

Weekly Family Update - 10.11.23



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

Foreword

The virtue of the week is Passion, and the theme was, 'We show focus and use positive language.' This was especially important as we remembered those who have died in the line of duty from the First World War during the annual Remembrance Service on Thursday. The students were impeccable, and it was really lovely to hear speeches from the Head Students and the Rev Iain Osborne. A special thanks to our Year 11 Timothy, for his rendition of The Last Post and the CCF for their excellent display.

Next week, I will be in a position to share the Ofsted report with families and students, towards the end of the week now we have received the draft version.

Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form are delighted to announce their Student Leadership Team for 2023/4. Head students Jacob and Mary are being supported in their roles by Annabel (Academic Society), Islay (Year 11 Transition), Matilde (Student Voice) and Tobias (Fundraising and Events).

Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Flash Reward

Last week, 80 students were nominated by the form tutors for 'considering the impact of their actions on others'. They were invited to our Flash Reward where they enjoyed an afternoon of pizza.

Headteacher Commendations wc 06/11/23

The following students have been awarded with Headteacher's Commendations this week. They will receive 10 Spirit points and a special postcard home.

Student	Nominated for
Sophie F	For being so positive and your determination to keep moving forward
Jessica J	
	Huge improvements in her efforts and the quality of her work. She should be very proud!
David A	Effort in lessons and a high standard of work.
Daniel S	Effort in lessons and a high standard of work.
Riley S	Winner of the 500 word story competition. "Similies, metaphors and personification beyond what you would expect for a year 7"
Annie Rose F	2nd Place in 500 Word Story Competition- just Fab(b)!
Archie C	3rd Place in 500 word Story competition
Callum V	4th place in 500 Word Story Competition
Danielle T	Silver iDEA Champion
Lily D	Silver iDEA Champion
Hannah H	Dr Frost Champion!
Dylan T	Dr Frost Champion!
David A	Dr Frost Champion!
Summer B	Dr Frost Champion!
Amelia L	Dr Frost Champion!
Melissa M	Dr Frost Champion!
Aimee L	Dr Frost Champion!
Alex G	Dr Frost Champion!
Lilia M	For teaching the other students in an understandable way
Amanda K	Volunteering to be a part of the day in the life of the well being dog video!
Isabelle C	Volunteering to be a part of the day in the life of the well being dog video!
Mia O	for her best ever response to an English exam and for sharing her work for a CTG lesson.
Amelie W	Winning the girls football district tournament
Megan W	Winning the girls football district tournament
Ffion E	Winning the girls football district tournament
Paisley S	Winning the girls football district tournament
Fleur B	Winning the girls football district tournament
Pippa B	Winning the girls football district tournament
Scarlett C	Winning the girls football district tournament
Imogen P	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Leah H	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
heobe B	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Georgia H	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Lottie W	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Lyla R	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Lanielle A	Coming second in the U13's girls football district tournament
Carson M	For giving up his time and helping with year 7 and 8 district tournament

Staff member of the week

Mr Pilinski - Humility: For supporting students and staff through a major IT transition to Microsoft 365, in a calm and reassuring manner.

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

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is National anti-bullying week. Our Social Studies lessons and morning messages will be on the theme of anti-bullying. In particular we will be reminding students:

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- *What bullying is 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.'*
 - *When banter becomes bullying*
 - *How to report bullying, including via our new letterbox outside the SSO hub*
 - *How Abbey College responds to bullying*
 - *The importance of speaking out if they become aware of bullying*
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*On **Wednesday 15th November**, we are marking odd socks day and are inviting students to come to school wearing odd socks as a reminder that we are a community who celebrate diversity. Students who wear skirts are able to join in by wearing their odd socks over their tights.*

Student welfare and wellbeing

This week we have been reminding students about how they can share any worries or concerns with a member of staff at school. Your child's form tutor is your first point of contact as they see their form group at the start of every day. However, if your concerns are related to safeguarding or wellbeing, you or your child can contact the welfare team directly via welfare@abbey.college

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 8

- **Congratulations:** to Year 7 – the year group with the lowest rate of student absence in the last week of term.
- **Reminder:** The school is obliged by law to differentiate between authorised and unauthorised absence. Communication from a parent does not in itself authorise an absence.

Student wider personal development

Assemblies, Form Time and the morning message - Our assemblies are diverse and seek to underpin the Personal Development Programme and promote and reinforce our values of Humility,

Intuition and Passion. Regular assemblies are delivered on topical issues. These messages are further explored in Form Time and the morning messages are used to reinforce our virtues.

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

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

Moral & Spiritual Focus @ Abbey College

Last half term, students in Year 7 explored ideas about Religion & Worldviews in their lessons. They asked questions such as What is Religion? What is the Purpose of Religion? What is the state of religion today, particularly in our local area? And can Veganism be classed as a religion, a worldview or neither.

As part of this scheme of work, students were tasked to create a poster on religion as their homework. There were some fantastic pieces!

As a reward for the commitment and passion shown in this homework task, 20 students will be rewarded with a Golden Ticket and Sweets in their upcoming assembly. Well done Year 7! Visit the [website](#) to learn more about our curriculum.




Parent information

Parent Forum

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](#)

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.

Cheryl Greyson - Chair of Parent Forum

Parent Diary Dates 2023-24

Date	Activity/Event
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
Thursday 7 th December	Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening, 4.30-6pm
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?

- **EduLink** is now back up and working. If you are having issues, then contact JOswell@abbey.college
- **Year 7 and 8 assessments** are ongoing. 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** start this week. It is important, that on a daily basis, students know what exams they are sitting and the exam halls they are in together with their seat numbers. It is a good idea if they have this written down and with them to ensure a smooth start for them to every exam. If there are concerns about the exam arrangements, then contact the exams officer at LBennett@abbey.college

Employment opportunities at Abbey College

Staff Vacancies

- Teacher of PE
- Break/Lunch time Supervisor
- Teacher of English
- Lead Learner of Geography

Please see this link: <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/