# Weekly Family Update - 02.02.24



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











The virtue of the week is Humility, and the theme is, 'we embrace working with a wide range of people and celebrate difference'. Students were asked to consider what qualities they might need to work with a wide range of people and the benefits of diversity.

Mental Health was the focus for Welfare Wednesday, and on Thursday, 80 students joined us for our flash reward in the 6th form Study6 this week. They were all nominated by their form tutors for being excellent at working with others and celebrating difference.

#### Looking ahead:

- Next week is the Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening
- The Year 7 and 8 Inter-house competition
- The Year 11 Musicians have two drop-down days to complete controlled assessments, followed by a Macbeth Production to support their English examinations
- We urge all families of Year 8 to attend the Options Evening on the 15th February between 4:30-7:30pm
- After half term, we have the Year 12 Virtual Parents Evening on the 29th Feb.

Finally, I wanted to share some of the great charitable work our Junior Leadership Team students are doing to improve Abbey College. Below is a report from Carson in Year 10, who wanted to raise fund in support of setting up a fully furnished Student Quiet Room for use during breaks. Below is Carson's match report for the 'Blues vs the Blacks'.

#### **Match Report**

As part of the Quiet Room Student Team, I decided to hold a Year 8 rugby match, where Year 7 and Year 8 students would be invited to watch for £1, to raise money for the equipment we need to set the room up.

Working with the PE department, I recruited two teams of Year 8 players and two Year 10 coaches, Calum and Henri.

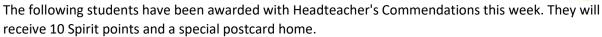
I have worked with the Year 8 Rugby Team all season, so knew their strengths and after meeting them for a team briefing, placed them in teams based on this. Being District tournament champions 2 years in a row, I knew this was going to be a closely fought match and it did not disappoint. Assisted by Mr Pugh, I refereed a fast-paced match, in which it seemed that the Blacks would dominate, taking an early lead but the Blues pulled it back to make it 35 all. However, the Blacks dug in again in the second half making the final score 50-35. Whilst all the action was happening on the pitch, Theo and Dexter were also working hard in the crowd collecting donations from spectators, which came to a grand total of £241.55.

Carson, we are all very proud of you. Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

# **Celebration of Spirit - Recognition**

# Headteacher Commendations wc 29/01/24



|                           | Nominated for  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Sophie George             | Working hard on her Music Coursework   |  |
| Matilda Saunders          | Passing her piano exam with flying colours   |  |
| Sonny Gilbert             | Excellent effort and attainment in English lessons. Wonderful reading aloud ability and thoughtful contributions to class. |  |
| Riley Ruffel              | Excellent recall of literature knowledge; you are clearly revising and it will pay off!                                    |  |
| Emma Fort                 | Excellent annotations and notes for Macbeth - your hard work revising will pay off!  |  |
| Chloe Moore               | Excellent attempt at PETER paragraphs and sophisticated analysis.  |  |
| Aidan Moynan              | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Declan Dale               | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| George Harris             | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Tom Harris                | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Harry Workman             | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Jayden Metz               | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Marlon Pietersz           | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Oscar French              | Played as part of the Year7/8 team. Won the Cricket East Indoor cricket tournament   |  |
| Carson Moore              | 100+ Day streak on Duolingo  |  |
| Pirayugen<br>Pirabhakaran | Excellent presentation to parents & students about the gliding club  |  |
| Harry Goudie              | For working hard in his English lessons to challenge himself and become more confident in his writing.                     |  |
| Lily Donaldson            | Outstanding book work, contributions in lessons, and overall progress in her English lessons.                              |  |
| Mia O'Riordan             | You have made so much progress in Year 11 $^{\sim}$ congratulations and keep going!  |  |
| Zara Svenson              | For an outstanding attitude to learning and support / tuition of other students in Spanish lessons.                        |  |

# Pearson National Teaching Awards 2024 - Nominations now open

Please use this link: <a href="https://www.teachingawards.com/parents-page-the-unsung-hero-award/">https://www.teachingawards.com/parents-page-the-unsung-hero-award/</a>





### Staff member of the week

Mrs Smithson-Ingrey: Humility - For organising, planning, and running such excellent 7-9 Interacts for our Y11s on Macbeth. They are very lucky to have you and your genius brain!

#### 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@abbey.college.

### **Parent information**

#### **Preloved Uniform Shop**

The next **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop** is open during the Year 8 Options Evening on **Thursday 15th February, 4:30 - 7:30pm** 

- Cash only please
- Donations welcome throughout the year. Please wash, bag and hand in to reception.
- If you are able to volunteer some time to help run the shop. Please email parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk
- The Preloved Uniform Shop can be contacted via this link:
   https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F4133239840069866

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#### **Parent Forum**

The date of the next Parent Forum is **Wednesday 14th February @ 5pm**, where we will be hearing from the school on:

- Homework Policy, expectations, and different methods to complete homework Ms Powell
- Higher Prior Attaining Students Ms Dowd
- Antibullying Update Ms Noble
- Parent Partnership Award Mrs Craig
- Fundraising and Finance Update

If you would like to attend, please email: <a href="mailto:parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk">parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk</a>

Find our minutes here: Parent Forum - Abbey College, Secondary School and Sixth Form in Ramsey

Charlotte Downing - Chair of Parent Forum

### **Parent and Community Governor Vacancies**

The Governing Body at Abbey College currently has a parent governor vacancy and is seeking self-nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the board. Please see further information and vacancy letter here: <a href="https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body">https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body</a>

There is also a vacancy for a community governor, if you know of anybody who may be interested, please do ask them to get in touch.

