



Weekly Family Update – 02.10.26

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

What a fantastic week it has been at Abbey College. I continue to be impressed by our students' positive attitude, hard work and commitment to making a difference to both themselves and those around them.

A particular highlight was our Year 6 Open Evening, where we welcomed over 300 families to the college. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and parents exploring our school. Our students were exceptional ambassadors, proudly sharing their experiences and helping visitors see what makes Abbey College such a special place.

A special mention must go to Evie in Year 7, who spoke brilliantly about her first four weeks at Abbey College. Her confidence, warmth and engaging delivery captivated the audience, and she represented the school exceptionally well. She should be incredibly proud of herself and has a very bright future ahead.

I would also like to thank our Parents' Forum for the outstanding support they provide to our school community. Their fundraising and commitment have helped us introduce initiatives such as our mobile phone pouches and pre-loved uniform shop, both of which have made a real difference to families and students.

The first Parents' Forum meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 7 October, 5.00pm-6.00pm, and all parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Whether you would like to get involved regularly or simply find out more, you will be very welcome. The Forum's first fundraising event, a Family Quiz Night, will take place on Thursday 12 November. We hope many families will be able to join us for what promises to be a fun evening.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

1

START WITH YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR

Most questions can be answered by your child's tutor.

2

EMAIL WHERE POSSIBLE

Email is our preferred method of contact.

Please only call Reception for urgent matters.

3

NEED MORE HELP?

If you have not received a response within the expected timeframe, use the Parent Forum Guarantee.

PARENT FORUM GUARANTEE

STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER?

Every parent has the right to speak directly with the **Headteacher** or **Deputy Headteacher** within **24 WORKING HOURS.**

CONTACT US

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Quote: "Parent Forum Guarantee"

office@abbey.college
Subject: Parent Forum Guarantee

Working together for the best outcomes for your child.

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

<https://www.abbey.college/vacancies>

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Year 7 Spirit Lunch

For the first time ever, Year 7 have a 'Spirit Lunch' built into their curriculum. Once a fortnight, students come together to build their sense of community by sharing lunch, serving one another, and engaging in interesting discussion topics.

This week's question for discussion was: "If you were elected to rule the world for a day, what rule would you change?"

The answers focused on ending discrimination and caring for those less fortunate, responses that truly embodied the Abbey College Spirit.

Headteacher Commendations w/c 28/09/26

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.

Student Name	Subject	Reason for Nomination
Aarav Mehta	Physics	Great work on the summer homework booklet
Amy Lashley	Physics	Great work on the summer homework booklet
Benjamin Tingey	Drama	Made an amazing set design in his own time-it's brilliant well done!
Amy Poole	Geography	Well done for having a fabulous start to geography Tassomai getting longest time and points in class
Ruby Saunders	Textiles	For your the pride and effort in your amazing summer work in textiles. Well done!
Charlie Gates	Learning Support	Well done for showing great resilience and a positive attitude towards your learning.
Oliver Osborne	Learning Support	Well done for showing great resilience and a positive attitude towards your learning.
Kane Simpson	English	For working hard to improve your writing, taking pride in your work, and always striving to do your best.
Emily Cracknell	English	For working hard on your writing, taking feedback on board, and making fantastic progress in your use of descriptive language.
Lincoln Britton	English	For your wonderful enthusiasm for our Gothic theme. You are always eager to contribute, and your positive attitude makes our lessons even better.
Edie Hembrow		For being this weeks Ratio Legend with an outstanding ratio of 54:1! Keep it up!
Lexi Dubois		For your fantastic weekly ratio! Keep up the fantastic attitude and effort!
Angeles-Chelsea Acquah		For another fantastic weekly ratio! Keep it up Angeles!
Ava Webb	Form Time	A huge well done for showing exceptional bravery and independence during a recent school exercise. She remained calm, made responsible choices, and demonstrated real strength of character. Well done Ava!
Brodie Browne	PE- Cambridge Nationals	Well done for the fantastic effort you have shown in Cambridge National lessons. Your hard work, resilience, and determination to succeed have not gone unnoticed. Keep it up!
Lennox Lawson	PE- Cambridge Nationals	For consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic in Cambridge National lessons. Your focus, effort, and determination have been brilliant to see. Keep pushing yourself!
Jaxson Lingham	Science	Excellent scientific drawings with annotations
Jenson Granger	Year Group	A fabulous start to the year! Keep up the good work, you have really turned it around.
Finley Bradshaw-Smith	Science	Complete the challenge: made a lung model at home
Georgina Neale	Form	For completing her 365-day streak on Duolingo with a mix of French, Spanish, Welsh and Chess! Well Done Georgina!
Aarav Mehta	Chemistry	Excellent summer work
Ruby Stevens	Music	Thank you for giving up your time to assist with band practice.
Tom Hill	English	Excellent focus also answering questions to further his knowledge.
Ethan Almond	Maths	Fantastic focus and effort during lesson about transformations
Jack Sadiq-Laud	Maths	Excellent effort and focus during lesson on transformations
Aarav Mehta	MO	For completing the summer holiday homework to a high standard
Lucy Matthews	Spanish	For completing a 920-days Duolingo streak. It means that she has practiced Spanish every single day for over two and a half years.
Will Clarke	English	Consistently high standards of behaviour and learning outcomes.
James Gardner	Maths	For his perseverance with New Topic - Practise made perfect Well Done
Shay Oliver	Engineering	Completing an excellent technical drawing - Well Done
Ethan Almond	Engineering	Persevering and not giving up when completing a difficult technical drawing
Erin Hutchcraft	Learning Support	For stepping outside comfort zone and brilliantly adjusting to the new environment.
Jaydon Brown	Learning Support	For working hard during lessons and receiving support with gratitude.
James Massie	Learning Support	For working well during lessons and receiving support with gratitude.
Mia Winter	Sports Leaders	For demonstrating excellent sports leadership qualities during the Year 6 Open Evening engaging with Year 6 pupils and parents getting them involved with challenges and skill sessions.
Mia Winter	PE	NFL - Taking part in the NFL Kansas City Chiefs Tournament

