

Weekly Family Update – 22.11.24

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



Upcoming Inset Day: Friday, 29th November

Dear Abbey College Community,

Congratulations to Year 11 and 13! Well done on your exams, one more week to go. Thanks to Ms Beel, Mrs Moore, the Exams Team, and all the staff for their support. Despite being busy, everything has run well! Whatever an individual's set of results, the key is to draw lessons from the experience and use this as a springboard for progress and future success.

Upcoming Events:

- *Winter Showcase on 26th November looks to be a real treat and has already sold out.*

Four and a half weeks left until break! Learning continues daily until 20th December. Thanks to all for supporting high attendance and community spirit.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Complete the LPPA survey in minutes:

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/67336e5b8c036>

Parent Forum Guarantee:

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.

- *Call: 01487 812352 and quote the Parent Forum Guarantee.*
 - *Email: office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk using the subject header 'Parent Forum Guarantee.'*
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Parent friendly Policy Guide:

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/statutory-information>

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College

[Exam Invigilator](#)

Click here to see our vacancies: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 18/11/24

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



Student		Subject	Nominated for
Serife Aydin	Year 10	MO	Outstanding work and dedication to the subject within lessons
Michael Maddison	Year 8	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Dexter Barrett	Year 8	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Isaac Webb	Year 10	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Shay Oliver	Year 9	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Leo Figura	Year 8	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Axel Taylor	Year 10	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Jacob Haywood	Year 9	Workshop	For your active participation in our Spaces & Places Project.
Ewan clubbs	Year 10	History	For working incredibly hard in History and for producing outstanding work. Keep up the great work.
Daniel Smirnovs	Year 10	History	For working incredibly hard in History and for producing outstanding work. Keep up the great work.
Bobby Taylor	Year 10	History	For working incredibly hard in History and for producing outstanding work. Keep up the great work.
Charlie Bannister	Year 8	Spanish	For working very hard every lesson, and for having been learning on Duolingo for 365 days! Felicidades Charlie!
Lily Hearn	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson for their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Cara Pienescu	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Evie Jones	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Robbie Kilby	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Bobby Taylor	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Kieran Parish	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Chloe Drake	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Lewis Gray	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Tomas Stevens	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Wandile Penduka	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
William Hutchcraft	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Ethan Whales	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Theo Betts-Cosgrove	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Lewis Kilby	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Harvey Cadman	Year 10	English Literature	Well done on your recent assessment - you have progressed significantly since the start of year 10!
George Haslope	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Rimante Zilaityte	Year 10	Sports Studies	For their efforts when leading a lesson as part of their Cambridge National Sport Course- well done!
Abbie Margetts	Year 8	PE	Huge congratulations on your success with Loughborough Lightning Trials and for your continued efforts within Netball OOP!
Luke Collins	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Rohan Myles-Gardiner	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Alice Smith	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Felicity Vincent-Bennett	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Zahra Atuahene	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Harley Clements	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Amelia Campbell	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Oscar Line	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Finn Murray	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Thomas Rowney	Year 7	Geography	Excellent 'Where I'd like to visit' homework project!
Emeline Tabraham	Year 8	SLT	Wonderful poem that was beautifully read at the Remembrance Service
Charlie Bannister	Year 8	SLT	Wonderful poem that was beautifully read at the Remembrance Service
Angeles-Celsea Acquah	Year 8	SLT	Wonderful poem that was beautifully read at the Remembrance Service
Ellen Stenton	Year 8	SLT	Wonderful poem that was beautifully read at the Remembrance Service
Alana Gammons	Year 8	SLT	Wonderful poem that was beautifully read at the Remembrance Service

Staff member of the week

Ms Holden (HR)– Humility: For supporting all our staff so well.

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

Parent Diary Dates

Monday 25 th November	Year 12 Parliament Trip
Tuesday 26 th November	Winter Showcase
Friday 29 th November	INSET Day
Thursday 5 th December	Year 8 Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting 4.30-7.30pm
Monday 09 th December to Wednesday 11 th December	Year 7 Residential Trip
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term

Parent's Forum

Support Our School



- *Easyfundraising: Shop online to donate to the school!*
 - *Thousands of retailers are involved. Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ramseyabbeycollege/>*
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Next Meeting: 17th December @5pm - contact parentsforum@abbey.college for details

Charlotte Downing - Chair of Parent's Forum

- *If you would like further information on the Parent's Forum, please email: ParentsForum@abbey.college*

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

- ***Year 8 Reports:*** Available next Friday with reading test results. Home reading boosts reading age. Library access available.

