



Year 7 Newsletter 13th October 2023

Year 7 have almost completed six weeks with us, I am not sure where the time goes, they can be incredibly proud of their achievements so far.

Login concerns

We are aware that some students have struggled to log on to the various Apps used across subjects in school.

PC login, Teams, Tassomai, Eedi, Languagenut and EduLink

Our IT Team and tutors have been working with students to resolve these issues, with ICT lessons focusing on ensuring all students are able to sign into Teams where homework assignments are set. Students with Eedi and Tassomai concerns should talk directly to their subject teacher in the lesson.

All students have been issued with a small red book which should be used to store login information for Apps they are required to access for any school work. The red book should be in school every day and they can use the back of the book to write reminders and notes they may need.

I would suggest students keep a copy of user names and passwords at home in case they lose the red book.

Please remind them not to share passwords with friends.

Break times and areas



Year 7 have two areas they can use during breaks, South Hall and South Courts, both areas are for all students to use whether eating packed lunch or food purchased from the canteen.

Benches are provided outside the entrance to South Courts for students to eat their lunch, we do not allow food on the courts.

Each break is 30 minutes giving enough time for students to eat, visit the bathrooms and fill water bottles.

Reading

Please encourage your children to read for 15 to 20 minutes each day, or at least 3 times a week, it doesn't have to be a 500 page novel, just something they find enjoyable.

If your child loves football, but dislikes reading, [Four Four Two](#) is a great way of encouraging them to read. You can subscribe for digital download or the lovely old fashioned way, a magazine through the door.

I would also like to encourage them to look through their school books and read over what they have learnt over the past few weeks, if there is anything they are struggling to understand, they can approach their teachers for advice.

Abbey College: Statements from Year 7 students

I wanted to share a few statements from the students

Riley S - My transition to Abbey College has been helpful, a little bit scary, but fantastic.

Mason J - The best thing about secondary school is having different teachers for every subject

Eva W - There are loads of new experiences at Abbey College, I particularly love Catering, Drama and PE

Henry S - My transition experience was awesome, I absolutely loved it, it is brilliant here.

Dexter T - The best thing about secondary school is Science, you get to do experiments



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Year 7 Attendance

Figures taken between 2nd September and 09th October

All year 7 form groups that have a full week, Monday to Friday, with 100% attendance, will be rewarded with each student in that form group receiving a spirit point.

Top three form groups:

- 7CBH 99.7%
- 7AST 98.5%
- 7KWI 98.4%



Congratulations 7CBH with 99.7% you are rewarded with Attendance chocolates for Friday form time.

Congratulations also goes to 7JOT with 847 Spirit Points you will also receive chocolates for Friday form time.

Well done

Year 7 Rewards



At the start of term, Mrs Noble announced that ANY year group who achieves a spirit to behaviour point ratio of 7:1 or more, would be rewarded with a non-uniform day (more information on this will be sent next week).

Year 7 are currently 30:1 and Mrs Noble is rewarding the year group on Friday with an extra 10 minutes on first break and doughnuts for everyone!

7OJO Congratulations, the lowest amount of Tells in the year group.

We are receiving Tells for forgotten equipment and PE kit, which is easily avoided. Please make sure students have their school bags ready the night before.

Thank you

Extra-curricular - Offers and Opportunities Programme (OOP)

If your children have not signed up for one of our after school activities, please ask them to look at the offers on EduLink as there is lots of choice, and it is always good to try something new.

Please see [OOP Link](#) for more information

The daily late bus is a free service Abbey College offers students, we have one bus Monday and Friday, two buses Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dates to note

October half term Monday 23rd to Monday 30th October.

Students return Tuesday 31st October.



November is fast approaching and with it comes Children in Need, Friday 17th November.

Year 7 run the fund raising for this fantastic charity with a bake sale. Please put the date in your diaries as I will be asking students to put their baking skills to work.

Parent's Forum

Dear Year 7 Parents,

I hope your children are settling in well. I would like to invite you to join Abbey College Parent's Forum. We are a community group representing the views of parents/carers of current pupils, providing feedback on school provision, offering a parent's perspective on current policy/practice, and helping with fundraising through the sale of preloved school uniform. Some of you may have already visited our pop-up shop!

Our Parent's Forum meets online, at least once every half term, to discuss issues that are of importance to parents and carers of students at Abbey College. Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th October from 5pm to 6pm. We will be discussing Year 7 transition/settling in, a new school library project, and we are being asked for our opinion on a new Window into the School initiative giving families an insight into the student experience. We would love you to join us!

What can you expect from these meetings? Well, they are lively, friendly, constructive, and we are on first name terms with the teachers and senior leadership staff who attend. We will normally invite a relevant member of staff to give an introduction to a topic such as telling us about a new initiative and then we ask questions. As Chair, I also bring in questions from parents who can't attend but have filled in our survey (that goes out in the weekly newsletter). I can promise you that we are listened to, in fact, we help to shape new policies and there are many changes that have happened at the school because of Parent's Forum. We need all children represented, whatever their background, culture,

interests, identity, needs, future aspirations. It's so important that we have parents and carers who can speak for every child at Abbey College. All we ask is for one hour of your time each half term. Help Parent's Forum make a difference to the student experience!

If you would like to attend, please email: parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Find our minutes here: [Parent Forum - Abbey College, Secondary School and Sixth Form in Ramsey](#)

Kind regards,

Cheryl Greyson - Chair of Parent Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/abbeycollegeparentsforum>

Another weekend has arrived.



This weeks newsletter clearly shows how well the year group are getting on.

I have been really impressed with how they have settled and embraced the changes they have faced moving from primary school to secondary, and I look forward to watching them grow and achieve across all areas.

Students are always reminded that should they have any concerns, their form tutor is their first contact point, but I am also available at any time.

It feels like autumn is well and truly with us, blustery winds and dark nights, which makes quiet weekends with family and a good movie even more inviting.

Please remind students to bring a coat, the wet weather seems to have arrived.

Have a lovely weekend.

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