



Weekly Family Update - 17.06.22

Welcome to our new digital version of the Weekly Family Update. Please read, share and encourage others to do the same.

For those of you who prefer the more *traditional letter*, a pdf version of this Update will also be sent to families; but please note that this will look a little different from a letter.

Tip: to quickly navigating this online Update, try using the icon on the bottom right of your page that will turn this into a quick-access contents page.

Foreword

I'll begin with a thank you to all staff who attended last week's excellent Thorpe Park Trip. School attendance is increasing every week and we really appreciate the support from families to help us get back the high levels we had prior to the lockdowns.

We have experienced the first sign that summer is here and it is really important your child brings a water bottle to school, not only to encourage them to keep hydrated throughout the day, but also to reduce wastage from disposable cups; let's all make a concerted effort here.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Road Safety Survey as we have reached the desired amount required to commission the investigation by CCC. The School are in the process of completing the application for the survey and we understand once approved, can take anything up to 12 weeks to occur owing to staffing shortages at the Highways Team within CCC. In the meantime, our staff will continue to manage school departure by students at the beginning and end of the school day, wearing their high-viz vests. Thank you for your support and I will update you in due course.

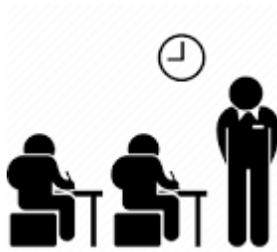
Finally, we are pleased to announce the visit of Baroness Morris to Abbey College next Thursday 23rd June to meet with students to answer questions on the Parliamentary process and life at the Houses of Parliament. We hope this provides students with a real insight into the life of an MP, especially those who study Politics in our 6th Form.

Please continue to take good care of yourselves.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Assessment



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- *Year 8 reports will be released in the week beginning 27.06.22 with Year 10 reports following a week later on 04.07.22.*
 - *Year 12 end of year assessments start in the week beginning 27.06.22 and are in exam rooms and will be conducted under JCQ exam conditions.*
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EduLink update: *EduLink usage continues to rise. Can you please encourage your child to log in.*

The student instructions to log in are: EduLink uses your school login, in school click on the Microsoft button and it will auto login. At home please make sure you click on the Microsoft button and enter your school email and password.

Support with logging in is available via help@cmat.support.

Newly activated buttons

The next information to appear will be the detention tab on the behaviour button. You will be able to see any detentions which have been assigned to your child, including the date, start and finish times, the location and whether your child has attended.

Date ↑	Type ↓	Location ↑	Start Time ↑	End time ↓	Attended ↓
06/03/2021	Creative Faculty Detention	Art Room 1	09:46:00	16:00:00	Not Attended
02/03/2021	SLT Detention	Business Studies 1	12:00:00	12:30:00	Attended

Week 33 Attendance News



- **Congratulations** to Year 10 who have collectively increased their attendance every week over the last half term.
- **Reminder:** Abbey College will not authorise holidays during term time. Depending on the length of the holiday, a LA Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) could be imposed.

Ethos updates



Uniform for September

When you are buying new uniform for September, please remember that trousers must be in line with our policy:

- *full length, plain black trousers*
 - *Leggings, skinny cut trousers and denim of any type are not permitted*
 - *Buttons and zips only for fastening, not for decoration*
 - *Belts must be discreet.*
 - *Must be worn with black socks*
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The Green School Shop will be running an appointment system over the Summer months again this year so that parents can benefit from dedicated time and a member of staff to assist them with fitting, and purchasing uniform. From 1st July, all parents wishing to visit the shop can book an appointment beforehand by visiting www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk and then clicking on the link at the top of the page. The Green Shop are asking that parents place orders by 12th August to guarantee that uniform will arrive before the start of term in September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - BACK TO SCHOOL
PURCHASE DEADLINE

ONLINE OR INSTORE
12TH AUGUST

REMEMBER AFTER THE DEADLINE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO
HAVE STOCK IN TIME FOR YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL
- HELP US TO HELP YOU!

pmg
purchasing

DON'T LEAVE IT
TOO LATE!

