



## Year 7 Newsletter 13th September 2023

Welcome to Abbey College Year 7.

Our first week has been incredibly busy with huge amounts of information given, tours of the site, assembly and the excitement of using the canteen for the first time, and for some there was simply just too much choice.

I will issue a newsletter every two weeks.

There will be some information that is repeated each time, but there will also be important updates and subject news, so please take some time to read it.

Your first port of call will be your child's form tutor:

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Hopefully most of the day to day information you need will either be on the school website [www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk) or in this newsletter, but if there is something you cannot find, please get in touch with us.

Kind regards,

Miss Lane

## The School Day



- 0840 - 0910 - Form time
- 0910 - 1010 - Period 1
- 1010 - 1040 - Break 1
- 1040 - 1140 - Period 2
- 1140 - 1240 - Period 3
- 1240 - 1310 - Break 2
- 1310 - 1410 - Period 4
- 1410 - 1510 - Period 5

Year 7 will go straight to South Courts each morning

## Form time.

Monday - Attendance / uniform / Spirit

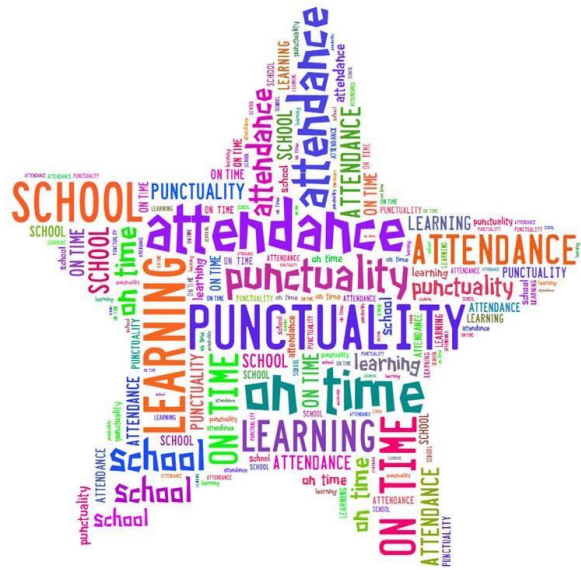
Tuesday - Year Group Walk

Wednesday - Assembly

Thursday - Reading and Spellings

Friday - Quiz

## Attendance matters



Just a reminder that it is incredibly important for our students to attend school. We understand that occasionally this is not possible, some students have a diagnosis that does not allow for this. However, at all other times students must be in school. If your child has any additional medical needs then please do not hesitate to contact us and we will arrange support in school wherever possible.

If you are unsure whether you can send your child in to school, please do not hesitate to contact our attendance officer at [attendance@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk).

We want a minimum of 97%, so please make sure your children are in school everyday.

## Alton Towers Attendance Trip 2024

Students with attendance of 97% and over, and excellent conduct, will be invited to join the trip to Alton Towers.

The trip will take place during term 3 (Summer Term).



## Attendance Matters

"Its only 1 day, it doesn't matter, surely?"

100%	Perfect attendance	
above 97%	Good attendance	equates to 4 school days off each year
96-97%	Average attendance	equates to 7 school days off each year
94 - 96%	Poor attendance	equates to 9 school days off each year
below 93%	Attendance is a cause for concern and achievement of pupils is at risk	equates to 11 days off each year Monitoring by Attendance officer at monthly meetings with school.
90% or below	Very poorly attending	equates to 13 months off each year No absence agreement without evidence of risk of prosecution
80% or below	Extremely poorly attending	equates to 2 months off each year No absence agreement without evidence of risk of prosecution



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## Uniform

It was wonderful to see the year group looking so smart in their Abbey College uniform.

Please make sure students have the correct uniform at all times and the correct PE kit, sanctions will be issued if school policies are not followed.

If for any reason your child does arrive to school wearing incorrect uniform, they must report to the Student Support Hub.

On PE days, students must bring their kit in a separate bag, they will change for PE at the start of the lesson and back into uniform at the end.

We have had several children losing ties this week, please make sure ALL uniform is named and ideally have a spare tie at home.

School uniform is ordered with Chroma Sports in Peterborough <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/>

## Weekend challenge - PE

The PE department has extended the time given to change into PE kit to 10 minutes for Year 7 as some students find the 5 minutes change time for PE difficult, I would like you to work with them over the weekend with the following:

Time them to see how long it takes to change from uniform into PE kit, then time them again changing from PE kit to uniform.

5 minutes and under = job done!

More than 5 minutes - please ask them to have another go until they can get it under 5 minutes.

The 10 minutes change time will be in place until half term, so plenty of time to get used to it.

Good luck!

