



Prospectus 2026/27



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A welcome message from **Andy Christoforou**, Headteacher at Abbey College

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome you to Abbey College, Ramsey.

As Headteacher, I am proud to lead a school where learning is purposeful, relationships are respectful, and every pupil is encouraged to thrive. Our ethos shapes everything we do, creating a culture where pupils are inspired to achieve, grow in confidence and develop a genuine pride in learning.

Our vision is simple: to provide an outstanding educational experience for every pupil and to be a focal point of optimism and pride in our local community. We want every young person to have the opportunity to become a scholar through a life changing curriculum that is aspirational, inclusive, challenging and rich in cultural capital. We are committed to nurturing both academic excellence and personal character so pupils develop the knowledge, resilience and ambition they need to succeed.

Our staff serve with integrity, humility, intuition and passion. They work as a team to support pupils to embrace challenge, learn from setbacks and become confident, capable young people. Together with families and the wider community, we aim to be a beacon of optimism and pride for Ramsey.

We are excited about the future of Abbey College. In March 2026 we officially joined Meridian Trust, building on a successful partnership of more than a decade. This new chapter brings enhanced opportunities for pupils and staff, backed by the Trust's commitment to high quality education in the heart of our community.

We are also investing in our estate to match our ambitions: an £8 million expansion is underway, and we will open a dedicated sixth form centre for Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form in September 2027. These developments will provide excellent facilities and even greater opportunities for future generations.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our school. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the Abbey College community.

The four questions everyone should know

• *Why does Abbey College exist?*

Abbey College exists to be a focal point of optimism and pride in the community, where every pupil is noticed, feels valued, and is empowered to flourish.

• *How do we act?*

We act with humility, intuition and passion. We support every individual with care and respect, celebrate diversity and ensure every voice is heard.

• *What is our mission?*

Our mission is to inspire and challenge all pupils to become lifelong scholars through a rigorous, inclusive curriculum that develops both academic knowledge and personal character.

• *How will we achieve our goals?*

We will promote excellence in both character and academics, underpinned by clear routines, simple systems, collaborative teamwork, and a culture of care and high expectations.

Our staff are dedicated professionals who serve with integrity, joy, and a deep sense of purpose. Their passion is contagious – inspiring students to face challenges with resilience, learn from setbacks, and grow into confident, capable individuals.

We welcome enquiries from prospective families and look forward to the possibility of you becoming a part of our community.

Our promise to pupils and families

- A broad, knowledge rich curriculum that prepares pupils for further study, work and life.
- High expectations for behaviour and learning so every pupil can do their best.
- Personal development opportunities that build leadership, confidence and cultural capital.
- Targeted support for pupils who need it, so disadvantage and special educational needs do not limit success.
- Strong home-school partnership and clear, timely communication with families.

Looking ahead

Joining Meridian Trust (March 2026) and the forthcoming £8 million expansion – including a new Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form centre opening September 2027, demonstrate our longterm commitment to excellence and opportunity. These investments will strengthen our curriculum offer, improve facilities and create more pathways for pupils to flourish locally and beyond.

We hope this prospectus gives you a clear sense of who we are and what we stand for. Welcome to Abbey College, where every pupil is known, challenged and supported to achieve their very best.

Andy Christoforou
Headteacher

About Meridian Trust

Meridian Trust is a successful multi-academy trust founded on its commitment to people and communities. Every child is known, equally valued and supported to achieve their potential in all our academies. Every community we serve benefits from the facilities and services we provide. Our staff benefit from strong networks, excellent career opportunities and a human approach where they are equally valued and supported. We ensure that well-run schools retain and develop their distinct contextual identity, while sharing and contributing to our common values, practices, curriculum approaches and operational systems.