Student Planners

As a school we are seeking to reduce the amount of paper we use in order to promote environmental sustainability. For this reason, we will no longer be issuing students with planners when we restart school in September. All homework tasks are now published on Edulink and students have access to an online calendar through Outlook which means that students are able to organise themselves without a traditional school planner. In addition to this, all the key information found in student planners will be made available through Edulink. Some students may still want to purchase their own paper diary, which they are of course welcome to use in school.

For those students who may not have online access, we will provide an IT room during breaks and lunch time for pupils to quickly check on Edulink what assignments they might have. In addition, we run an after-school homework club Monday through to Thursday in M2.

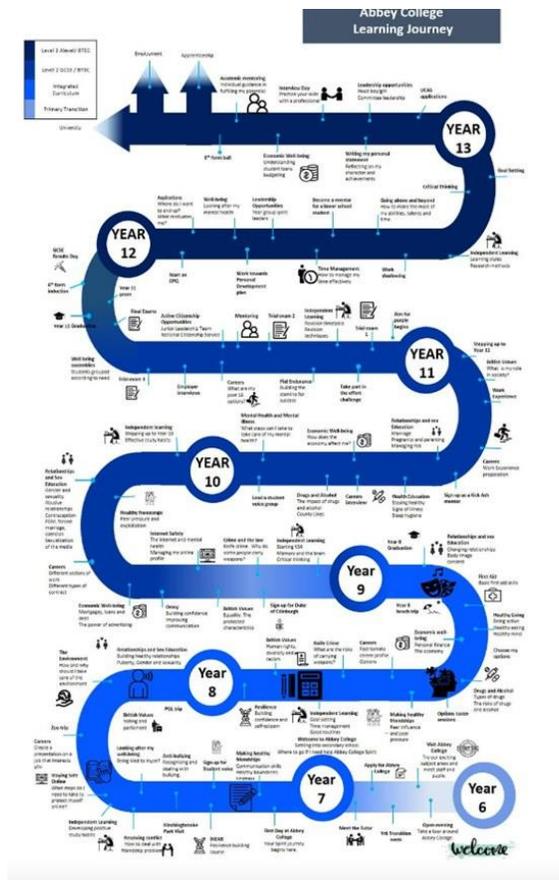
If your child require access to IT from home, please do email our Welfare Team who may be able to provide a laptop and wireless dongle. Email address: welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Curriculum updates

Cultura española

On the 5th July Year 7 students will participate in a Spanish Drop Down Day.

They will attend a range of workshops covering various aspects of Spanish culture including song and dance as well as poetry.



As mentioned last week, the [Curriculum Section](#) of our website is in the process of being updated this term, so that families can delve fully into individual subject information:

Subjects that are fully populated with this information are:

- *English*
- *Maths*
- *Music*
- *Science*
- *Art and Design*
- *Catering*
- *PE*
- *Geography and History*
- *Spanish*
- *Performing Arts*
- *IT*

Headteacher Commendations



The following students have received a Headteacher Commendation this week. They will receive 10 spirit points and a special postcard home.

Student	Nominated for
Emily	Intuition: Emily has been a consistent and willing helper, assisting staff during Form Time in the Reading Room. Thank you!
Millie	Passion: Fantastic performance in the Junior Maths Challenge!
Isaac	Passion: Fantastic performance in the Junior Maths Challenge!
Mika	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
Maisy	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
Bradley	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
Ben	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
Conner	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
Liam	Intuition: Valuable conversations with external visitors
April	Passion: Sports Leadership - Leading a fantastic lesson
Fleur	Passion: Sports Leadership - Leading a fantastic lesson

If you would like to nominate someone for an Abbey College Spirit Award then please follow this [link](#).

