

Abbey College Community Round-up May 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

We are now halfway through the Summer Term. It has been lovely to see some sunshine and warmer weather at last.

This is a very important time, especially for students taking exams. Over the next few weeks, our main focus is clear: *to make sure every student gets the support they need to do their very best*

Reaching this stage is a big achievement. Students have worked hard, revised well, and shown real commitment. It is normal to feel worried or nervous. We are reminding students to:

- Take deep breaths
- Stay hydrated
- Look after themselves

We are very proud of the determination they have shown. For other students, this term is a mix of continued hard work coupled with enjoyable trips and reward events. *Please keep going and try your very best.*

We hope you enjoy the warm weather and a well-earned break.

Marathons



This April, we're incredibly proud to celebrate two fantastic achievements from our staff team! Miss Beel took on the Brighton Marathon, demonstrating determination, resilience, and a truly inspiring commitment to her training. Meanwhile, Mr Pugh travelled overseas to complete the iconic Paris Marathon, taking on the challenge through one of the world's most beautiful routes. Both runners showed outstanding dedication and perseverance in preparing for and completing their races - an amazing accomplishment that reflects the values we champion every day.

Student Challenge for a Wonderful Cause



Following in the footsteps of some of our inspirational teachers, one of our Year 8 students has taken on an incredible challenge!

He is running one mile every day until he reaches the full distance of a marathon—showing determination, commitment and a fantastic sense of purpose. Even more inspiring, he's doing it all to raise money for Make-A-Wish UK, helping to bring joy and hope to children facing critical illness. We are so proud of his dedication and community spirit - an amazing example of how our students are stepping up to make a difference. Please join us in cheering him on every step of the way!

PE Highlights

Physical Education Update – Half Term Highlights

It has been a fantastic half term in PE at Abbey College, with students showing excellent teamwork, leadership, resilience and enthusiasm across a range of sporting opportunities.

Rugby – SCRUM Schools Coaching Event

Girls from Years 7–9 attended the SCRUM Schools Coaching Rugby for Unity and Motivation event hosted by Peterborough Rugby Club. Students spent the day developing their rugby skills, learning more about the game and taking part in a variety of activities. Despite the challenging weather conditions, all students had an amazing time and represented Abbey College brilliantly. We look forward to seeing even more rugby opportunities at Abbey College in the future.

Boys' Football Success

A huge well done to our boys' football teams this half term.

Our Year 7 boys reached the District Final and were unlucky to lose 1–0 to Hinchbrook following a last-minute penalty. The boys played brilliantly throughout and should be very proud of their performances.

Our Year 9 boys also competed in the Cambridgeshire Schools FA U14s County Cup Final against Comberton. After an outstanding team performance, the boys secured a fantastic 4–3 victory to become county champions.

We are incredibly proud of all the boys for their effort, teamwork and commitment, and we look forward to seeing their continued success at Abbey College.

Sports Leadership Academy

Our Level 1 and Level 2 Sports Leaders have been extremely busy this half term, supporting both the Year 3/4 Tri-Golf Festival and the Year 1/2 Multi-Sport Festival held at Abbey College.

The students demonstrated excellent leadership, communication and organisation skills throughout both events. We received fantastic feedback from visiting primary school staff regarding the professionalism and enthusiasm shown by our Sports Leaders.

We are now looking forward to the upcoming Primary School Sports Days next half term, where our Sports Leaders will once again play an important role in supporting and running events.

Rounders Success

Unfortunately, due to fixtures and weather disruption, we have only had one rounders fixture so far this season, with the Rounders Rally taking place during the final week of term.

Our Year 8 team stepped up to play against Hinchingsbrooke's Year 9 and 10 teams and performed brilliantly, coming away with a win. Our Year 10 team also showed excellent teamwork and determination, securing another fantastic victory for Abbey College.

