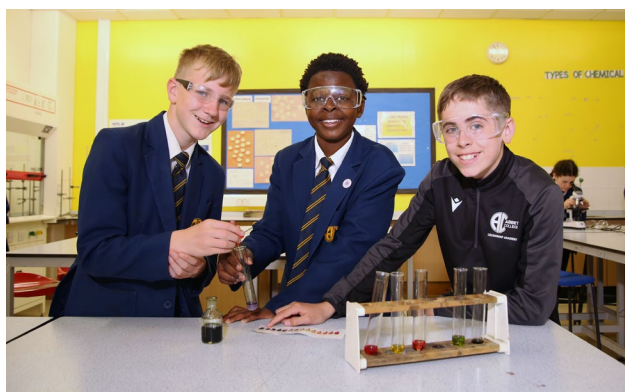
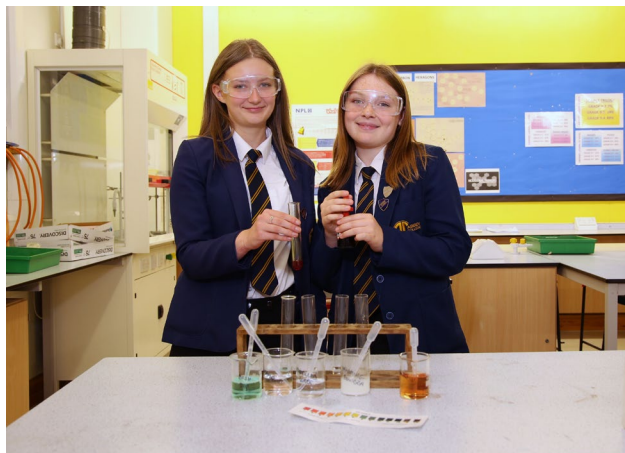




Weekly Family Update - 23.06.23

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Foreword

This week, our Year 10s have been sitting their end of year tests, and many of which, were in our large examination halls so that students get used to this environment. The Year 10s will be meeting Mrs Glen and I twice weekly to work on their 'stepping-up' tasks which involve a taught session on study skills followed by a workshop to share how they have applied that technique. This week's session focused on producing flashcards for revision. Accompanying this update, is a one-page pamphlet for families on the technique of flashcards.

Uniform and the warm weather

As the weather is still forecast to be very warm next week, students will continue to have the option to come into school in their PE kit. Please support us in our high expectations by ensuring that your child adheres to all elements of the Uniform Policy, particularly surrounding jewellery, hoodies and make up.

School events

Please note that owing to the industrial action (5th and 7th July), we have moved one of the Sports Days (see the diary dates below), to ensure students have the full experience of this annual community event, which we know they enjoy very much.

Last Day of Term: 19th July

Students finish at 1pm for the final day of term Wednesday 19th July. During the course of the morning, we will hold a whole school picnic as a celebration of our school community. The canteen will be open at break time, and students are encouraged to bring in a picnic and a rug to enjoy their time together. If your child travels home via service bus, Stagecoach no 31, and requires alternative transport, please email studentsupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Pastoral arrangements for 23-24

Currently, I am half way through the annual primary school visits with Ms Lane and it's been a pleasure to meet the year 6 students ahead of their transition. Please remember, the Year 6 transition dates are the 29th and 30th June, followed by the Saturday teambuilding event on the 8th July. Please contact Ms Lane via FLane@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk if you require any additional information.

I want to remind you of who is your child's Raising Standards Leader (RSL) for the next academic year (see below). Please note that Ms Bradley is already working with Year 7s to allow Ms Lane time to support our Year 6 pupils as they transition to Abbey College.

- *Ms Lane (non-teaching colleague) - Year 7*
- *Ms Bradley (teacher of Science) - Year 8*
- *Ms Beel (teacher of Maths and PE) - Year 9*
- *Ms Qureshi (beginning July 1st, teacher of Science) - Year 10*
- *Ms Arnold (teacher of English) - Year 11*

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.

You can use your Parent Forum Guarantee by calling 01487 812352 or emailing office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk with 'Parent Forum Guarantee' in the subject header. You will be contacted initially to arrange a convenient time for your call and then I will personally call you by the end of the next working/school day. If you would like a follow up meeting, this can occur within 72 hours after the initial phone call.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Celebration of Spirit - Rewards



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.



Headteacher Commendations wc 19/06/23

The following students have been awarded with Headteacher's commendations this week for going above and beyond, either within a subject, outside the classroom or beyond School.

