

Abbey College Community Round-up May 2025

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the summer half term Round-up, where we got a glimpse of the lovely summer weather that hopefully lies ahead. It has certainly been a short but busy half term for all students.

The Year 13s have begun their study leave. Our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Moore, has provided us with some further information below. Our Year 11s have a little longer with us as staff teach revision masterclasses right up to the examinations, which began for both year groups within the last couple of weeks. So far, they have behaved admirably, and we wish them all the best with their remaining exams.

Lastly, our teachers and staff work tirelessly all year to ensure our students have the best school experience they can. The National Thank a Teacher campaign is all about appreciating the hard work of every single member of staff in early years, schools and colleges across the UK. The campaign is open all year round, but National Thank a Teacher Day (18th June) is an annual call-to-action to reach out to those who shape our schools, communities and country.

It is lovely to receive direct feedback about our staff from parents, but you can also use this link to send a thank you to a teacher/member of school staff, this can be completed anonymously if you wish:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

We look forward to welcoming students back on 2nd June, for what will inevitably be a busy yet fun last half term of the academic year. In the meantime, we hope they enjoy a well-earned break.

Year 11



Dress for Success and Celebration Assembly

We had a lovely sunny afternoon celebrating our smartly dressed Year 11s. They had a session in the Abbey grounds mixing with friends and staff having shirts signed and photos taken as a memento of their time at Abbey College. This was followed by a walk through the school being clapped and cheered by their younger peers and a celebration assembly where staff and students were thanked for their hard work.

Morning Focus Sessions

Our amazing Year 11s have been working hard in their morning focus sessions for their GCSE's. We wish them well for their remaining exams after half term.



Y8 Options/Taster Days

In early May, Year 8 students had the chance to experience a variety of lessons, giving them a real feel for different subjects before selecting their options.

In their Photography taster session, our talented Year 8 students explored the art of visual storytelling through a creative technique called photographic weaving. Each student selected two contrasting images—light and dark, natural and urban, calm and chaotic—and carefully interwove them to create striking, thought-provoking pieces that highlight the power of perspective and composition. These woven photographs not only display technical skill but also an emerging artistic voice. We're so proud of their creativity and can't wait to see where their photography journey takes them next!



Year 7



Miss Lane is incredibly proud of the Year 7 students who keep smashing their Spirit point ratio targets. She rewarded students with delicious donuts this half term and they had a non uniform day this week. Keep up the good work year 7!

Our Year 7 Aspiring Leaders along with some of our CCF cadets thoughtfully marked VEDay at a local service. It was wonderful to see them honour this important day in our history. We received wonderful feedback from Cllr Fendley and the Council, who were impressed by our students' impeccable behaviour and smart appearance.



Rewards

Several students from all years were nominated by their form tutors for excellent progress in Performance Learning and were rewarded with delicious pizzas one afternoon this half term!



Young Carers

Mrs Peattie gave our Young Carers a well deserved treat of donuts and drinks this week, kindly donated by Tesco. These are our students who provide regular and ongoing care to a family member or friend who is ill, disabled or has a mental health problem. This care may involve practical tasks like cooking or cleaning, personal care or providing emotional support - Well done Young Carers, we hope you enjoyed your treat!

Malaga Easter 2025

During the Easter holidays, 40 of our Year 8 and 9 students travelled to Málaga for a Netball and Football Sports Tour.

Over the five-day trip, the footballers participated in two training sessions, played matches against local Spanish teams, and competed in a tournament alongside other English school

teams on the tour. The netballers showed incredible dedication during both their training sessions and the tournament, performing admirably despite the heat.

Our Girls' Football Team won both of their fixtures against the local Spanish teams and delivered an outstanding performance in the end-of-tour tournament. The boys also impressed, winning their match against a local Spanish team and going on to triumph in the tournament against the other English schools. A special congratulations goes to Alfie, who was named *Player of the Tournament* by the Inspire Sport staff.

The Sports Tour was a tremendous success, with all students proudly representing Abbey College.



Antarctica!

Abbey College have made it to Antarctica! Year 8 students designed flags for Antarctica in their Geography lessons before Christmas and some were selected to send off to the Polar Network. Our photography was taken to Rothera Research station by Pati Glaz, a marine biologist with the British Antarctic Survey. Pati is over-wintering at Rothera, so she will be in Antarctica when it is 24 hours of darkness!



Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form

On 9th May, we bid farewell to Year 13 as they embarked on their Study Leave. The day kicked off with a quiz and cupcakes, followed by inflatable games, football, and a sizzling BBQ in the glorious sunshine. We wish them all the best in their upcoming exams!

Meanwhile, Year 12 stepped up as mentors, sharing their GCSE experiences and top tips with Year 11 during Tutor Time sessions. They've also begun thinking about their own future paths, including an insightful talk from University Centre West Anglia.

The fundraising committee has been busy making magic happen! Their Spring Bake Sale raised an impressive £80 towards the Summer Ball. A fantastic effort from everyone involved!



Please visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts from regular updates:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552379454095&locale=en_GB

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ramseygatehousesixthform/>

Parent's Forum



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th June, 5-6pm via Teams, discussing the new mobile phone policy and Y6-Y7 transition. Please email parentsforum@abbey.college if you'd like the link to join.

If you have anything you wish to raise or contribute to, please complete the next parent's Forum survey.

Previous minutes are available on the website (<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/parents-carers/parent-forum>) so that you can see the responses to questions asked from the surveys.

The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop has been very successful this year and therefore more donations of stock are required. Please wash, bag, and hand into reception.

- If you can volunteer some time to help run the shop, please email parentsforum@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk
- The Preloved Uniform Shop can be contacted via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F4133239840069866>

If you would like any further information on the Parent's Forum, please email parentsforum@abbey.college or see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abbeycollegeparentsforum>

Social Media

Please continue to follow us on:

- Our news page: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/news/letters-to-parents>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RamseyAbbeyCollege/posts/>

- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/

We'd love to hear about any amazing achievements or activities outside of school. If you have any stories of student success beyond the classroom, please share them with us by sending an email to the office (office@abbey.college).

Dates for the diary

W/C 27th May - Half Term

W/C 9th June - Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 20th June - Year 7 Virtual Parent's Evening

Monday 23rd -Tuesday 24th June - 6th Form Induction Days

Monday 23rd June - Year 11 & Year 13 Prizegiving Event – invitation Only

Thursday 26th June - Friday 27th June - Year 6 Transition Days

Wednesday 2nd July - Year 9 Royal Navy STEM Event

Thursday 3rd July - Year 11 Prom

Friday 4th July - Alton Towers Attendance Reward Trip Year 7-Year 10 & Year 12

Friday 18th July - Last day of term

Term dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET day (Staff only)	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 24th October 2025
School open to Years 7, 11 & 12	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
School open to Years 7, 8, 11, 12, 13	Thursday 4th September 2025
School open to all year groups	Friday 5th September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025
INSET day (Staff only)	Monday 3rd November 2025
Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 4th November – Friday 19th December 2025
INSET day (Staff only)	Friday 28th November 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026
Spring Term 2026	
INSET day (Staff only)	Monday 5th January 2026
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Spring Term 2	Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026
Summer Term 2026	
INSET day (Staff only)	Monday 13th April 2026
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 14th April– Friday 22nd May 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Term 2	Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026
INSET day (Staff only)	Monday 20th July 2026

Key dates and times can be found here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/parents-carers/key-dates>

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