupils within the wider school community.

We were commended for our Spirit Virtues and confidential email service for staff run by governors, as well as praised for our general mental health and wellbeing strategies, structures and practices.

As a result of our success, we will now be recognised as a thought leader in School Mental Health and Wellbeing and will receive a plaque and certificate to display at the school.

We are incredibly proud of the entire Abbey College community for showing such inspiring commitment to supporting positive mental health. Achieving this award is testament to all the hard work and determination we have undertaken to take care of student and staff wellbeing, especially in the current circumstances. However, the work does not stop now. We are striving to maintain our success in 2021 to further look after our students and staff moving forward!



The Midweek Madness Show

During lockdown, students in the Young Technicians club set up a community radio station called Fenland Youth Radio using Zoom. Since then, they have moved into a studio and been hard at work broadcasting The Midweek Madness show on Wednesday nights.

Due to their success, there was a big studio launch to celebrate which was attended by local VIPs including the Mayor of Whittlesey!

The Midweek Madness team also did a special show, during which our Year 10 student, Taylor, interviewed George, a local finalist on the Voice Kids.

The station is growing and Mrs Carr now has a regular Tuesday night slot which features songs from shows, films and television.

The group are working on a youth project so that more young people can also get involved. Stay tuned for more details!



FA Cup Success

Miss Beel celebrated amazing success in the Women's FA Cup this half term!

Her team, Netherton United, secured a place in the Women's FA Cup second qualifying round with a sensational 5-4 win over Leigh Ramblers.

Her side looked buried after falling 3-0 down in the opening 22 minutes but they fought back and won the game in an exciting 9 goal thriller!

Well done Miss Beel, we are so proud. Good luck in the next round!



Promotional Video Launch

This half term, we launched our brand new promotional video for Year 6 parents as part of our Virtual Open Evening. A huge thank you to all staff and students who took part!

We hope as parents look through our prospectus, visit our departments and listen to the students' views they will want to be a part of the community we have built.

Please do tell any friends and family interested in attending the college in the future about the video. You can watch it on our social media or here: www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/open-evenings

We will soon start to promote our Sixth Form spaces for 2021 so keep an eye on our website for further details!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We recently hosted a Macmillan coffee morning to help raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It was great fun and the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause.

We managed to raise over £100 for the charity!

Every penny will help Macmillan do whatever it takes to be there for people living with cancer and provide the support they need, right now. A big thank you to everyone who took part and made the morning such a success!



Key Dates

INSET day (Staff only)	2nd November 2020
INSET day (Staff only)	3rd November 2020
Autumn Term 2 starts	4th November 2020
INSET day (Staff only)	30th November 2020
Christmas Holiday starts	21st December 2020

Parent View

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