Student Name	Reason for nomination
Isabelle C	Top of Duolingo leaderboard
Nelly S	Top of Duolingo leaderboard
Axel T	For his outstanding commitment to our spelling competition. Axel did his spellings every day for two weeks in an effort to win it. This is what we call going above and beyond!!
Maddy T	Passing the DofE expedition
Molly M	Passing the DofE expedition
Sophie H	For producing work of a very high standard and always striving to improve.
Emily M	Passing the DofE expedition
Oliver G	Passing the DofE expedition
Oliver W	Passing the DofE expedition
Casper S	Passing the DofE expedition
Ralph B	Passing the DofE expedition
Daniel B	Passing the DofE expedition
Lilibet R	Passing the DofE expedition
Zara K	Passing the DofE expedition
Ruby S	Passing the DofE expedition
Millie R	Passing the DofE expedition
Izabella J	Passing the DofE expedition
Laura N	Passing the DofE expedition
Poppy S	Passing the DofE expedition
Owen G	Passing the DofE expedition
Noah R	Passing the DofE expedition
Darcey S	Passing the DofE expedition

Parent Forum Update



*The final Parent's Forum meeting of the year is on **Tuesday 27th June 5-6pm**, please email: parentforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk if you'd like to join the meeting where punctuality and lateness, bus supervision, OOP clubs will be discussed.*

Please take our survey to share any questions or themes you would like the Parent Forum to put to the school in the next meeting. The survey closes on Monday 26th June.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentsForum22-23>

Cheryl Greyson - Chair of Parent Forum

Pre-loved Uniform

*The pre loved uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 4th July 5-6.30pm**, entry via the student entrance and the shop is cash only. The shop will also be open at the transition event on **Saturday 8 July 9.15 to 11.30am**. Please drop any donations of pre loved uniform or revision guides off at reception.*

Is your child eligible for Free school meals?

If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support. Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until the end of Year 11 even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Apply at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>
- If you need support with your application please contact Ms Goddard at ggoddard@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Wider personal development



Year 8 Business Networking – Meet the Professional Interview Event

On Wednesday morning 28 June, small groups of Year 8 students will interview three employers from a wide range of sectors and businesses to gather information about various occupations. Not only will they be finding out about different jobs, this type of activity helps develop essential skills such as communication, interview techniques and confidence, all vital for their next steps.

Read about our extensive Wider Personal Development Programme here:
<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum/wider-personal-development>

High Expectations and Safety



Uniform Reminders

Please support us in our high expectations for students by ensuring that your child does not come to school wearing items that are not permitted.

Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No visible bangles, bracelets or necklaces.• One small plain ring per hand• No facial piercings (eyebrows, tongue, lip or chin) except a small discreet nose stud.• One small stud or hoop in each ear under ½ cm in size• Ear stretchers are not permitted
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make-up must be discreet.• No nail varnish – coloured or clear• No acrylic nails• False eyelashes must not be worn

Attendance - Week 34



- **Congratulations:** Abbey College has again been officially recognised for having excellent attendance by securing a place in the top 25% of all schools for attendance in the Spring term!
- **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'.

Safety



Edulink and contact details

Please double check your parent details on Edulink. It is vital the contact information we have in school is up to date so we can make contact swiftly should we need to. It is always best to have more than one contact number added to Edulink and your email address so we have a number of ways we can contact you.

Information about subjects and lessons

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.

What you child is learning?

Here at Abbey College we offer a wide range of subjects. Our website holds key information to support students in their learning. Please see <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum> and select the curriculum you would like to know more about.

Assessment: How your child is doing?



- Year 7 and 8 Feedback forms are now being collected in and scanned. They will be coming home shortly.
- Year 7 and 8 students have NGRT reading tests from 26th June during English lessons.
- Year 7 students will have Progress Tests in Maths and English in exam rooms at the end of June. Students will need a calculator for the maths test. The dates are still pending.
- Year 9 end-of-year reports are due out next week.
- Year 10 end-of-year Trials are underway in exam halls. Students were given instructions both written and verbal on their conduct in trials and the invigilators are reporting excellent behaviour so far.
- Year 12 assessments are ongoing with reports due in July.
- If you are not yet using Edulink yet then contact Linda.Bennett@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk for support.