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GCSE results 2026

66.5%

achieved grade
9-4 in both
English and Maths

A-Level results 2026

74%

of grades were
A Level A*-C or
BTEC D*-D

Parent View

Year on year the
school consistently
receives good
reviews



The Abbey College Spirit is the set of virtues that underpin our school community. The Spirit comprises of three key virtues: Humility, Intuition and Passion, which we expect all members of our school community to work towards. Excellence in these virtues will equip our students with the skills and characteristics that they need to thrive in all areas of life, including their relationships and future careers. Our form time programme gives students opportunities to reflect on their progress towards the virtues as well as building their sense of community and belonging in the school.

The school's reward system is based around these virtues; students are recognised with points when they demonstrate excellence in Spirit both in lesson time and across the school. Students work towards their bronze, silver and gold awards as the progress through KS3 and KS4 and their achievements are celebrated with rewards that have been chosen by our student voice groups.

Monday	We accept praise, praise others and apologise immediately	We consider the impact of our actions on those around us	We show focus and use positive language
Tuesday	We use good manners, appropriate humour and don't interrupt others	We actively listen and remember the detail	We volunteer to go above and beyond
Wednesday	We embrace working with a wide range of people and celebrate differences	We maintain good eye contact and pay attention	We are proactive and work hard to overcome obstacles
Thursday	We take responsibility for our actions and our environment	We give constructive feedback	We use reasoning and organisation to solve problems
Friday	We support each other in our learning and well-being	We seek, reflect and act on feedback	We show pride in our work, our school and our community



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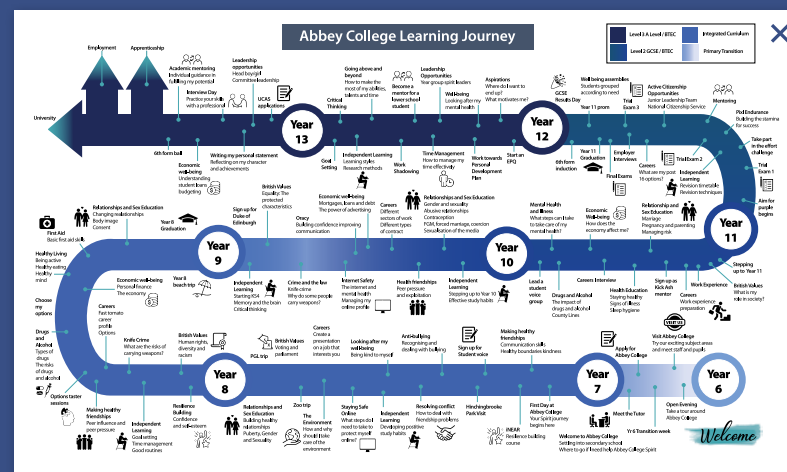


Innovative and challenging learning

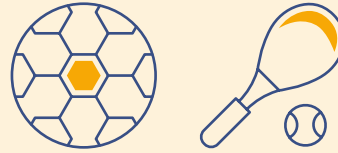
Teaching and learning is at the core of everything we do here at Abbey College. It ensures the development and learning of all students and secures their future pathway and life opportunities.

We believe that a challenging and supportive learning environment is key to helping students achieve. Our students expect to be challenged and engaged each and every lesson. It is our commitment that we utilise a range of strategies to ensure students' progress every lesson.

We believe this is done through ensuring our teachers are self-improving, passionate and know and challenge every child to succeed. We empower teachers to be an expert in their subject knowledge and we trust our staff to apply methods based on their knowledge and understanding of each individual student.



A site with spectacular facilities



PE facilities

Tennis courts, AstroTurf multi-sports pitch, MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and vast playing fields



Dedicated ICT and media suites



Outdoor seating for lunch



Sixth form learning hub including independent learning zones



Extensive music and recording facilities



A fully resourced gymnasium



Café 6
Sixth Form café



One sports leisure centre on site



Two presentation halls for staged productions



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Abbey College in motion



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Beyond The Classroom

The Offer and Opportunity Programme **[OOP]**

The Abbey College Offer & Opportunity Programme is being launched again for 2026-2027. We had a fantastic previous year with over 100 offers running throughout the year across academic support and revision sessions, to creative outlets and variety of sports. This year we are seeing a new connection with Ramsey Walled Garden, new sports and more creative opportunities.

