

10th January 2019

Gliding Scholarship Information Evening, Monday 21st January 2019 at 6.30pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since 2012, Abbey College has been part of a **Gliding Scholarship scheme**, the only one of its kind on the UK, with the Nene Valley Gliding Club, which has given Abbey College students the opportunity to learn how to be glider pilots. Over the course of 2 or more years, students work towards achieving a formal accreditation that shows they are capable of flying a glider solo.

We are immensely proud of our students who have completed the scholarship and are delighted that many of them have continued to enjoy the experience of gliding after the scholarship or have used it as a springboard to careers in aviation. As well as learning to fly the scholarship scheme, develops in young people a range of other technical and communication skills and builds a strong sense of personal responsibility and resilience.

There are currently **vacancies on the Gliding Scholarship scheme** available to students in **Year 9 and above** and we would welcome applications by students who are excited by the challenge and opportunities the course offers. We are therefore holding an information evening on **Monday 21st January 2019 at 6.30pm** in the South Hall and we hope that you and your son and daughter will be able to come to find out more about the scheme from members of the Gliding Club, including students who have been through the course themselves. Students who are interested in applying for the scheme will be able to collect an application form and will the chance to ask questions about what the scheme includes and what commitment is required by them.

So that we have some idea of numbers attending it would be useful if you could e-mail me at Gordon.mather@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk if you intend to come to the evening or ask your son/daughter to speak to let me know next week, but please feel free to turn up anyway if you do not have the chance to do this. Also, please let me know if you are interested in the scheme, but will be unable to attend on that evening so we can be in touch with further information about it.

I look forward to seeing you on the 21st January.

Yours faithfully

Gordon Mather

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