Looking Ahead to Next Half Term

There is still plenty to look forward to in PE next half term, including:

- The Dorset residential trip in July for Years 11, 12 and 13
- Upcoming girls' cricket fixtures
- District and Trust Athletics

OOPs will also be announced on our Instagram page when we return after half term — keep an eye out for updates and celebrations of student success.

We would like to thank all students for their continued effort, commitment and positive attitude throughout this half term and look forward to another exciting term of sport at Abbey College.





Ramsey Gatehouse Sixth Form



This half term has been a busy and engaging period for our Year 12 Social Studies students, with a strong focus on personal development, wellbeing, and preparation for life beyond school.

A standout session was delivered by Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, who provided potentially life-saving guidance on water safety. Students gained valuable knowledge about staying safe in open water environments, an especially important topic as we approach the warmer months.

Students also took part in a thought-provoking session led by Miss Clements on recognising and challenging discrimination. This encouraged meaningful discussion and reflection, supporting students in developing greater awareness, empathy, and confidence in addressing important social issues.

Building on this, Mrs Gregory delivered a session on healthy relationships, equipping students with practical advice and tools to support positive, respectful, and safe interactions in all areas of life.

We were also excited to launch our Social Action volunteering programme, encouraging students to give back to both the school and the wider community. A wide range of opportunities are available, enabling students to make a real difference while developing valuable skills and experience.

In addition, we introduced our “Preparing for Working Life” tutor programme. These sessions focus on essential employability skills such as CV writing, interview preparation, and career readiness, helping students take important steps towards their future aspirations.

Finally, we marked an important milestone as we said goodbye to our Year 13 students. Although many continue to attend during their study leave, we celebrated their time with us through an afternoon of shared memories, photos, a BBQ, ice creams, and inflatable games in the sunshine. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect and wish them well for their next steps.



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/>

A Fond Farewell



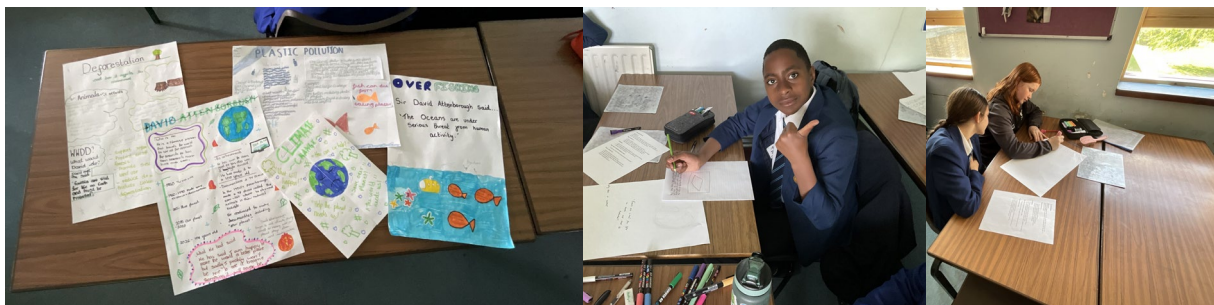
After more than 20 incredible years, we say goodbye to the amazing Mr Austin as he retires and begins an exciting new chapter in sunny Cyprus. Mr Austin has been at the heart of our Engineering department for over two decades, inspiring generations of students with his passion for STEM and his positive, can-do attitude. For so many, he was the reason they discovered a love for Engineering in the first place. His impact on our school community has been truly unforgettable, and he will be deeply missed by staff and students alike. We wish him all the very best in his well-earned retirement

Thank you for everything, Mr Austin—you'll always be part of our story.

Celebrating 100 years of David Attenborough

What Would David Do?

Our Geography Department celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with 'What Would David do?' lessons for Key Stage 3. Students explored environmental challenges such as climate change, deforestation and plastic pollution. This helped everyone better understand the power of individual action. Everyone enjoyed celebrating and learning about the work of one of the world's greatest natural historians!



Our Geography teaching Climate Champion is a massive David Attenborough fan and even wore the t-shirt for his birthday!



Also in the Geography Department.....

