

Weekly Family Update – 25.04.24

Newsflash!

We were alerted yesterday that on Monday 29th April, Hollow Lane will be closed between 9:30am-2:30pm for resurfacing. Of course, emergency vehicle access will be granted, if required. However, we are at the mercy of the workforce and will only know on the day, where it will take place and if the resurfacing will be completed by 2:30pm as the tarmac will need sufficient time to set. There will be temporary traffic lights in place to regulate the traffic.

We will email on Monday if the situation will further impact the School in any way, but wanted to make you aware of the potential for disruption and congestion. For more information on the works, please see here: <https://one.network/>

In any case, if families or a student arrives during the window when the works are taking place, we suggest you consider leaving a little extra time for your journey and use the link above to plan your route to school.

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



Well – here we go... the summer term and exam season has started in earnest. GCSE language orals will soon take centre stage next week alongside the 3D Design and Drama final component examinations, and as the rest of the summer unfolds, we will see many of our students sit public examinations. It is a time of the year that brings excitement and trepidation in equal measure, and I hope that students will see these challenges for what they really are: an opportunity to showcase what you have learned and the skills that you have acquired on a journey leads each of you through a unique sequence of doors towards an exciting individualised future. It can be hard to maintain perspective when the pressure is on but be confident that your best will deliver for you and that there is never a reason to fear what happens next. As a school and community, we wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students in particular the very best of luck over the coming weeks.

It was great to see the new 20mph speed limit signage added to the streets of Ramsey and Bury this week, and the Road Safety Group of Abbey College should be proud of what has been achieved in collaboration with the Ramsey Town Council. Stage 2 of the strategy involves applying for more signage and an informal crossing along Hollow Lane. I will keep you posted on the outcome of our Local Highways Improvement bid which is due to be heard by The Hunts Cambridgeshire Local Highway Improvement Panel on the 2nd May.

The virtue of the week is 'Humility' and the theme is, 'We take responsibility for our actions and the environment'. During assemblies, and our morning briefings with pupils, they were asked to explore what it means to 'take responsibility and how they might show this. Often, when some young people are challenged over their actions, their initial response is to either say things that minimise their impact or to deflect the issue on to others that may have been involved. It is important that we teach students that if they get things wrong, the first response should be an acceptance and apology for their part in whatever took place, and 'honesty is the best policy'.

A reminder that the Parent Forum Guarantee gives all parents the right to speak directly to me, the Headteacher, within 24 hours, if you feel your question has not been answered by those you have already contacted (see the end of this Update for details).

Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 22/04/24

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
Henry S	Excellent work in Maths
Joseph E	Constant hard work and resilience to some barriers, well done Joseph
Corley W	Incredibly dedicated and hardworking creatives!
Jessica W	Incredibly dedicated and hardworking creatives!
Zack T	Incredibly dedicated and hardworking creatives!
Codee H	Outstanding work in ASDAN and using her new laptop to record her answer
Emeline T	Distinction in Grade 3 Singing Exam
Lewis G	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Amy D	Helped with the Year 7/8 Interhouse competition
Charlie R	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Luke J	Helped out with the 7/8 Interhouse competitions
Maisy M	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Joseph S	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Maya E	Helped out with the 7/8 Interhouse competitions
Jessica L	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Levi	Helped out with the 7/8 Interhouse competitions
Amelie B	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Amelia G	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Maisie W	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Julia S	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!
Jamie D	For helping out with the Year 7 & 8 Interhouse competitions!

Staff member of the week

Mrs Holden: Intuition - Thank you for doing so much research into KS5 teaching and exam marking. The school is so lucky to have your knowledge.

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 .

Parent information

Preloved Uniform Shop

The next **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop** is open on **Thursday 15th February, 5:30 - 6:30pm**

- 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 Parent Forum took place this week. We heard from Ms Pollard on how to support Year 10s with work experience and the emergence of AI in schools with our resident expert Mr Huggins, who is working with the Meridian Trust to create a whole-school policy to harness the good and avoid the bad. At present, very little guidance has been provided to schools, and mainly the examination boards have published information around the use of AI in relation to controlled assessments (coursework). Mr Huggins plans to send something to families regarding the use of AI in schools in due course.

Find our minutes here: [Parent Forum - Abbey College, Secondary School and Sixth Form in Ramsey](#)

If you would like to attend, please email: parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Charlotte Downing - Chair of Parent Forum

Parent and Community Governors

The Governing Body 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: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/governing-body>

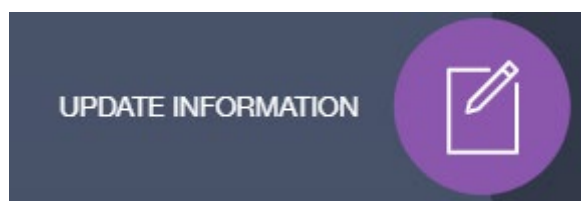
There is also a vacancy for a community governor, if you know of anybody who may be interested, please do ask them to get in touch.

Parent Diary Dates 2023-24

Wednesday 24 th April	Y9 Further Education/Apprenticeships Presentation and Sixth Form University Presentation
W/C 29 th April	Y11 MFL Oral Exams
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May	Sixth Form Leavers Event
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 7 th June	Alton Towers Attendance Reward Trip
Thursday 20 th June	Y7 Virtual Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Monday 24 th June	Sixth Form Induction Prizegiving Ceremony – by invitation only
Tuesday 24 th June	Sixth Form Induction

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

- **EduLink** shares with you the personal information that we store on you and your children. This includes addresses, phone numbers, doctor's surgery, medical conditions and disabilities. Can you please check that all information is current and use the Update Information button to send us any corrections.



- The **end of year assessments for Year 7 and 8 students** starts next week. All students should know the form the assessment is taking for each subject that they study. Revision lists should be on Teams for subjects using testing.
- **Year 7 Parent Evening** will take place in early June. This is a virtual Parent Evening and bookings for appointments take place through EduLink. Please ensure that your EduLink login is working and if there are issues contact LBennett@abbey.college

Students Reports: These are filed under 'Documents' in EduLink. If you need support, contact LBennett@abbey.college

Student expectations and safety

Student welfare and wellbeing

Online safety

This week we have been reminding our students about things to think about when they are online. Key things to consider are:

- not everyone is who they say they are online
- not everything is true online
- don't do or say anything online that you wouldn't do or say in person

There is a lot of online support for parents to view if you have concerns. This week we have included the INEQE link which has lots of useful information and links: <https://ineqe.com/online-safety/>

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

Student attendance - Week 28

- **Congratulations:** Attendance Reward trip to Alton Towers- please remember this trip has limited places and closes on 17th May 2024. If you need information regarding your son's/daughter's attendance, please email: attendance@abbey.college
- **Reminder:** Leave of Absence for the purpose of holidays in term time is not granted. Leave of absence is only granted when the circumstances are unavoidable therefore, 'exceptional'.

Student wider personal development

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

OOPs - Summer Term

Please check out all out [OOP](#) offers for the Summer term on Edulink!

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?

Moral and Spiritual (MO) focus

Click [here](#) to see what is being taught and learnt across all year groups in this core subject at Abbey College. There are also useful resources, such as Knowledge Organisers, which will support students in preparation for any assessment in this course.

Click here <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum> to find out information on the curriculums we offer.

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/