Parent Diary Dates 2022-23

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity/Event</i>
<i>Monday 3rd July</i>	<i>Sports Day 1 / Year 11 and 13 Prizegiving Event – by invitation only</i>
<i>Tuesday 4th July</i>	<i>Sports Day 2 / Matilda the Musical production</i>
<i>Wednesday 5th July</i>	<i>Matilda the Musical production</i>
<i>Thursday 6th July</i>	<i>Year 11 Prom</i>
<i>Friday 14th – Saturday 15th July</i>	<i>Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition – Year 10</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th July</i>	<i>Student Celebration Picnic – Last day of term</i>

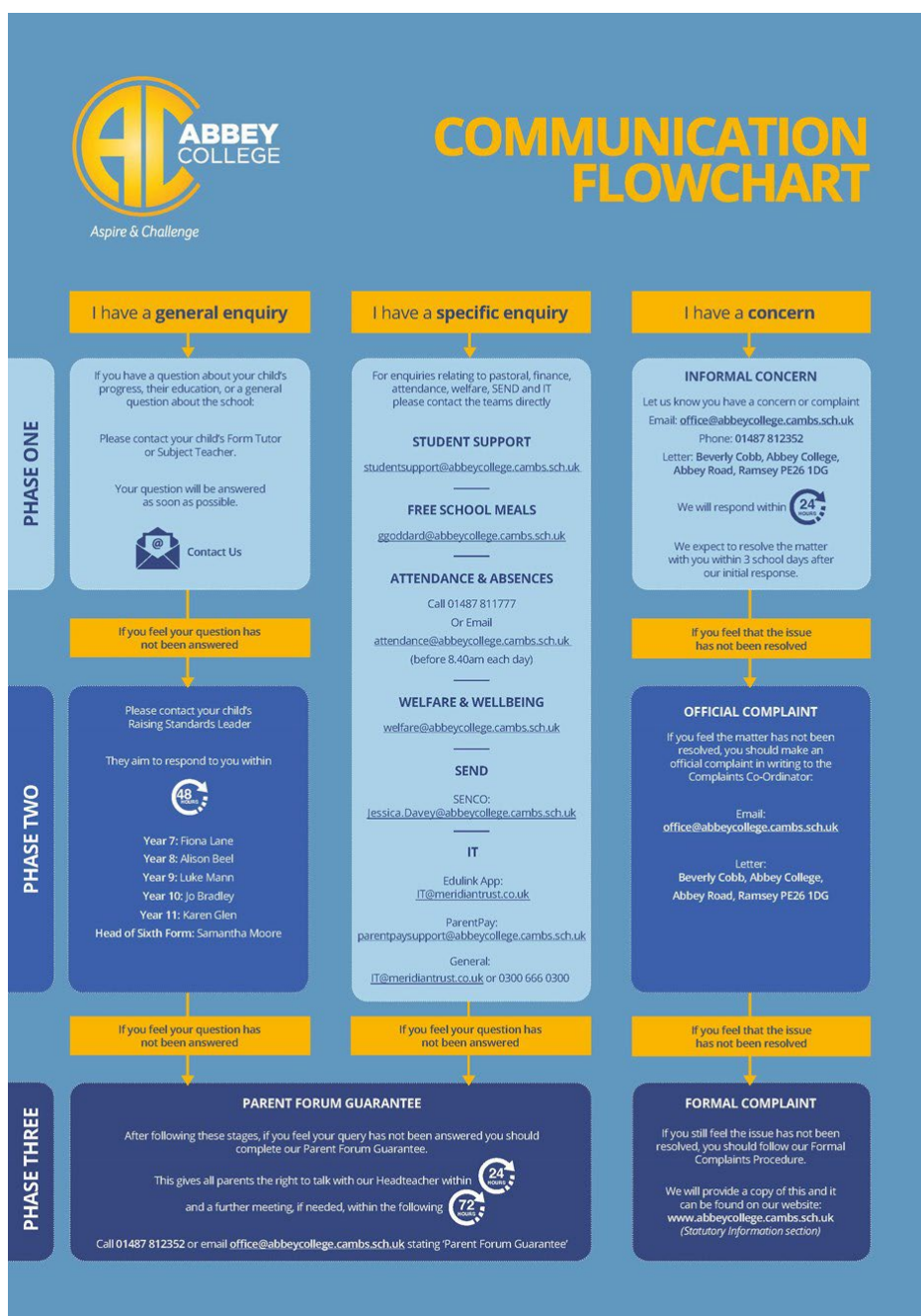
Communicating with us and how to raise concerns

To help you reach the right person if you have a query or concern, we have updated our “contact us” webpage and have included a simplified flowchart to show the most efficient way to communicate with us.



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COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART



[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>