Flash Reward: Humility

On Tuesday afternoon we invited around 60 students to a surprise reward to enjoy pizza and cookies on the field in the sunshine. These students had been recognised by their form tutors as showing great humility in supporting others in their learning and well-being.



Sixth Form Induction - 28th and 29th June 2022

The Sixth Form Team are excited to welcome Year 11 students to their Sixth Form Induction on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June. During these days students will not only undertake a range of taster lessons but also engage in workshops and enrichment activities. For those students who have yet to reply can I please ask that they do so no later than Friday 24th June.

Mrs Moore

Support to Ukrainian children arriving in the UK

Advice for Host Families

Last month, the NSPCC, Barnardo's, Royal College of Paediatrics (RCPCH) and Save the Children [published a guide to help host families in the UK provide a safe environment for new arrivals from Ukraine](#). It includes practical information on preparing homes for arrival and supporting arrivals on navigating everyday life in the UK.

Parent Forum - Update



The next Parent Forum Meeting **Parent Forum next meeting – Tuesday 12th July 4:30pm**, where they will be discussing:

- Homework update
- Edulink demo
- PASS results

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](#)

Cheryl Greyson – Chair of Parent's Forum

Early feedback from Parent Forum Survey FAQs

Thank you for your input, we had well over 100 responses. I want to lay out our approach for responding to the points raised.

- Specific responses, where parents left contact details: *We will make contact directly with you to provide the information or support you require.*
- Common themes for the next meeting (12th July agenda) will be answered within this meeting.

You said: *I noticed that although in the past I received emails from the school relating to parentmail etc. I no longer do so although my email address is on edulink.*

We did: *Please check your junk folder as this is the most common reason. If that does not work, please contact us (see the flowchart below) or use this link: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/contact-us/contact-the-school>*

You said: *When KS3 go in last for lunch, they only get 10 mins to eat their food or there is no food available. My child is hungry when they come home.*

We did: *We have two split break times of 30 minutes each. Within each session, every year group has a designated slot to come and line up for the canteen. Students only need to line up for their sitting time,*

and a member of staff announces when it is their time for the canteen. The order of the sitting within each break rotates to ensure that no year group is always last. As it takes around 5 minutes for each year group to queue for the canteen, students have 25 minutes remaining of their break time on both occasions. 400 students visit the canteen over 30 minutes rather than the previous 800 students over the 20- and 40-minute breaks. However, there are always a minority of students who will simply stand close by the canteen awaiting their line-up time instead of enjoying their break or visiting the bathroom etc.

As you can see, this is a much more efficient process, which has also allowed the canteen to broaden the food offer available owing to the longer break times. Next week in assemblies, we will remind students of the need to queue, only when their year group sitting is called to access the canteen.

Regarding the availability of food; in the last 6 months, we have ensured there is always a choice of at least 5 different food items at the end of service. We have maintained a wastage record to show what food items are left. If you have concerns over what your child is eating during a break or lunch, please contact me directly via the school website and I will be happy to explore this further. Chris Berry, Catering Manager.

Opportunities at Abbey College

Parent Governor Vacancy - We have an exciting vacancy for a Parent Governor. For more information click here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body>

Parent Diary Dates 2021-22

Date	Activity/Event
Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th June	Yr 12 Work Shadowing
Thursday 30th June	Yr 12 UCAS fair visit
Thursday 30th June	Yr 11 prom event
Friday 1st July	Yr 12 futures day
Monday 4th July	Yr 11 & 13 prizegiving event 6-7:30pm [by invitation]
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July	Sports Days
Friday 22nd July	End of term picnic & early close at 1pm

