

Weekly Family Update - 13.10.23

Please read, share and encourage others to do the same.

Foreword

The virtue of the week is Passion, and the theme was, 'we show pride in our work, our school and community' Students were given daily messages around this theme. Students were reminded of our zero tolerance for discrimination of any sort, and why being an inclusive community is something to celebrate.

Tuesday saw lots going on in support of World Mental Health Day, with events from cake sales through to workshops in Social Studies lessons on how to look after mental health.

As you will be aware, we were visited by Ofsted on Wednesday and Thursday. We will of course share the report with you once it becomes available and passes through their quality assurance processes.

Lots of positives at the moment with our Spirit points to Behaviour points ratio being at 9 to 1 overall. Where year groups have achieved 7 to 1, they will be rewarded with a non-uniform day, so watch this space.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations wc 09/10/23

The following students have been awarded with Headteacher's commendations this week for going above and beyond, either within a subject, outside the classroom or beyond School.

Student	Nominated for
Lily D	Contributed to help make the display for the Creative Writing OOP.
Isabelle C	Contributed to help make the display for the Creative Writing OOP.
Maya E	Contributed to help make the display for the Creative Writing OOP.
Angeles C	Angeles delivered an amazing speech about her transition at the Year 6 Open Evening.
William Hutley	Will delivered an amazing speech about his transition at the Year 6 Open Evening.
Eva W	Eva delivered an amazing speech about her transition at the Year 6 Open Evening.
Alfie W	Alfie delivered an amazing speech about his transition at the Year 6 Open Evening.
Liam L	Continued excellent work, really showing his potential.
Luke R	For a truly fantastic imaginative writing, full to burst with English descriptive techniques.
Jessica J	For showing amazing perseverance and resilience in lessons and helping her peers when they found work hard.
Sophie H	The best lesson she has ever done in Geography.
Georgia C	Two grades above previous best in Geography.
Sophie H	High scoring Geography assessment!
Seb D	Consistently good effort in Geography.
Zoe P	Improved independent work in Geography.
Ollie C	For completing Mr. Huggins periodic table challenge with a perfect set of answers.

Staff member of the week

Ms Peattie and Mrs Gregory - Passion: the most caring and dedicated professionals. They are a wealth of knowledge and work tirelessly to support our students and their families. They are amazing!

Tell us about something brilliant!

If you would like to nominate someone for an Abbey College Spirit Award for any out of school success stories, then please follow this [link](#) or email the Office office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk.

Student expectations and safety

Student Safety

This week we have been talking to students about how to look after your mental health. It is important to be aware of how you are feeling and as well as keeping healthy it is vital to know about how to help your mental health. Talking to others is important. If your child needs support, ask them to speak to their form tutor, teacher or the Welfare Team or see the website link below:

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child](#)

Practical tips, advice and where you can get help if your child or teenager is struggling with their mood, feelings, or their behaviour seems different. www.youngminds.org.uk

Student welfare and wellbeing

Hardship Funds

The Ramsey Foundation kindly donate funds every year to support family hardship. The funds have been used for purchasing uniform, student equipment, revision guides, educational visits, etc.

If you want to know more or feel like your child might benefit from this additional support, please email welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk and speak to Ms Peattie or Mrs Gregory.

Student attendance - Week 5

- **Congratulations:** to Year 7 who have the fewest number of unauthorised absences.
- **Reminder:** Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.

Student wider personal development

Student enrichment - OOPs

Step up, step in and take part. You can read more about the OOPs via Edulink or here:

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

Interacts - KS4 Subject Support Sessions

Day	Subject	Club	Time	Location
Monday	Drama and Music	GCSE Support/ Rehearsals	Afterschool	Frank Burton Building
	Art and 3D Design	GCSE/Coursework Support	Afterschool	T06
	(Week B) English	GCSE Enhancement	After School	GB06/GB07
Tuesday	Spanish	GCSE Support	Afterschool	S15
	Maths	Grade 7+ (By invitation)	After School	M06
	Maths	GCSE Higher	After School	M08
	Maths	GCSE Foundation	After School	T09/M06
	Health and Social Care	Coursework Support	After School	IT04
(Week A)	English	GCSE Enhancement	After School	GB06/GB07
Wednesday	Art and 3D Design	GCSE/Coursework Support	Afterschool	T06
	Chemistry	GCSE Support	Afterschool	Science
	Physics	GCSE Support	After School	Science
	History - Targeted	GCSE - Topics to improve	After school	Study 6
	ICT	Unit 2 Support	After School	ME01
	Engineering	Coursework/Practical Support	Lunchtime	T12
	MO	GCSE Support	After School	GH2
Friday	Psychology	GCSE Support	Lunchtime	GH11

ABBEY COLLEGE NEXT STEPS CAREERS FAIR – THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023 – 5.30pm–7.30pm – NORTH HALL

A reminder that all students in all years and parents/carers are invited. Lots of employers, colleges and universities will be attending.

Look forward to seeing you!

Find out about the world of apprenticeships

If you are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships, there is a live Teams webinar by AIM on Wednesday 18 October, 6.30pm – 7.15pm. Joining instructions below:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 359 609 450 459

Passcode: 9PUgHW

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Student curriculum

Abbey College Curriculum Aims

 Inclusive	The curriculum provides a clear programme of understanding to a range of diverse cultures and religions.
 Challenging	To have a challenging and aspirational curriculum that provides opportunities to ensure no learner is left behind.
 Cultural Capital	All learners will receive a wide and fulfilling educational experience.

How can I find out what my child is learning in each subject?

Our website

This is a great source of information, detailing what your child(ren) will learn at Abbey College. You can see an overview for each subject, through to the detail of how many lessons they receive and what they will learn. There are even resources to support students with their preparation for examinations (or if they have had a prolonged absence), called Knowledge Organisers. For more information, click here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum>

Parent information

Check out our new [Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form](#) Facebook page to stay updated with all the latest happenings in our newly refurbished Study6 and social areas

Parent Forum Update

The first Parent Forum Meeting of the year will be on the **18th October 2023 @ 5pm**. The agenda is below:

1. Year 7 Transition and settling-In
 2. School library
 3. Window Into the School and how we can provide families with an insight the student experience.
 4. Fundraising and Finance Update
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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 Forum

Parent Diary Dates 2023-24

Date	Activity/Event
Thursday 28 th September	Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening, 4.20-7.30pm
Thursday 5 th October	Year 6 Open Evening, 4.30-7.30pm
Thursday 19 th October	Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form Open Evening, 4.30-7.30pm
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day, students not in school
Tuesday 31 st October	Students back in school (week B)
Thursday 2 nd November	Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening, 4.30-6pm
Friday 10 th November	Year 13 University and Apprenticeship Event at University of Northampton
Thursday 7 th December	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening, 4.30-6pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 10 Next Steps Event in school
Monday 27 th November	Year 12/13 Parliament trip
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 7 Guess the Professional event in school
Wednesday 20 th December	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Students back in school (week A)

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?



- The data deadline for publication of Year 9 and 10 reports has been moved to has been moved to next week. We will be publishing on the Thursday before half term, and they should be available next Friday.
- Year 12 reports will be published next week.

Employment opportunities at Abbey College

The following posts are available, and we will always consider flexible working requests:

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- [Behaviour Support Assistant](#) - Full-Time £18,755.00 - £20,168.00 annually.
 - [Cleaner](#) - Part-Time £10.62 per hour
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For further information: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Communicating with us and how to raise concerns

[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>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/