

## Weekly Family Update - 03.11.23

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

### Foreword

*The virtue of the week is Intuition, and the theme was, 'We consider the impact of our actions on others.' Students were asked to consider the impact disruption in the classroom has on others. In addition, as we work with students to 'reshape' their communication, the focus this half term is applying that to digital communication. During Social Studies lessons, students will be practicing how to write messages in Teams or emails to staff and other adults, ensuring the appropriate greetings and punctuation are used.*

*Our Parent Forum met on the 18th October and heard from Ms Lane around how well the Year 7s have settled in. We discussed how the School might provide opportunities for families to see what pupils experience on an average day. One suggestion from a parent was to create a video timeline to show what a typical day involves; from the moment they arrive through to the after-school OOPs that our students attend. Another suggestion involved showcasing what a typical lesson looks like in a range of subjects. Each video should last no more than 20-30 seconds using a time-lapsed process. Over the next few months, our aim is to share some of these videos via our social media channels.*

*Finally, Ms Smithson-Ingrey shared the plans to re-launch the school library and how they would like book donations from the community. We are extremely excited to be able to open a library this year. If anyone has any books, they are able to donate, we would be extremely grateful. Please leave any donations at reception.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Andy Christoforou, Headteacher*

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*Please read on for essential updates.*

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### Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



#### ***Headteacher Commendations wc 30/10/23***

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
Charlie Selby	Excellent attitude to your study of A Christmas Carol. You are displaying an excellent aptitude for improvement and hard work.
Rimante Zilaityte,	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Maya Edwards	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Amelie Bramford	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Georgia Humphreys	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Amy Daines	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Rikka Moire Quito	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Isabelle Goodman	Staying after school to meet, greet and host delegates as Careers Ambassadors. A credit to Abbey College.
Annie Royal	For being kind, caring and considerate
Lanielle Ah-Sam	Winning the Girls EFL Club Tournament
Ava Hearn	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Megan Wallace	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Amelie Wallace	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Ffion Evans	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Scarlett Cameron	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Pippa Buddle	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Fleur Bellamy	Winning the Girls EFL Cup tournament
Lola Strong	Dr Frost Champion!
Freya Habibi	Dr Frost Champion!
Tim Smith	Dr Frost Champion!
Lily Lu Dyer	Dr Frost Champion
Tacey Grover	Dr Frost Champion!
Sophie Whitsey	Dr Frost Champion!
Nefeli Tsopela	She has been actively participating in lessons and her respect for her peers and teacher is noteworthy
Islam Dymond	Completing 100 days of Spanish on Duolingo

## Staff member of the week

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Ms Smithson-Ingrey: Passion - For planning such excellent lessons and showcasing the English Department during the recent evening events- thank you!

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

## Student expectations and safety

### **Student Safety**

#### **DFE Safeguarding guidance for after school clubs, community activities and tuition.**

The guidance sets out the expectations on providers with regards to safeguarding and child protection, suitability of staff and volunteers, health and safety and governance. A parallel document [Using after-school clubs, tuition and community activities](#) has also been published for

parents and carers, giving advice on choosing a club for their child. A helpful leaflet is also available at [Using after-school clubs, tuition and community activities – A parent and carer’s guide.](#)

## ***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](mailto:welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk) and speak to Ms Peattie or Mrs Gregory.

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### **Is my child too ill for school?**

*Some really simple and good advice from the NHS, especially with the winter months are approaching. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>*

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## **YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People**

There are lots of places that you and your child can go to for mental health support and advice. YoungMinds is a Mental Health Charity with website designed for you & your child to access <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

If you do have any concerns about your child’s mental health please also get in touch with the schools Welfare Team [welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk)

### ***Student attendance - Week 7***

- **Congratulations:** to Year 11 – the year group with the fewest number of students absent in the last week of term.
- **Reminder:** While 90% on a school test maybe impressive, 90% attendance over a school year = 4 whole weeks of missed learning, or 100 missed lessons.

## **Student wider personal development**

### ***Student enrichment - OOPs***




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

## Student curriculum

### Abbey College Curriculum Aims

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

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

#### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) focus

RSE is a very broad topic, which makes up part of our Personal Development Curriculum. It includes learning about families, respectful relationships (including friendships), online and media, being safe and intimate and sexual relationships (including sexual health). It is often the last of these sections that families want to know most about. The information below will give you the information you need to know about this important part of our curriculum.

Before the start of every academic year (Summer term 2) we consult with parents and students on the RSE curriculum. If you would like more information or would like to support us in reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education policy, then please contact: [Snoble@abbey.college](mailto:Snoble@abbey.college).

To read the government guidance on RSE please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>.

## Parent information

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### Remembrance Service

This year we are holding our Remembrance Service on Thursday 9th November commencing at 10:30am. Our guest reader this year will be Rev Iain Osborne. If you would like to attend, please email the <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/contact-us/contact-the-school>.

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### Parent Forum

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 Forum

### Parent Diary Dates 2023-24

Date	Activity/Event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 13 University and Apprenticeship Event at University of Northampton
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening, 4.30-6pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 10 Next Steps Event in school
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12/13 Parliament trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Guess the Professional event in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	INSET Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Students back in school (week A)

### Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

- **EduLink** is now back up and working, apologies for the inconvenience. If you are having issues, then contact [JOswell@abbey.college](mailto:JOswell@abbey.college)
- **Year 7 and 8 assessments** are scheduled over the next couple of weeks. The assessments could be tests, performances, extended projects. Information should be on Teams and if there are issues finding the information then contact your RSL who will pass on your concerns to the subject leader.
- **Year 11 and 13 Trials** start this month. It is a stressful time for the students so encourage them to eat well, get lots of sleep, revise thoroughly and to contact the Welfare Team if they need to talk about their wellbeing. If there are concerns about the exam arrangements, then contact the exams officer at [LBennett@abbey.college](mailto:LBennett@abbey.college)

### Employment opportunities at Abbey College

Please see this link: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

## Communicating with us and how to raise concerns

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

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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/](https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/)