

Weekly Family Update – 03.05.24

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



The weather finally looks to be changing for the better, and as a result, there is an air of optimism and positivity on show as we wait for the sun to shine. With that in mind, below is some guidance on managing the warmer weather.

Uniform: Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your children come to school smart and ready to learn. We do not have a summer uniform at Abbey College and our expectations remain the same throughout the year. When the weather gets consistently warmer, we will notify parents and students that blazers can be removed. If we have an exceptionally warm spell of weather, then we will allow students the option of coming to school in their PE kit for that duration and will notify parents that this is the case.

Hydration: As the weather gets warmer, it is important that students remain hydrated. We have water coolers in school that students are permitted to use at break and lunchtime. It is not possible for students to fill their bottles outside of these times so please ensure that your child comes to school with a bottle large enough to keep them going for at least two hours.

Sun protection: Please ensure students apply sun protection before school.

The virtue of the week is 'Intuition' and the theme is, 'We actively listen and remember the detail'. During assemblies, and our morning briefings with pupils, they were asked to explore what:

- *it means to actively listen?*
- *techniques are available to support them to remember what has been learnt?*
- *technique they will focus upon improving their ability to listen?*

One of the most important things that parents and carers can do to support your child's education is to ensure they are in school every day. Attendance at school nationally has not recovered from pre-covid levels and we continue to look for ways to ensure we are encouraging all students to attend every day. We were delighted this week to hit 94% attendance last week with - well done to all. There is a strong correlation between attendance and outcomes, and outcomes open up life chances which is why we take attendance so seriously.

There has been fantastic attendance at our 'OOP' offer this year with students engaging well with the evening online revision sessions, the in-school revision booster sessions. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment from the Abbey College staff to these opportunities. They really do go the extra mile for our students, and I know that you are as grateful to them as I am.

Options update

Thank you for allowing us time to support our students that have been impacted by oversubscription and undersubscription to courses. We are working with students to ensure they feel supported in making new choices. This has delayed the confirmation of all Yr8 option allocations until the end of May.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Craig gcraig@abbey.college

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone bright and early Tuesday morning.

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 29/04/24

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

Amelie B	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Luke J	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Jack R	Another excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Charlie R	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Nicole O	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Megan J	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Anya W	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Lily M	Excellent result in your recent end of unit assessment ~ Well done!
Isabella B	Working so hard in lessons, completing all her work and attending all interacts
William H	Well Done for challenging yourself in lessons and assembly.
Ryley A	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Euan C	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Luke J	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Ethan M	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
James M	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Ben M	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Charlie R	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Jack R	For his contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Greta A	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Amelie B	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Isabelle G	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Ava M	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Emily T	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Sophie W	For their contribution to the year 9 Student Voice session.
Rheece B	For completing training making him youngest Boiler repairer in the country
Tia R	For being selected as a school Finalist for the Speak Out Challenge

Megan J	For being selected as a school Finalist for the Speak Out Challenge
April S	For being selected as a school Finalist for the Speak Out Challenge
Sophie H	For being selected as a school Finalist for the Speak Out Challenge
Frankie C	For being an excellent buddy to a new student and supporting him through his first weeks at Abbey College
Maksims E	For the progress he has made and his increasing confidence in class

Staff member of the week

Lynn Hunter: Passion - An absolute credit to the school, always so passionate and caring with the students.

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 uniform shop was again, very well attended and a great success. Thank you for your ongoing support with donations, please keep them coming.

*The shop will next be open on **Tuesday 14th May 2024, 5 - 6:30pm.***

Parent Forum

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

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.
- **Year 8 summer assessments** are now being marked and moderated. Reports will be published in the week of 14th May.
- **Year 7 summer assessments** are ongoing, and reports will be published just before half term.
- **Year 7 Parents Evening** is in the week of 17th June, please check that EduLink is working for you, sessions are booked through the Parents Evening tab.
- **Exams:** EduLink is counting down to the summer exams series. All Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students can see their exam dates, the location of their exams, their seat numbers and the duration of the exams. An example is below.



8 days, 3 hours and 4 minutes until the start of 8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F (Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1F) exam

Date & Start Time	Board & Level	Code & Exam	Room	Seat	Duration
10 May 2024 9:00 AM	AQA GCSE/9DA	8464F (8464/B/1F) Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F (Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1F)	Exams 7/FF - GB/N	A2	1hr 15m
16 May 2024 9:00 AM	AQA GCSE/9FC	8300F (8300/1F) Mathematics Tier F (Mathematics Paper 1 Tier F)	Exams 7/FF - GB/N	B1	1hr 30m

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

The emergence of 'Sextortion'

All schools in the UK have recently been sent information from the National Crime Agency, raising awareness of the recent rise in reporting of financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'). Children and young people worldwide are being targeted. Please read the letter which includes detailed information about extortion, how to support your child and how to report any concerns.

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/news/letters-to-parents> filed under 'whole school letters'.

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 29

- **Congratulations:** to Year 9 – the year group with the fewest number of students absent last week.
- **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

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/