- **Year 8 Parent Evening:** On 05.12.24, held virtually via Edulink. Check email for access if not using it yet. We will make contact with individual families before the main appoints are released, where there is a specific need.
 - **Year 11 and 13 Trials:** Exams ongoing under JCQ rules. Great student behaviour noted.
 - **Year 11 Results:** Distributed last week of term at results event.
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Students Reports: These are filed under 'Documents' in Edulink. If you need support, contact LBennett@abbey.college

Careers

Get your own Unifrog account to support your child's decisions.

- Research careers
- Attend employer and university webinars
- Compare pathways

Stay informed: Sign up for the Unifrog parent newsletter for advice. Create an account by using our schools sign up code- ABCRPARENT sign up here: <http://www.unifrog.org/code>

Charlotte Wilson, Careers Co-ordinator

Student expectations and safety

Student welfare and wellbeing

Mental Health Support

This week, we have been sharing the tips below with students about how to help look after their mental health:

- sleeping for the recommended amount
- eating healthily
- doing regular exercise

- sharing worries with others
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There are lots of websites with advice for parents, this is one with some helpful tips:
[https://www.unicef.org/parenting/health/four-things-you-can-do-support-your-teens-
mental-health](https://www.unicef.org/parenting/health/four-things-you-can-do-support-your-teens-mental-health)

*If you do have questions or need some support please get in contact with our Welfare Team
welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk*

1 - <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/health/four-things-you-can-do-support-your-teens-mental-health>

Student attendance - Week 5

Congratulations: to Year 9 – making an effort to increase their attendance as a year group.

Reminder: Emergency dental and medical appointments are authorised, but routine appointments should be made out of school hours.

Student wider personal development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term



The Abbey College OOP

The Offer and Opportunity Programme

What is it?

The OOP is the whole school enrichment programme for students that run throughout the year for all year groups 7-10 during lunchtime and afterschool.

It has a huge variety between 'open' offers which anyone can sign up to and then some 'application' based offers which are all included in the information on each offer on EduLink.

Why should I do an OOP?

Being a part of the Abbey College community gives you lots of new experiences and hopefully ignite new passions and interests.

Try something new!

How do I sign up?

You access Edulink and find the 'clubs' tab and sign up to your offer

Who to contact

If you know who the leader is, contact them on Teams or Email.



Access to Edulink




<https://www.edulinkone.com>
School ID is 'acr'



Student curriculum

Abbey College Curriculum Aims



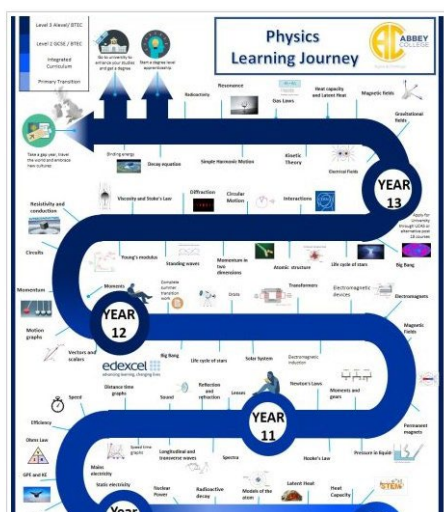
 Inclusive	The curriculum provides a clear programme of understanding to a range of diverse cultures and religions.
 Challenging	To have a challenging and aspirational curriculum that provides opportunities to ensure no learner is left behind.
 Cultural Capital	All learners will receive a wide and fulfilling educational experience.

How can I find out what my child is learning in each subject?

Physics: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum/physics>

- Get an overview of what is taught at KS3, 4 and 5.
- See detailed curriculum plans.
- Download Knowledge Organisers to help young people prepare for assessments.
- Click here <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum/wider-personal-development> to find out more.

Physics



Annual Food Bank Drive

We have had really successful drives over the last two years and have been able to donate a significant amount of food to our local food bank. We have launched this year's food bank drive and are asking for donations, to be dropped into Reception or given to form tutors, of the following items:



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/