### Parent Diary Dates 2023-24

| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                          | Lion King Theatre Trip                          |
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| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                           | Year 11 Music Dropdown day                      |
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|  | Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening                  |
| Friday 9th February 2024   | Year 11 Macbeth Production                      |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                            | Year 11 Spanish Film Workshop                   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                          | Year 8 Options Evening 4.30-7.30pm              |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024 | Half Term                                       |
| Thursday 29th February 2024                                      | Year 12 Virtual Parents Evening 4.30-6pm        |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                             | Year 7 BAE Systems Roadshow (careers)           |
| Monday 11th March 2024   | Year 10 Music Dropdown Day                      |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                              | Sixth Form Poetry Day                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                             | Y11 Music Dropdown Day                          |
|  | Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm     |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                              | Year 8 HPV Vaccinations                         |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                             | Year 12 UCAS and Cultural Capital Trip and Year |
|  | 13 Drama Trip                                   |
|  | Last Day of Spring Term                         |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June          | Year 10 Work Experience                         |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June          | Last Day of Spring Term                         |

#### Dates for Careers events:

- 5th to 9th February is National Apprenticeship Week (NAW2024)
- 8th February Year 8 & 10 will be having an employer come into school to give a presentation on Apprenticeships
- 15th February Year 8 options evening; Ms pollard will be available for a chat with any parents/carers and students during the course of the evening.
  - 28th February- Year 7 will be having a visit from BAE Systems (STEM Roadshow)

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

• Year 10 Trial exam: The whole of Year 10 is sitting a Citizenship trial under exam conditions at 9.10am on 14.02.24.

- The Year 10 and 12 reports will appear on Edulink before half term. The Year 12 Parent's Evening is immediately after half term. If you are not using Edulink regularly then please check that you can log in. If you are having technical issues. then contact <a href="LBennett@abbey.college">LBennett@abbey.college</a>.
- Year 11 Teacher Set Targets are given on Year 9, 10 and 11 reports. These are long term targets set by teachers. The data used to support the teachers in choosing them is triangulated and comes from three sources.
- Teachers have been reminded that all homework set on platforms such as EEdi, Tassoumi,
   Languagenut etc must be added to Teams so that it is visible on Teams and Edulink.

**Students Reports:** These are filed under 'Documents' in Edulink.

# Student expectations and safety

Student welfare and wellbeing

#### **Mental Health Support**

We have been sharing the tips below with students about how to help look after their mental health:

- sleeping for the recommended amount
  - eating healthily
  - doing regular exercise
  - sharing worries with others

There are lots of websites with advice for parents, this is one with some helpful tips: <a href="https://www.unicef.org/parenting/health/four-things-you-can-do-support-your-teens-mental-health-health-thealth-heal

If you do have questions or need some support, please get in contact with our welfare team welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

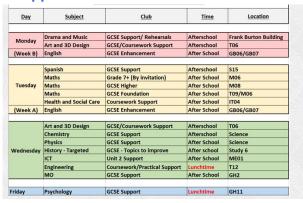
#### Student attendance - Week 19

• **Congratulations:** To all the students who have gained a 'Golden Ticket' for 100% attendance in Term 1.

• **Reminder**: Young people who are working must apply for a work permit; please email tina.davis@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk for more details.

# Student wider personal development

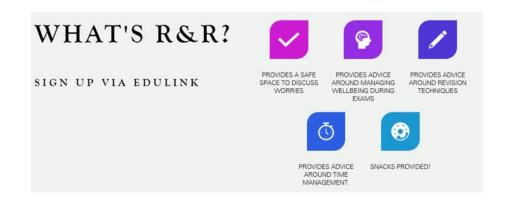
# **Interacts - KS4 Subject Support Sessions**



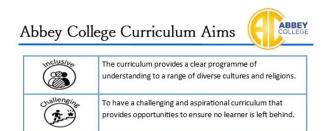
#### **OOPs**

Please check out all out OOP offers for the Spring term on Edulink and look out for a few more being added next half term!

As part of the Performance Learning survey actions there will be a Year 11 Rest and Relaxation OOP starting on Friday 16.02.24 with Lisa Gregory from the Welfare Team. Year 11 students can book in on Edulink.



### Student curriculum



All learners will receive a wide and fulfilling educational

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

#### **Exam information**

Check out our Exam Information page to find out which exam boards we use for each subject within our curriculum. <a href="https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/exam-information">https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/exam-information</a>

# Communicating with us and how to raise concerns

<u>Click here</u> to access this Communication Flowchart on our website.

#### Other news updates can be found here:

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