From the classroom to Antarctica! Our KS3 Geography students recently designed flags for Antarctica, which were sent out with the [UK Polar Network](#). We're so proud that their designs made it all the way to [Rothera Research Station, Antarctica](#) and King Edwards Point on South Georgia! What a brilliant way to connect classroom learning with real-world exploration. Check out the flags at their new, and very cold, home!



Parent's Forum



At the meeting on 20th May, parent's were given an update on the building works, which included a walk around (virtually for some) the site to see the current progress and hear about

plans for completion, scheduled for October 2027. Students are actively involved in the project, contributing to landscaping, creating planters, calculating solar panel requirements in science lessons, and taking part in related work experience opportunities.

It was also agreed to organise a fundraising quiz night in the autumn term, watch this space for further details!

If you would like to be involved in a small fundraising group, please email Parentsforum@abbey.college

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.

- If you can volunteer some time to help run the shop, please email parentsforum@abbey.college
- 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>

Building Works

Contractors have started removing and rebuilding the roof as part of a phased programme designed to make the building watertight. Once this initial phase is complete, internal reinstatement and fit-out works will continue throughout the summer and autumn. Additionally, the project plans have now been submitted to the council for formal approval. Thanks to this steady progress, we remain fully on track for pupils to return to learning in the Oswald Building in November 2026.



Student entrance & Reception



A Few Reminders.....

Essential Equipment

To support learning and help students make the most of every lesson, all students are expected to bring the following items to school each day:

- Black or blue pen
- Green pen
- Whiteboard pen
- Glue stick
- Pencil and rubber
- Ruler (15cm or longer)
- Scientific calculator
- A copy of their timetable (this will be provided on the first day of term)

Uniform and Appearance Expectations

We expect all students to return in full school uniform in September, ready to start the year positively and confidently. To help avoid any issues at the start of term, we kindly ask families to keep the following in mind:

- **Appearance:** Any temporary changes made over the summer — such as false nails, false eyelashes, or hair dyed in unnatural colours — should be reversed before the first day of term.
- **Piercings:** Students are permitted **one small stud per ear**. If your child is considering additional piercings over the summer, please ensure they are able to remove them before returning to school.

- **PE Safety:** If earrings cannot be removed for PE lessons, students must bring a **plaster or tape** to cover them for safety reasons

Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details on MCAS are up to date. Accurate information is essential so we can contact you promptly in the case of emergencies, share important school updates, and ensure you receive all relevant communications.

If any changes or amendments are required, please inform the office by emailing office@abbey.college . Thank you for your support in helping us keep our records accurate and maintain effective communication.

Social Media

Please continue to follow us on:

- Our news page: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RamseyAbbeyCollege/posts/>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/
- Linked in: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/abbey-college-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



Monday 1st – Friday 19th June - Y7 & Y8 Parent Update Window

Friday 5th June - Y11 last Day

Tuesday 16th- Thursday 18th June - Musical Performance Evenings

Friday 19th June - Alton Towers Attendance Trip

Sunday 21st June - Bands on the Green

Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June - Sixth Form Induction

Monday 22nd June Y11 & Sixth Form - Prizegiving Evening Event – Invitation Only

Thursday 25th June - Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccine

Thursday 25th June - Y11 Prom

Friday 26th June - Sixth Form Ball

Thursday 25th to Friday 26th June - Y6 Transition

Saturday 27th June Y6 - Transition Event

Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July - Iceland Trip

Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th July - Y10 Sixth Form Experience Days

Thursday 9th – Monday 13th July - Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk (Y11/Sixth Form)

Thursday 9th July - Y10 London History Trip

Friday 10th July - Y7 Forest Facility Trip

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Term

Contact Us



Aspire & Challenge

COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART

PHASE ONE

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

PHASE TWO

Please contact your child's Raising Standards Leader

They aim to respond to you



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

If you feel your question has not been answered

PHASE THREE

PARENTS 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 with our 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: J.Davey@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
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.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk (Statutory Information section)