## Your learning journey.

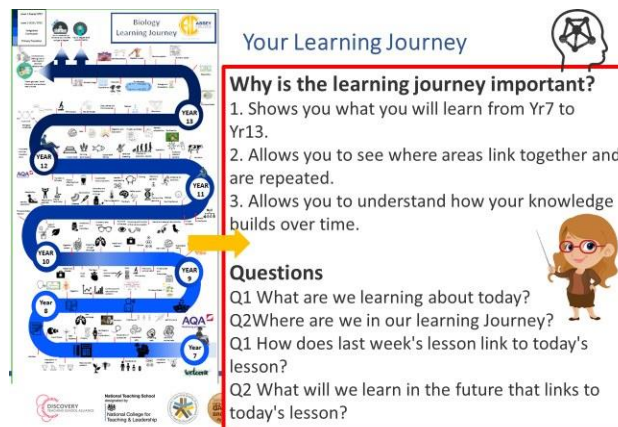
There is a learning journey for each subject your child will be learning, please follow the link on our website

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/>

Students

Curriculum

Select the subject on the drop down menu



**Your Learning Journey**

**Why is the learning journey important?**

1. Shows you what you will learn from Yr7 to Yr13.
2. Allows you to see where areas link together and are repeated.
3. Allows you to understand how your knowledge builds over time.

**Questions**

Q1 What are we learning about today?  
Q2 Where are we in our learning Journey?  
Q1 How does last week's lesson link to today's lesson?  
Q2 What will we learn in the future that links to today's lesson?

## Behaviour reminder.



## Behaviour Reminders

As a **READY** Abbey College student:

- ☐ I am on-time every lesson, every day
- ☐ I wear my full school uniform correctly
- ☐ I am equipped for all my lessons
- ☐ I complete homework to a good standard

As a **RESPECTFUL** Abbey College student:

- ☐ I am kind
- ☐ I use appropriate language
- ☐ I keep my hands and feet to myself
- ☐ I treat the school and local environment with care
- ☐ I follow the instructions of all adults and Prefects
- ☐ I accept people's beliefs, sexuality, differences and cultures

As a **RESPONSIBLE** Abbey College student:

- ☐ I put in maximum effort and pride into my lessons
- ☐ I allow everyone to learn free from disruption
- ☐ I am sensible and safe
- ☐ I will not bring banned items into school
- ☐ I keep my mobile phone off and in my bag during the school day



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## ***Extra-curricular - Offers and Opportunities Programme (OOP)***

Several OOP's are now available, these can be booked on EduLink.

I would like Year 7 students to attend one OOP a week, but they are not limited to one, they can book one every day if available.

It is an opportunity to try something new and make new friends

There is a late bus for students allocated a bus pass

## **PE After School Activities**

### **Monday**

Girl's football - North changing rooms

Rugby - North Changing rooms - mixed

Netball - South changing rooms - mixed

### **Tuesday**

Hockey - North changing rooms - mixed

Sign up on EduLink

## **Parent Pay and EduLink**

All students with permission have now had their fingerprints completed and are able to use the canteen.

If you are unable to activate parent pay and add funds, please contact our IT department

Please put Parent Pay in the subject line.

Students logging into EduLink - they do this using the same log-in details as school email, details will be given to them during ICT lessons over the next week.

**Need IT Support?**  
**IT@meridiantrust.co.uk**  
**0300 666 0300**

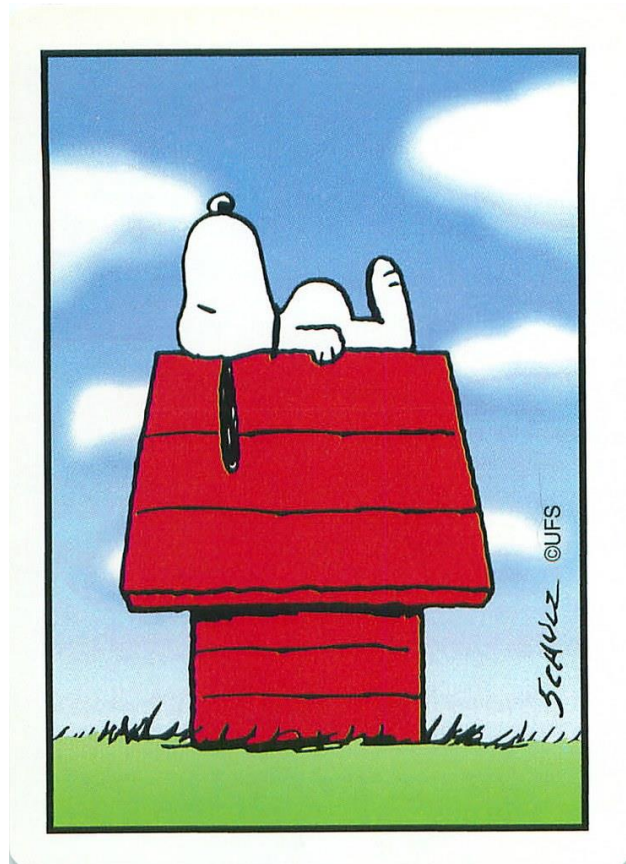
## School Photographs

Kittle Photographic will be in school next Wednesday, September 20th, to take individual photographs of Year 7.

Please make sure your child is photo ready, if you wish to purchase the picture, they may be on the piano for years to come.

Thank you

## Rest and relaxation.



Your children have now completed their first two weeks and will most likely be shattered.

Hopefully the weekend will allow families to catch up, read books, go walking, visit family, rest, whatever you have planned I wish you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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