Below is an example of some of what we have to offer for this academic year to our students.

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| • Dance | • Science Club | • Trading Cards |
| • Musical Theatre | • Netball | • Puzzles and Games |
| • Choir | • Football | • Band |
| • Creative Writing | • Pride Club | • Duke of Edinburgh Award |

We also offer:

- Arts Award
- Leadership Awards – *see leadership pages for more information*
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- Private music tuition – *see below for more information*
- Trips to theatres, museums and universities
- International trips each year
- Author/artists visits and workshops
- Interact – a programme of enrichment activities for all of our students
- STEM focus days
- Paid external clubs for Arts and Tech
- Enterprise and innovation days contributing to our chosen charity
- Weekly and holiday additional learning sessions

Abbey College is lucky to have its own music provision which offers private music tuition to any student within the college. Tuition is available from experienced music teachers, on a variety of instruments.

Here at Abbey College we aim to ensure that inclusivity is at the heart of our enrichment offer, supporting every student to have access to a wide range of opportunities across each day.



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Moving beyond expectations

An essential part of our students' learning experience is the extracurricular activities (INTERACT) on offer, a few of these are:



Fitness training



**Basketball, rugby
and netball clubs**



Drama master class



**Business, IT and
'cutting edge' computing**



Art club



**Musical/choir
performance**



STEM Crest award



Cook with me



Homework support



**Design and
Technology projects**



Theatre studies



Book club



**Junior Leadership
Team (JLT)**



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One to one support for every student

At Abbey College, we offer our students an innovative and bespoke curriculum for each year group and provide them with stimulating teaching and learning experiences. Together, we have a strong commitment to a high standard of conduct that ensures the classroom focus remains on high-quality teaching and learning.

Our specialist teams of year group tutors led by their Raising Standards Lead will guide and support your child throughout their time at Abbey College. Through regular monitoring and tracking programmes, we ensure every student's progress is closely observed and shared with parents.

This is balanced with extensive and wide ranging extra-curricular and enrichment activities that encourage students to discover and develop their personal talents and a Sixth Form which offers both academic and vocational courses. Our Social Studies lessons, delivered by a team of specialist teachers, cover a wide range of Personal, Social and Health topics including unconscious racial bias, relationships and sex education and mental health issues.



Pastoral care

At Abbey College 'Every Child Matters', and we pride ourselves on our high standards of pastoral care. Each student is treated as an individual and supported to achieve the highest standards they are capable of.

Form tutors are the first port of call for any concerns a student has. Our Welfare Team are available to provide support during lunch and break time for identified students to manage their emotions, resolve conflicts effectively or simply to provide an opportunity for a quiet chat. There is also a reporting system on the school website.

We have also trained a small group of our students to act as peer mediators whose job it is to support students in overcoming conflict and friendship issues. The aim of this is to model positive problem solving skills, as well as preventing friendship problems from escalating into bullying.

Attendance

Our students' attendance is outstanding. We aim for 100% attendance for all students, placing the highest priority on excellent attendance and punctuality. These are essential factors that contribute to progress and achievement of high standards.

We have a strong attendance policy that clearly outlines our expectations in relation to achieving and rewarding the highest standards of attainment.



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Leadership Option Blocks

At Abbey College, our Leadership block is designed to inspire and empower pupils to become confident, responsible, and visionary leaders.

This dynamic curriculum offers a unique blend of practical and academic opportunities including Combined Cadet Force, Sports Leaders, Dance Leaders, GCSE Statistics, and the Level 2 Extended Project. Pupils develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and project management, preparing them for success both within school and beyond. Whether leading teams, analysing data, or managing extended projects, our Leadership block nurtures passion, resilience, and ambition in every pupil.

