

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Update letter for families – 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Our students' sense of collective spirit was shown this week in the way they made no fuss about the need to continue wearing a face-covering in school. Please be reminded of the following:

- students can wear face coverings in lessons if they wish;
- students should continue to test twice a week and to record their results on [TestRegister](#) as well as the [NHS Results Website](#);
- all visitors to the school must wear face coverings and may be asked for their NHS Covid Pass;

Covid vaccinations of 12-15 years olds is Friday 19th November. 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 several schools have reported that owing to a lack of SAIS staff, not all consenting students have received their vaccination during the scheduled day. In the event your child does not receive their vaccination, a catch-up session will be offered at some point, and we will inform parents once this information is available. In any case, families are advised to prepare their child(ren) for this eventuality. The LA have informed schools that 12-15 year olds can now obtain a vaccination using their local walk-in centre, please see this [link](#) to book in if you wish to use this service.

Keeping classrooms well ventilated is one of our main controls. As the weather has changed, we advise that students consider wearing their school jumpers under their blazers to help maintain a good level of thermal comfort. If families require support in acquiring a school jumper, please contact our Welfare Team on [welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk).

Keeping with the theme of collective spirit, it was wonderful to see so many children participate in the Winter Showcase. I had the pleasure of observing the preparations that took place during Wednesday, and the energy and enthusiasm that emanated from our South Hall as students from all year groups collaborated, was simply fantastic. And, in spite of the challenging safety measures, the showcase was even more spectacular. Thank you to our wonderfully passionate Performing Arts Team, led by Ms Davey, as it's exactly events such as this, which make a *school feel like a school*.

Please read on for essential updates.

### **Assessment**

- Year 11 Trial Examination begin w/c 22.11.21, with Year 13 starting on 06.12.21. In the event that summer exams are cancelled, the data from these Trial Examinations will form part of the evidence used, for both year groups, to help determine the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs).
- Year 7 and 8 reports will be released through the Sims app at the end of November. It would be helpful if parents could set this up and check that it is working in the weeks before the data is published. When creating your app account, you are given the choice between using SIMS ID or

linking the app to a third-party provider (such as Google or Microsoft). We recommend using the third-party link option, as this has proven to be more reliable. Regardless of which log-in option you choose, we would advise making a note somewhere. The password reset option within the app only works if you are using SIMS ID; if you have linked a third-party provider you need to always sign in using that linked account. For help with the Sims app please contact: [simssupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:simssupport@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk)

### Remembrance Service

Our annual Remembrance Service will take place on 11th November where our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) students will be parading along with representatives from the Ramsey Army Cadets.

### Headteacher Commendations

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

<b>Student</b>	<b>Recognised for</b>
Carson Moore	<i>Intuition: Giving up his time to show prospective students around the school.</i>
Phoebe Batchford	<i>Intuition: Giving up his time to show prospective students around the school.</i>
Harry Gregory	<i>Intuition: Giving up his time to show prospective students around the school.</i>
Jack Gregory	<i>Intuition: Giving up his time to show prospective students around the school.</i>
Ewan Rose	<i>Passion: Great enthusiasm shown in all STEM lessons</i>
Sophie Hayter	<i>Passion: For stepping up and playing football for Year 8</i>
Jessica Lawrence	<i>Passion: For stepping up and playing football for Year 8</i>
Rubie Mae Harrison	<i>Passion: For stepping up and playing football for Year 8</i>
Tia Bailey	<i>Passion: For stepping up and playing football for Year 8</i>
Chloe Drake	<i>Passion: For stepping up and playing football for Year 8</i>

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

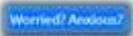
### Community Spirit Awards

We are very proud of the following students have been recognised in our wider community this week for showing the Abbey College Spirit.

Martha and Claudia in Year 11 spent a morning volunteering for the Colne Caring Community over half term, supporting the community afternoon tea. Their efforts and attitude were very much appreciated by all those at the event.

Ellisa in Year 13 did her first volunteered as resident photographer on Saturday at Ramsey's Halloween Spooktacular. Not only was she a delight to work with, she was professional, instantly bonded with the team, and took some stunning photos.

### 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

#### Parent Diary Dates 2020-21

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity/Event</i>
<i>Thursday 11th November</i>	<i>Remembrance Service 11:00am</i>
<i>Thursday 11th November</i>	<i>Sixth Form Meet the Tutor Virtual Event 4:30-6:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 16th November</i>	<i>Year 8 STEM day</i>
<i>Friday 19th November</i>	<i>COVID student vaccinations – rescheduled date</i>
<i>Thursday 25th November</i>	<i>Year 8 virtual parents’ evening 4:30-7:30pm</i>
<i>Monday 29th November</i>	<i>Year 7-11 nasal administration flu vaccinations</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd December</i>	<i>Year 7 virtual parents’ evening 4:30-7:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 16th December</i>	<i>Year 11 results release evening 4:30-6:30pm</i>
<i>Friday 17th December</i>	<i>Last day of term</i>