

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Update letter for families – 4<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you for supporting our efforts in maintaining the use of face coverings within communal areas until half term. In addition, we are pleased to see the vast majority of students who take a school bus are wearing face coverings. Please continue to ask your child to test twice weekly and to upload their results on to [TestRegister](#) **and** on to the [NHS results website](#).

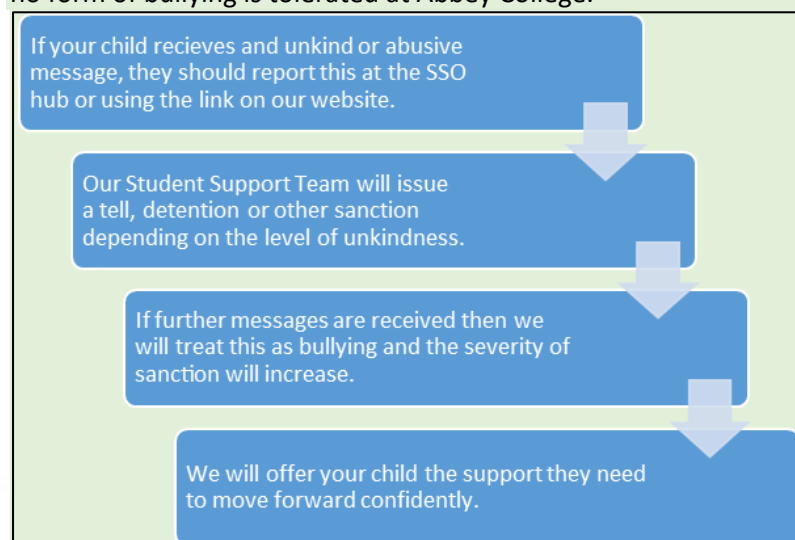
A reminder that Covid 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccinations for 12 to 15-year olds will take place on 11th February 2022. If you have any queries, please only contact the NHS-commissioned [School Age Immunisation Service \(SAIS\) Team](#) using this [link](#) or Telephone: 0300 555 5055. Alternatively, parents can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#).

Please read on for essential updates.

### Anti-bullying update: Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February is *Safer Internet Day* and this year's theme is 'Respect and Relationships' online. Students will be exploring this issue in their Social Studies lessons next week, focusing on the impact that negative online behaviour can have on mental health. This is particularly important for us, as following the school closures we have seen an increase in the number of students visiting our Welfare Team about unkind or abusive online posts and messages.

In order to support students with this, we have made a change to our anti-bullying and behaviour policies respectively, so that 'any malicious online communication directed at a member of our school community will be sanctioned in the same way as unkindness that takes place in school.' The process for students is below, and we will share this during next week's Social Studies lessons, in addition to reminding them that no form of bullying is tolerated at Abbey College.



### Governor update

It was good to have Governors visit our school on several occasions over the past two weeks, meeting Subject Leaders to review their strengths and areas for improvement. Governors set challenges for leaders and arranged follow-up visits to monitor their actions.

The primary role of a governor is to challenge and support the school leadership. However, they offer so much more, such as: providing professional knowledge (based on their own work experiences), coaching and mentoring, monitoring how the school is improving, collecting first-hand information and engaging with the community. There is an opportunity to meet some governors during our forthcoming Year 8 Option Information Evening to ask any school-related questions, or to enquire about the possibility of working as a governor. Currently, we are looking for a Parent Governor. If you would like any further information or to talk to a current governor, please contact [katie.dodsley@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:katie.dodsley@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk).

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Ramsey

The Deputy Mayor is very keen to focus on supporting young people, and wants to seek their views on what type of events they would like to see during the celebrations. In addition, he would like to know what type of activities and resources our young people will like to see come to Ramsey. Families are asked to complete this survey on his behalf to inform the planning. <https://forms.gle/3YJwe2jd4NoWQJP96>

### Assessment

- Year 12 exam papers are being marked and moderated with reports due to be published just before half term.
- Year 10 Trials are underway, reports are due to be published immediately after half term.
- Year 11 Trials start immediately after half term.
- Year 13 Trials are scheduled for the week beginning 07.03.22
- For help with the Sims app please contact: [simssupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:simssupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk)

### Headteacher Commendations

The following students have received a Headteacher Commendation this week. They will receive 10 spirit points and special postcard home.

Student	Recognised for
Sophie C	Consistently displaying humility, intuition and passion in everything that they do.
Joseph M	
Eve C	
Ruby S	
April S	
Ella B	
Phoebe B	
Arran L	
Alice C	
Harry A	
Euan C	

If you would like to nominate someone for an Abbey College Spirit Award then please follow this [link](#).

### Feeling worried or anxious?

Please use the dedicated button  on our website to confidentially raise concerns or to request support, including:

- Peer Mediation, to help students resolve any friendship issues they may have;
- Reporting a concern about the bus;
- Reporting unkindness or bullying;
- Ask for support with anxiety.

Please continue to take good care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully



Andy Christoforou  
Headteacher

### Vacancies at Abbey College

Please click on the links for more details.

- *Cleaner*: <https://www.mynewterm.com/school/Abbey-College,-Ramsey/137377/EDV-2022-ACR-74146/Cleaner>

### Parent Diary Dates 2021-22

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity/Event</i>
<i>Monday 14th-Friday 18th February</i>	<i>Half term – school closed</i>
<i>Monday 21st February</i>	<i>Inset Day – staff only in school</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd February</i>	<i>Students return 8:30am</i>
<i>Thursday 24th February</i>	<i>Year 8 options evening 4:30-7:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 1st March</i>	<i>Year 9 STEM Day [rescheduled from 25th January]</i>
<i>Thursday 3rd March</i>	<i>Year 12 and 13 virtual parents' evening 4:30-7:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 8th March</i>	<i>Year 10 STEM day</i>
<i>Friday 1st April</i>	<i>Last day of Spring term</i>