

## WELCOME TO THE ABBAY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer addition of the Abbey College newsletter. It's been a busy half term, with our students taking part in lots of different activities such as the Race for Life and the UK Chemistry Olympiad. You can read more about them later in the newsletter, but I'm so proud of how each and every student has responded to the challenges and settled back into school life this half term.

We're also delighted to announce that we've retained our 'Good' Ofsted rating following a brief Ofsted monitoring inspection in April. We're looking forward to building on our success in the coming months, and continuing to provide an excellent education for the students in our care. Also this half term, work continued on our brand new £750,000 state of the art multi-use games area (MUGA) — we can't wait to see this amazing facility in action.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy half term break.



## Glowing Ofsted Report

In April, we retained our 'Good' Ofsted rating!

The inspection was conducted to assess whether standards were being maintained and that we were improving on our previous full inspection in 2019.

The report said that 'leaders and managers have taken effective action to maintain the standards of behaviour and attitudes identified at the school's previous inspection'.

Given the particularly turbulent and challenging year that has followed our previous inspection, where most students have been completing their learning remotely for a significant period, it is really pleasing to see our processes, standards and improvements recognised by Ofsted inspectors.

Well done Abbey College!



## Race for Life

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Throughout the last few weeks, our students have been taking part in the Race for Life for Cancer Research UK!

Race for Life raises life-saving money to fund research into all 200 types of cancer.

It was a real challenge, and by no means easy, but our students taking part did so well and all completed the run.

The whole school supported the event so it was a real team effort, and we were delighted to raise over **£3,500** for the charity!

Well done to all our super students!

There's still time to donate too. Simply visit the link here: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/abbey-college>



## Successful Start on our MUGA

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This half-term, work started on our brand new multi-use games area (MUGA)!

Not long after the first bits of machinery arrived on site, the team were ready and started work on the foundations.

The area will undoubtedly raise the profile of sports at the College, inspiring more students to get involved in sport and giving Ramsey children the physical activity opportunities they deserve.

We can't wait to see the amazing facility in action!



## Curriculum Focus: Maths

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This half term, our curriculum focus is Maths! Studying Maths will not only develop more engineers and scientists, but also produce more citizens who can learn and think creatively and critically.

First up, a **Guess Who!**

Are you able to correctly name any of the famous mathematicians pictured below?



A)



B)



C)



D)

Now time for a **MATHS QUIZ!**

1. A pile of 15 boxes is 3 metres high. What is the depth of each box?
2. How is Pi defined?
3. How many months are there in twelve years?
4. What is the next number in the series: 2, 9, 30, 93, ...?
5. What is the only even prime number?
6. What is the total of all the internal angles of a triangle?

To find out more about our Curriculum Journey, visit: [www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum](http://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum)

## UK Chemistry Olympiad

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In May, two of our sixth form students celebrated success in the UK Chemistry Olympiad! Edward in Year 13 and Jay in Year 12 were both awarded the 2021 Bronze award after completing a challenging written test with real-world chemistry problems.

Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is the leading chemistry competition for students in secondary education aged between 16 and 19 across the UK. It allows students to develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and gives them a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations.

The competition was a tough, two-hour test and we're so proud of Edward and Jay for their outstanding achievement!



## Our New Pottery Wheels

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This half term, we were delighted to announce that we have installed five pottery wheels!

They will initially be used to support our KS4 and KS5 students but we have hopes to use them for some KS3 extracurricular clubs in the future if students are interested.

We strongly believe that good facilities and resources are crucial for the education, wellbeing and fulfilment of our students, and ensure our young people have the best tools available to be successful.

Special thanks to our DT Technician and Site Team for getting them set up.

We can't wait to see some of our students creations!



## Ramsey Colts Football Club Visit

Our Duke of Edinburgh students were very lucky to receive a visit from Ramsey Colts Football Club in May to talk about volunteering opportunities.

The club offered our students opportunities to volunteer in several areas, such as coaching, refereeing, grounds maintenance, media and business. This will help them to complete their awards, increase their confidence and skills, and give something back to their local community.



## Key Dates

<b>Half Term</b>	<b>31st May - 4th Jun</b>
<b>Summer Term 2</b>	<b>7th June – 20th Jul</b>
<b>Start of Summer Holiday</b>	<b>21st July</b>
<b>Autumn Term 1 (Staged Return)</b>	<b>2nd Sept– 22nd Oct</b>
<b>Open to Years 7, 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>2nd Sept</b>
<b>Open to Years 7, 11, 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>3rd Sept</b>
<b>Open to all Years</b>	<b>6th Sept</b>

## Super Science Work

Across the school, our students have been doing some fantastic Science work! In Year 13, they've been carrying out experiments and observing outcomes for evidence to support their BTEC in Applied Science.

In Year 9, our students dissected a heart! It helped students to see each different section in detail and to learn how each section helps pump blood around the body. Well done Year 9!