Coding

For students with an interest in Computer Science who want to develop their coding skills beyond the classroom. Students will learn Python and other programming languages, explore computer hardware, and create projects such as games and apps. The programme also includes problem-solving challenges, competitions, and collaborative projects.

Crest Award

The CREST Award offers students the opportunity to take part in exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) projects that develop curiosity, creativity, and confidence. Working individually or in teams, students plan, manage, and complete their own investigations or engineering challenges, applying real-world problem-solving and research skills.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Students complete the Bronze Award in Year 9 and can progress to the Silver Award in Years 10–11. DoFE is a nationally recognised programme that helps students develop confidence, independence, and resilience through a range of challenges and experiences beyond the classroom.

What you'll do: volunteering, fundraising, learning navigation and first aid, expedition planning, and completing outdoor team expeditions.



HPQ

Students complete an independent project on a topic of your choice by creating a research question, planning your work, researching sources, and producing either a 2,000-word report or a practical project. You will also present your findings, with support and regular lessons to build your skills.

MFL

Students will complete the ASDAN Languages short course by completing a range of challenges and creating a portfolio in the language of your choice. This could be anything from Spanish, to Polish or Japanese! Challenges include creating a scrapbook with captions in your chosen language, recording interviews and creating audiovisual photostories.



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Leadership Option Blocks *(continued)*

Sports Leaders

This practical leadership programme enables students to develop coaching, officiating, and event management skills through sport. Students plan and lead activities, support school and community sporting events, and work with younger pupils at festivals and clubs. In Year 10, students take on a Community Sports Leader role with additional responsibilities and leadership opportunities.

Statistics

Statistics allows students to develop a range of practical, transferable skills for their future education/careers. In our data-driven world, statistical competency allows students to critically evaluate information that they hear and read, spot misleading statistics and make better informed decisions. Students will study the course over 2 years and sit the exam at the end of year 10, giving them an additional GCSE qualification by the time they enter year 11.

Along the way, they will explore methods of data presentation and analysis, learn how to produce a variety of summary statistics that tell the story behind a dataset and explore some higher level topics from the A Level course of study. All of the theoretical content will be framed within the statistical enquiry cycle, allowing students to see how the techniques they are learning can be applied to real world scenarios.

Dance Leaders

Our Dance Leaders programme develops confident, creative, and responsible young people by giving them opportunities to lead, choreograph, and inspire others through dance. Students learn how to plan and deliver engaging warm-ups, sequences, and full routines while promoting teamwork, discipline, and self-expression. The course encourages leadership, communication, and organisational skills that extend beyond the studio, preparing students to support performances, lead workshops, and act as role models within the school and wider community.

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Abbey College proudly offers a unique Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Army section, one of only 500 units in UK state schools since 2019. This government-backed programme, run in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, provides pupils with valuable skills, exciting challenges, and fun experiences within a military ethos. The programme develops teamwork, respect, and increasingly advanced skills.

Cadets follow a structured training programme and can earn nationally recognised qualifications, including BTEC Teamwork and Personal Skills, the Institute of Leadership and Management's Award in Leadership, and St John's Ambulance First Aid.

Cadets participate in weekend exercises to practise field craft and navigation, and have the opportunity to attend an Annual Camp each summer term. Camps include military skills and outdoor activities like climbing, kayaking, and mountain biking, held at various UK and international locations, fostering camaraderie with cadets from across the country.



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Partnerships for learning

Primary school partnership

There is a strong bond between all of our primary schools and Abbey College, and it is something we take great pride in. We have a transition programme in place that allows students to spend a period of time within the Abbey, developing their personal skills, knowledge and experiences whilst also getting a real taste for the outstanding teaching and learning that takes place. Our staff regularly visit our primary schools to build on their own experiences so that they are better equipped when the new intake of students arrives. We take great pride in having primary schools visit us during the academic year for a series of whole school events, from our annual Remembrance Service and Sports Day. All learners have a dedicated team around them, which includes a Raising Standards Lead, Form Tutor and Student Support Officers, who are there to support each and every child on a daily basis.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

We support our students in making well-informed decisions through our comprehensive and high quality careers programme, and access to independent information and guidance about the range of options open to them. Being an integral part of students education across all years, our programme aims to raise aspirations, irrespective of age, background, ability or SEND, preparing them for their time at Abbey College and in the future.



