

15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Update letter for families – 15th October

As we near the end of a challenging half term (Covid-wise), I would like to thank our staff, students and their families for supporting the safety measures we have implemented during the final two weeks. The vast majority of our students are now wearing face masks in all corridors and communal areas. Once again, please encourage your child to test twice weekly testing at home, on a Monday and Thursday and report the results to both the school, via [Test Register](#) and to the [NHS](#).

On Thursday, we were made aware that the rescheduled date for the Covid vaccinations of 12-15 years olds is Friday 19th November. To provide your consent, click this link: [COVID-19 Consent](#) and using the School Code: EE137377.

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. Please note that the Covid vaccine programme is led by the NHS, not the School. Anyone 16 or over can book a Covid vaccine via the NHS online [here](#).

Please read on for essential updates.

Assessment

- The Year 10 Autumn progress report can be accessed through the Sims app. Connection problems with the Sims app can be send straight through to the data team using the mailbox: simssupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk
- Year 7 and 8 assessments are happening immediately after half term. Revision lists should start to appear on Teams in the next week or so.
- Parent Pay now has its own designated mailbox at parentpaysupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Remembrance Service

We are delighted to be able to hold our annual Remembrance Service in person once again this year after having a pre-recorded event last year. The student-led service will take place on 11th November where our CCF students will be parading along with representatives from the cadets.

Ethos

In assemblies this week, students have been reflecting on World Mental Health Day, which falls on Saturday 10th October. In addition to these assemblies, we are planning a 'wear something bright' day on **Wednesday 20th October** to raise money for young people's mental health services. Students will be asked to pay £1 to wear a brightly coloured t-shirt instead of their usual school shirt.

New Raising Standards Lead (RSL) for Year 7

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms Fiona Lane who begins her role leading Year 7 from Monday 18th October. Our thanks go out to Mrs Craig who had been covering this post since September.

Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

Following the long-standing success of the JLT in Year 11, we are very excited to be starting our Junior Student Leadership Teams with the remaining year groups 7-10, after half term. This will be an opportunity for students to lead and represent their year group. Members of the Junior Student Leadership team will meet half termly with Miss Dowd and their RSL to work on Fundraising, Events and Ethos. This is their opportunity to shape the rewards and events, plus represent our community at events whilst gaining valuable leadership experience. Students have until 22nd October to apply! More application forms are available from the RSL or Miss Dowd.

New Parent Governor

Following the advert for a new parent governor, Tony McFarlane has been appointed unopposed for a four year term. Governors would like to welcome Tony to the Governing Body and they look forward to working with him.

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
Phoebe Brooker	Showing excellent leadership during CCF Camp with younger cadets, despite being the youngest senior cadet between three schools.
Maksims Ezeritis	Maksims showed true passion for Science and produced an outstanding Plant Cell model for his homework this week. The model, which is available to view in S03, is made to A-level standard and a piece of work Maksims should be proud of!
Zeng Liu	Passion: producing an outstanding piece of non-fiction writing for his English summer task.
Carson Moore	Showing outstanding attitude in Sports Leadership
Maddy Thurston	Demonstrating "Passion" when delivering first leadership session.
Molly Mann	Demonstrating "Passion" when delivering first leadership session.
Bobby Crump	Commitment to support with Rugby club and the Year 9 team
Hannah Cook	Passion: for an exceptional score on 'Languagenut'
Alex Robertson	Passion: for an exceptional score on 'Languagenut'
Georgia Plowman	Intuition: for participating so constructively in her student voice group
Lucy Santos	Intuition: for participating so constructively in her student voice group

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

The School has the following vacancies. For an application or more information, please click on the links below:

1. Teacher of Spanish (P/T or F/T): <https://www.mynewterm.com/school/Abbey-College,-Ramsey/137377/EDV-2021-ACR-44243/Teacher-Of-Modern-Foreign-Language>
2. Casual Exam Invigilator: <https://www.mynewterm.com/school/Abbey-College,-Ramsey/137377/EDV-2021-ACR-50269/Casual-Exam-Invigilator>

Parent Diary Dates 2021-22

Date	Activity/Event
Wednesday 20th October	'Wear something bright' Day
Thursday 21st October	School photographer visit for Years 7, 10 and 12
Friday 22nd October	School closed – additional holiday for Queen's Jubilee
Monday 25th to Friday 29th October	School closed – half term
Monday 1st November	School closed – INSET day
Tuesday 2nd November	Students return - Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 3rd November	The Winter Showcase musical performance 6-7:30pm
Thursday 4th November	Year 10 virtual parents' evening 4:30-7:30pm
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Service 11:00am
Thursday 11th November	Sixth Form Meet the Tutor virtual event 4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday 16th November	Year 8 STEM day
Friday 19th November	COVID student vaccinations – rescheduled date
Thursday 25th November	Year 8 virtual parents' evening 4:30-7:30pm
Monday 29th November	Year 7-11 nasal administration flu vaccinations