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## Headteacher's Update: Keeping You Informed About What Matters Most

*We have been very happy to welcome our Year 10 students back this week after their work experience. They are now talking about the skills they learned and how these will help them with future learning and career plans.*

### **Warm weather reminder**

*As the weather gets warmer, please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle each day. Bottles can be filled at the water fountains. Students should not leave lessons to get water and should not use disposable cups. At lunchtime, especially on sunny days, we ask students to put all rubbish in the bins. Small actions help keep Abbey College clean and green.*

### **Building work update**

*It is good to see students continuing to follow our safety rules while work continues on the Oswald Building. This week, archaeologists have been working on the front field. This is part of the next phase of the project, which includes a new car park to support our growing school.*

### **Exams and achievements**

*Well done to all students who completed Modern Foreign Languages and Community Language oral exams this week. Good luck to everyone working on coursework and performances as exams approach. Your effort really does matter.*

*Have a lovely long weekend.*

#### **Parent Forum Guarantee:**

*The Parent Forum Guarantee gives all parents the right to speak directly to the **Headteacher/Deputy 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](mailto:office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk) using the subject header "Parent Forum Guarantee."

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Please read on for essential updates.

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## Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

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- [Teacher of Science](#)
  - [Behaviour Assistant](#)
  - [1st Line Technician](#)
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Click here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

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## Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



### ***Headteacher Commendations w/c 27/04/26***

The following students have been awarded with Headteacher's Commendations this week for going above and beyond in an area of school life. They will receive 10 Spirit points and a special postcard home.

Jamie	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Jasper	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Leo	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Dexter	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Tommie	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Arthur	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Riley	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Keo	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Aiden	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Max	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Logan	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Harry	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Callum	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Archie	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Tyler	Year 9	PE	U14 Cambridgeshire Schools FA County Cup Winners
Hailey	Year 7	Maths	Volunteering to do some jobs around my classroom in the morning.
Grace	Year 7	Maths	Volunteering to do some jobs around my classroom in the morning.
Harley	Year 8	Geography	Getting 100% on your end of topic test on tropical rainforests.
Sophie	Year 7	N/A	Demonstrating a positive and mature attitude towards her learning, alongside a growing confidence and commitment to her school routine.
Morgan	Year 7	Fluency intervention.	Great effort and teamwork.
Rose	Year 8	Fluency intervention.	Great effort and teamwork.
Sophie	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Sapphire	Year 8	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Melissa	Year 10	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!

Elena	Year 8	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Milly	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Harriett	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Katherine	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Lily	Year 8	Fluency intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Lola	Year 8	Fluency intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Elsie	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Aria	Year 8	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Becca	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Amelia	Year 8	Fluency intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Isa	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Olivia	Year 8	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Jenson	Year 8	Fluency intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Bethany	Year 7	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Alex	Year 7	Fluency intervention	Great effort and teamwork.

Chloe	Year 8	Dance Club	In recognition of an amazing dance performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event. You represented the school beautifully and performed with confidence, energy, and commitment. You were a credit to yourselves and to Abbey College, you were amazing!
Isaac	Year 8	Fluency Intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Will	Year 8	Fluency Intervention	Great effort and teamwork.
Alayna	Year 8	Phonics Intervention	<u>Well</u> done on your good behaviour and effort during Phonics!
Ellie	Year 8	Phonics Intervention	<u>Well</u> done on your good behaviour and effort during Phonics!
Theo	Year 8	Phonics Intervention	<u>Well</u> done on your good behaviour and effort during Phonics!
Alex	Year 10	Engineering	Outstanding design work
Martins	Year 7	OOP Creative Design	Creation of decoupage using own design, use of swivel blades and building into 3D following design brief perfectly
Zahra	Year 8	Drama	Always giving such passion in lesson and going above and beyond-well done!
Codee	Year 11	MO	Asking questions to improve her knowledge
Thomas	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Amy	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Roz	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Tammy	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Katherine	Year 7	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Poppy	Year 7	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Semina	Year 7	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Emeline	Year 9	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Mia	Year 7	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Karen	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP
Elena	Year 8	Music	For a fantastic performance at Ramsey Dine out on Saturday, giving their personal time and showing dedication to their OOP

## Staff member of the week

**Miss Andrew-Martin** – Intuition: Thank you for always being so kind and considerate. You are always thinking of staff and their wellbeing, despite how busy you are!

**Mr Porter** - Passion: "Can I recommend Mr Porter for leading the Y9s to county cup victory. I believe it's the first time the boys have won the trophy." nominated by a parent.

## 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](mailto:office@abbey.college).

## Strong Partnerships

### Parent's Forum

#### Dates for your diary!

The next Parent's Forum meetings will be on **Wednesday 20th May** and **Wednesday 1st July**.



