

## Weekly Family Update - 24.06.22

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.

### Foreword

It's that time of the year when we begin preparations for our incoming Year 7s, with their Induction taking place on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July respectively. Students from our feeder primaries will participate in a series of workshops and activities to help them navigate their way around the school, make friends and get to know staff. In addition, our Rewards and Behaviour systems will be explained, and where to find information about the curriculums they will study. Our Prefects and Sports Leaders will be on hand during the day to ensure they are well cared for and do not get lost around the campus.

During the same week, our current Year 12s will be undertaking their work-shadowing programme, leaving space for the new Year 12s to start their Induction Programme. Details have been sent from Mrs Moore to those students.

This week, students from a range of year groups met Baroness Morris to hear what life was like as an MP and in the Houses of Parliament. Unfortunately, this had to take place remotely owing to the rail strikes. Students posed intelligent and challenging questions to her and she was inspired by their curiosity and knowledge of current affairs. We hope this will inspire some of our students to see Politics and Law as a future option to study or even a career.

A reminder that Year 11 and 13 Prizegiving is on Monday 4th July. Please contact us at [office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk) for more details.

Thank you for reading this weekly update. Please let others know: this is the weekly important communication with families.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

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*Please read on for essential updates.*

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### Assessment

- Year 8 end of year reports are due out next Friday on 01.07.22. Year 10 reports will be published the following Friday.
- Year 7 and 8 are currently having reading tests. These take place online and the data is used to measure reading age, progress after interventions and help to determine what to focus upon moving forward.
- Year 7 students sat progress tests in Maths and English at the start of the year. There will be follow up testing in the week of 27.06.22. No preparation is necessary and the

individualised progress test reports will be sent out to parents as soon as they come into school.

- Year 12 end of year assessments begin in the week of 27.06.22. Students should be aware of the nature and content of the assessments before they sit them.
- AQA board apologised to all Year 11 students nationally after a GCSE physics paper included a question on a topic that had been specifically ruled out in advance information. All pupils who sat higher-tier paper 1 will be awarded the full nine marks available for all parts of a question on energy transfers and circuits.

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**EduLink update:** *We are interested in hearing about your experience of using Edulink.*

Please complete this [short survey](#).

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Support with logging in to Edulink is available via [help@cmat.support](mailto:help@cmat.support).

## Week 34 Attendance News

- **Congratulations** to Year 7 who have the last number of unauthorised absences.
- **Reminder:** 1 week of absence = 25 lessons missed. Only 35% of pupils whose attendance is lower than 90% gain 5 or more GCSEs including England and Maths.

## 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

Our uniform suppliers are:

1. The Green School Shop  
[www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk)
2. PMG School wear  
<https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/>

### **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](mailto:welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk)

## Curriculum updates

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### *Cultura española*

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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.

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### *Our curriculum journey*

Please look at the Curriculum Section of our website to get an overview of each subject, listed on the right-hand side of the page. In addition, there is a handy presentation that details the overall school curriculum intentions, both of which are available [here](#).

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## Headteacher Commendations



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

This week's Headteacher's Commendations have been awarded to the following students who represented Abbey College in the Meridian Trust Performing Arts festival on Wednesday:

Evie
Libby
Carson
Daniel
Oliver
Oliver
Jess
Caitlin
Katie
Lilia
Evie
Charlotte

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

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## 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

## 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](mailto: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

## Support to Ukrainian children arriving in the UK

### Afternoon Tea on Sunday

**Who:** Ukrainian Sponsors, Guests and Supporters

**Where:** Ramsey Walled Garden

**When:** Sunday 26th June 4-6pm

**What:** Afternoon tea (please bring a savoury or sweet plate but not more that you could eat.)

**Why:** An informal opportunity to meet new friends, share information and offer each other support. If you would like to become a sponsor and need support to find a match please find Nicola at the meeting and she will create a profile for you.

No need to book in, just turn up on the day. Tea and Coffee provided.

**Please let anyone you think might be interested know about our event.**

We hope this will be the first of many meet ups. We would love to do some venue hopping, so if you can help with this, please also contact Nicola. The venue needs to be suitable and safe for children to play and adults to chat.

### ESOL Course

What: ESOL Course Assessment Session

When: Wednesday 29th June for one hour between 9 and 12.30

Where: Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey

Why: One-hour assessment on a computer to work out which course will be right for you. They will start quite soon.

Who: Organised by Cambridgeshire Skills Adult Education for people aged 19+

Next: You will be offered a course in Ramsey or Huntingdon with a level which best matches your level and needs. The more people who want a Course in Ramsey the more likely there is to be a course here at the right level for you, so please encourage your friends to sign up too.

Please email [nicolasizer@hotmail.com](mailto:nicolasizer@hotmail.com) request a place and she will message you directly. Please share this information with anyone you think would be interested to ensure the course runs. Please also message Nicola if you would like to get involved in supporting Ukrainians living in the Ramsey area.

## Opportunities at Abbey College

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*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>*

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

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