Parent participation

We want our parents to be active participants in the life of the College. In addition to regular information and opportunities to receive progress updates, we actively encourage parents to become involved in events at the College.

“Pupils benefit from a rich and diverse personal development curriculum”

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Leadership by example

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Mr Christoforou

Headteacher

Mrs Wibberley

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Craig

Assistant Headteacher

Miss Davey

Assistant Headteacher

Miss Dowd

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Moore

Associate Assistant Headteacher
and Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Noble

Assistant Headteacher

Dr Pinnock

Assistant Headteacher

Governance

Meridian Trust has established and embedded a unique 'champions' approach to governance, focusing on developing a system that provides:

- A consistent reporting approach that focuses on Trust values.
- A quality assurance system that provides for both trust and peer review.

- A focus on executive leaders working alongside local governance in supporting and holding leaders to account.
- Clear and simple information flows to ensure a common understanding of successes and plans.
- Bespoke training and opportunities to share good practice have been successfully established.

Abbey College Academy Council concentrates on the school context, community needs and student outcomes by:

- Setting strategic priorities and plans for the school.
- Monitoring educational standards and achievement.
- Ensuring trust-wide policies are effectively implemented.
- Engaging with local stakeholders.
- Supporting and constructively challenging the school's leadership team.

Individual Academy Councillors act as champions for specific focus areas – such as achievement, finance, student voice, or SEND – and spend time meeting with relevant staff and leaders

Further details can be found here: www.meridiantrust.co.uk/key-information/governance-key-information/governance-overview/



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Academy uniform

- White shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve purchased from any supplier)
- Clip on tie, pin stripes represent year of entry (purchased from the school suppliers)
- Royal blue blazer with logo (purchased from the school suppliers)
- Black trousers (two styles for girls and boys to be purchased from any suppliers)
- Tartan skirt (from the school supplier) to be worn with black opaque tights
- Black smart leather shoes (no trainers, canvas or leisure shoes)
- Optional: Black jumper with royal blue trim to match the blazer (from the school suppliers)



PE uniform

Essential

- Abbey College polo shirt
- Abbey College navy shorts
- White sport (not football) socks

Desirable

- Abbey College navy fleece (printed initials optional)
- Abbey College football socks
- Trainers (not pumps or canvas shoes)
- Abbey College navy track pants

- Abbey College rugby shirt
- Football boots
- Gum shield
- Shin pads

All available from the school supplier





Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form provides the kind of experience that will allow all students to progress to either University, Apprenticeships or Employment. We offer a wide range of subjects and our teaching and learning is excellent. We are extremely proud of the support we provide for all students to achieve both their academic goals and ensure that they are happy. With a dedicated Sixth Form team, any worries or concerns will be addressed whether academic or pastoral.

Visit www.ramseygatehouse.co.uk for more information.

Here are 5 amazing reasons that make our sixth form stand out:



High quality teaching allows students to achieve their full potential

If you want to achieve your full potential, our sixth form is the right place to be

49% A*-B grades



A wide range of subjects to suit your needs

Go and check out our online prospectus if you don't believe us

23 to choose from



Strong track record in supporting students to take their next steps

We pride ourselves in providing you with the tools and guidance to access your future, be that a place at university, an apprenticeship or job

22% go onto university including Russell Group universities



Your learning experience is tailored to YOU

We offer a flexible approach to where you study, offering the opportunity to work in our newly refurbished Study 6, our Café 6 facility or at home.