### Parent Survey

In preparation for the next meeting please see the agenda and complete the Parent's Forum survey to feedback any comments or concerns:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentsForum25-26>

### Pre Loved Uniform Shop Openings

The Pre Loved Uniform Shop will be open the following times:

- Thursday 21st May, 4.30-6pm

- [Saturday 27th June during the Year 6 transition morning, 9.30-11.30am](#)

- Please email [ParentsForum@abbey.college](mailto:ParentsForum@abbey.college) any questions.
- Please find our minutes here: [Parent Forum - Abbey College, Secondary School and Sixth Form in Ramsey](#)
- If you would like further information on the Parent's Forum, please email: [ParentsForum@abbey.college](mailto:ParentsForum@abbey.college)

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

## Diary Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y12 Geography Trip
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y11 Dress for Success
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y7 & Y8 Parent Update Window
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11 last Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Musical Performance Evenings
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Alton Towers Attendance Trip
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Bands on the Green
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Induction
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y11 & Sixth Form Prizegiving Evening Event – Invitation Only
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccine
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11 Prom
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Ball
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition Event
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Iceland Trip
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 Sixth Form Experience Days
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk (Y11/Sixth Form)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 London History Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day

## Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

### Summer 1 Assessment Information for Parents

Year group	When will my child be assessed?	When will reports be published on MCAS?	What information will I receive?
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal subject assessments this half term</li> <li>• Reading assessments in English lessons during April</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading proficiency report (updated in May)</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In class subject tests (27<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)</li> <li>• End of year 8 target grades</li> </ul>
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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>		
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish Speaking exams start 28<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Art/Textiles Practical exams 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• GCSE exams start 7<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>		
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal subject assessments this half term (unless sitting external AS exams - from 11<sup>th</sup> May)</li> </ul>		
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Level Exams start 11<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	17 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Current working at grades (from trial 2 exams)</li> <li>• End of course predicted grades</li> <li>• End of course target grades</li> </ul>

Please note that this table details the formal assessments that will be taking place this half term. Your child will complete topic tests across their range of subjects as they reach the end of a unit of work. Where students are required to prepare for these, details will be shared via Teams.

### How we assess your child at Key Stage 3

Your child gets a level for each subject:

- E Emerging

- **D** Developing
- **S** Secure
- **M** Mastery

Example: **7S** = Year 7, Secure

### **How progress works**

- Levels move up as skills improve
- Some pupils may work above their year group
- Year 9 levels show GCSE-level work

### **Spirit score (4–1)**

This shows attitude to learning: effort, focus, independence, pride.

Scores of **2** or **1** mean there are concerns to discuss.

To find out more, click [here](#).

## **Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well**

### **Safety First**

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#### **Safe Travel**

*This week we have discussed the importance of travelling safely to and from school. Please take some time to talk to your child about road safety, including using pedestrian crossings, avoiding walking in large groups along narrow paths, and wearing a helmet when cycling.*

*If your child travels by bus, please remind them to remain seated and not to distract the driver. Should your child ever feel unsafe during their journey, encourage them to report this to a member of school staff immediately.*

*Useful resources:*

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- **THINK! Road Safety:** (<https://www.think.gov.uk>)
  - **Bikeability:** (<https://www.bikeability.org.uk>)
  - [welfare@abbey.college](mailto:welfare@abbey.college)
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### **Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day**

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#### **Students crossing Ramsey Golf Course**

*We have been made aware that a small number of students are walking home by cutting across Ramsey Golf Course, rather than using the public footpath.*

*The golf club has raised safety concerns. Golf balls can travel at high speed and there is a real risk of serious injury to anyone crossing the course.*

*Please remind your child that:*

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- ***The golf course is not a public route***
  - ***They must stay on the public pathways***
  - *Crossing the course puts them and others at risk*
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*Entering the course is also **trespassing** and may lead to:*

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- *Action from the golf club*
  - *School follow-up if concerns continue*
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*Your support is important in keeping all students safe on their journey home. Thank you for reinforcing this message with your child.*

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**Next Week's Equipment Check** - Next week we will be checking for a different piece of equipment each day.

- Monday: Black pen
- Tuesday: Green pen
- Wednesday: Whiteboard pen
- Thursday: Pencil
- Friday: Ruler

### ***Student attendance - Week 29***

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- *Reminder: We're aiming for fewer than 6 days absence for an attendance target.*
  - *Remember: Taking holidays during term time isn't allowed except in truly exceptional cases. Let's make every school day count!*
  - *How you can help: Plan your family holidays around school breaks to avoid missing valuable lessons.*
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Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

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# Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

## *Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Summer Term*

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The timetable is available here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/oop>

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## Student curriculum

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

To find out about your child's curriculums, click here:

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

## Communicating with us and raising concerns

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*[Click here](#) to access this Communication Flowchart on our website.*

### ***Parent Friendly Policy Guide:***

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

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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/>
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege\\_ramsey/](https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/)