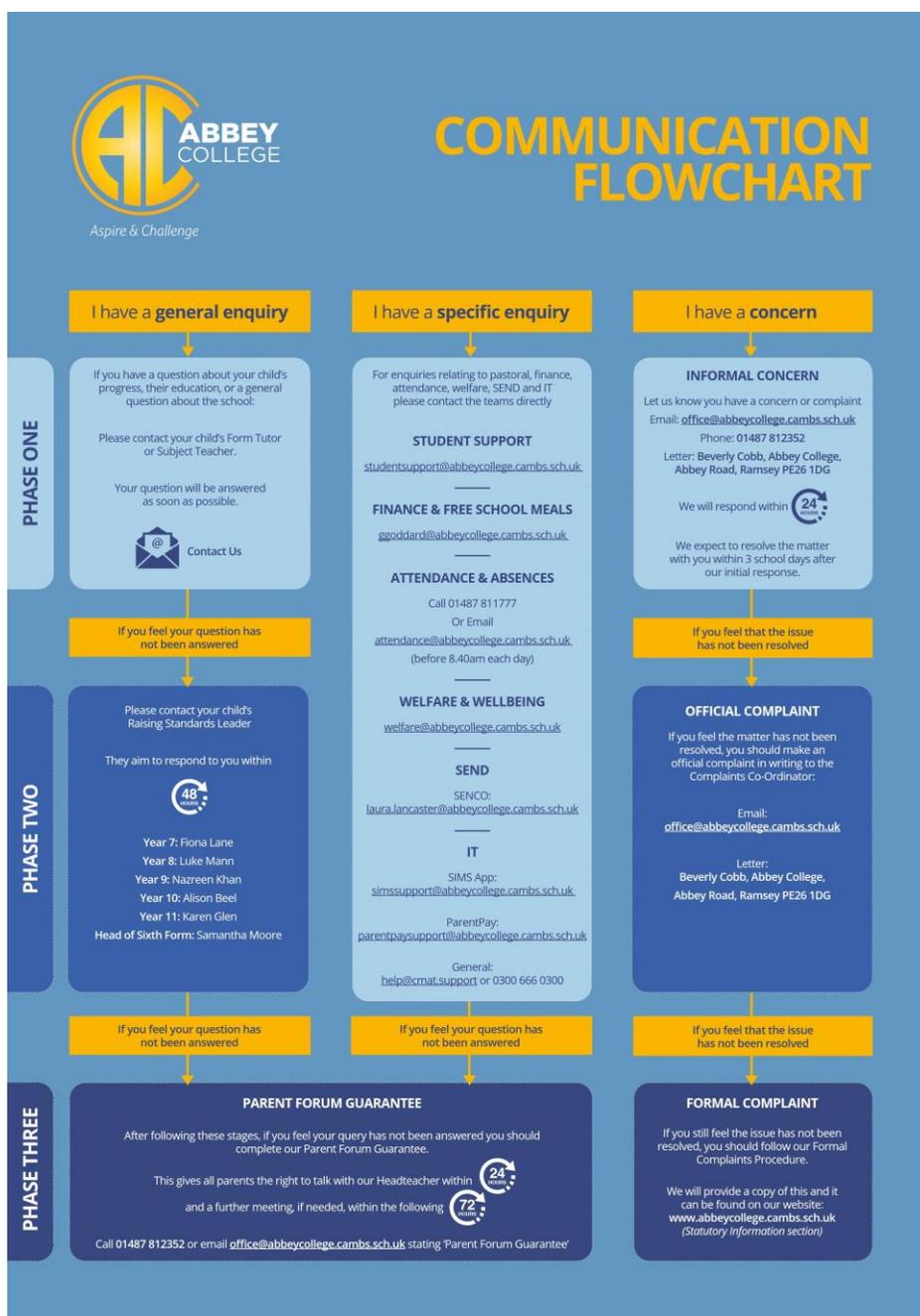
Communicating with us

To help you reach the right person if you have a query or concern, we have updated our “contact us” webpage and have included a simplified flowchart to show the most efficient way to communicate with us.



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COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART



[Click here](#) to access this Communication Flowchart on our website.

Other news updates can be found here:

- Our news page: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/news/letters-to-parents>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RamseyAbbeyCollege/posts/>

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AbbeyCollegeAC>