Personal development programme



Small class sizes with teachers who care

We'll give you the independence you need to grow and achieve but provide personalised support along the way

Average of less than 10 students



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A day in the life of a student

"The school day starts with a short bus ride. We get to the bus turnaround just outside the College and lots of us walk through the school gates together being welcomed by the School Leaders who smile and say good morning - every day!

We line up for form time, where our form tutor helps us to settle into school and encourages us to make the most of every opportunity. We think about things like, the Abbey College Spirit, making friends and taking care of our well-being.

Next it is time for period 1, which is Maths on Mondays and then to period 2 which is PE. Then it's break time. I line up for the canteen to get a snack and then eat in on the field in the sunshine.

Period 3 is science and we performed a fireworks practical. It made so many colours - like magic! I now know what's inside them. Period 4 is drama and we are practicing for a school performance; Madam said we would be performing with the older students because we are all 'in it together'.

After that, it's lunch. I go to the canteen for the first sitting, and there is lots to choose from. Some of us eat together in the hall; it's like a big family dinner. After that we go back out onto the field to enjoy the rest of lunchtime.

Finally, it's off for the last lesson which is IT. We are learning about designing and making apps.

After school I'm in the netball club which finishes in time for us to change and get the later bus home.

It's a busy and fun day!

Applying to Abbey College

Please call our attendance team on **01487 812352** for information on applying to Abbey College or visit our website for more details: **www.abbey.college**



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COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART

I have a **general enquiry**

If you have a question about your child's progress, their education, or a general question about the school:
Please contact your child's Form Tutor or Subject Teacher.
Your question will be answered as soon as possible.



Contact Us

If you feel your question has not been answered

Please contact your child's Raising Standards Leader

They aim to respond to you



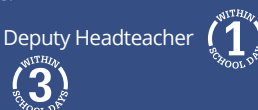
Year 7: Fiona Lane
Year 8: Abi Witten
Year 9: Karen Glen
Year 10: Georgina Gerrard-Cook
Year 11: Alison Beel
Head of Sixth Form: Samantha Moore

If you feel your question has not been answered

PARENT'S FORUM GUARANTEE

After following these stages, if you feel your query has not been answered you should complete our Parent's Forum Guarantee.

This gives all parents the right to talk to the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher and then a further meeting, if needed



Call 01487 812352 or email office@abbey.college stating 'Parent's Forum Guarantee'

I have a **specific enquiry**

For enquiries relating to pastoral, finance, attendance, welfare, SEND and IT please contact the teams directly

STUDENT SUPPORT

studentsupport@abbey.college

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

welfare@abbey.college

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

Call 01487 812352 or email attendance@abbey.college via MCAS App (before 8.40am each day)

WELFARE & WELLBEING

welfare@abbey.college

SEND:

SENCO: mpatrick@abbey.college

IT

MCAS (My Child At School) App:
IT@meridiantrust.co.uk

General: IT@meridiantrust.co.uk or 0300 666 0300

If you feel your question has not been answered

I have a **concern**

INFORMAL CONCERN

Let us know you have a concern or complaint:

Email: office@abbey.college or phone: 01487 812352

Letter: Katie Dodsley, Abbey College, Abbey Road, Ramsey PE26 1DG

We will respond



We expect to resolve the matter with you within 3 school days after our initial response.

If you feel that the issue has not been resolved

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

If you feel the matter has not been resolved, you should make an official complaint in writing to the Complaints Co-ordinator:

Email: office@abbey.college

Letter: Katie Dodsley, Abbey College, Abbey Road, Ramsey PE26 1DG

If you feel that the issue has not been resolved

FORMAL COMPLAINT

If you still feel the issue has not been resolved, you should follow our Formal Complaints Procedure.

We will provide a copy of this and it can be found on our website:
www.abbey.college
(Statutory Information section)



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PHASE ONE

PHASE TWO

PHASE THREE

School Site Development





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