Isabella Hickman	PE	NFL - Taking part in the NFL Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Poppy Cottage	PE	NFL - Taking part in the NFL Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Grace Smith	PE	NFL - Taking part in the NFL Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Flo Morton	PE	NFL - Taking part in the NFL Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Rachael Olateru-Olagbegi	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Elsa Dymond	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Becca Rooney	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Sophia Chong	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Saathana Skantharuban	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Mollie Palmer	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Ella Rowell	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Kaitlin Chapman	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Penny Owen	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Karen Chakuma	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Catherine Wood	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Daisy Woodhouse	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Bronte Barker	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
William Thomas	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Charlie Thompson	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Jenson Granger	Spirit	Modelling our virtues and supporting Year 7 in their Spirit
Evie O'Mahoney	Year 7 RSL	For delivering an outstanding speech three times at the open evening
All students who helped at the Year 6 Open Evening		Thank you for your support in showcasing the school during the Year 6 Open Evening

Staff member of the week

Mr Valentine: Intuition: For taking on a completely different challenge and making a real difference with the students. Every day is different in New Horizons, and you just go with it and have shown a calm and caring nature towards the students they really respond to. Thank you for all your hard work and support to help support them.

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.

Strong Partnerships

Parent's Forum



Date for your diary!

The date of the next Parent's Forum meeting is **Wednesday 7th October 5-6pm**. You can either join in person in the Boardroom or online via Teams.

Parent Questionnaire

Please complete our parent questionnaire to raise any questions you have prior to the next meeting. The questionnaire closes on Monday 5th

October: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentsForum26-27>

- Please email ParentsForum@abbey.college any questions.
- Please find our minutes here: <https://www.abbey.college/parents-forum>
- If you would like further information on the Parent's Forum, please email: ParentsForum@abbey.college

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

Uniform Update: Optional Plain Black V-Neck Jumper

To provide greater flexibility for families whilst maintaining our high uniform standards, students may now wear a plain black V-neck jumper under their blazer.

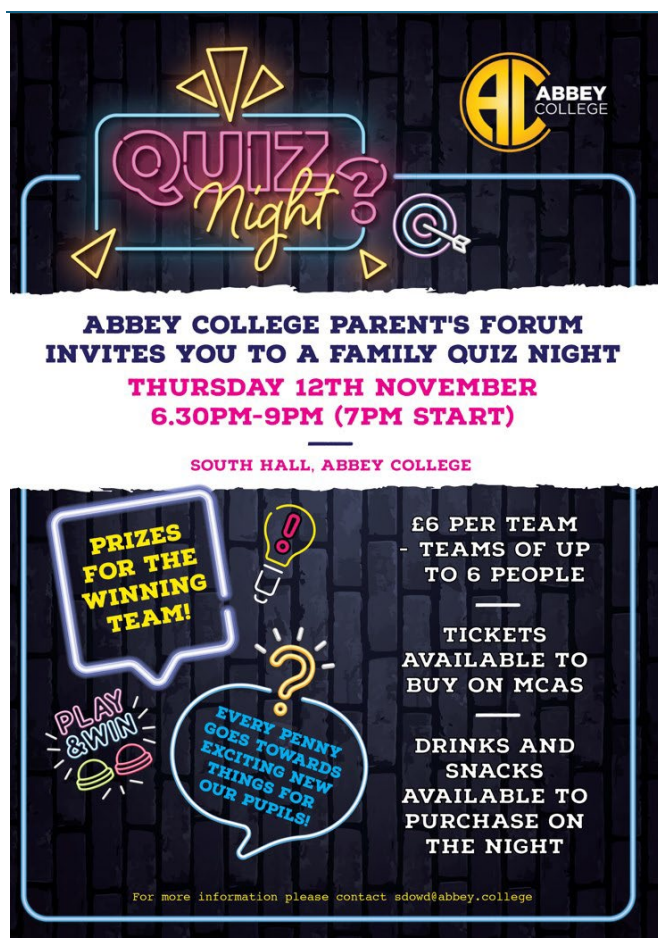
Please note that:

- The jumper must be plain black, with no logos, branding, patterns, or embellishments.
- It must be V-necked to allow the school tie and shirt collar to remain visible.
- Hoodies, sweatshirts, crew-neck jumpers, or knitwear in other colours are not permitted.
- The jumper must be worn underneath the blazer, not as an alternative to it.

Family Quiz Night!

The Abbey College Parents' Forum invites families to a fun-filled **Family Quiz Night** on **Thursday 12th November** in the South Hall.

Gather a team of up to six people, test your knowledge, and compete for prizes, all while supporting a great cause. Every penny raised will go towards exciting new opportunities and resources for Abbey College students.



Up-to-date MCAS details

Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date on MCAS (MyChildAtSchool). Having the correct information helps us contact you quickly if needed and ensures you receive important school communications.

You can update your details yourself at any time through the MCAS app or website. Alternatively, if you need assistance, please email **office@abbey.college** with your updated information.

Zebra Crossing location Survey

The County Council would like feedback on a proposed Zebra Crossing location near the school. Please complete the survey here: <https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/place-and-sustainability/ramsey-zebra-crossing-feedback/>

Any queries, please contact Hanane Rouadi, Assistant Project Manager, Local Improvements Team, Hanane.Rouadi@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Diary Dates

Friday 9 th October	Y10/11 Peterborough College assemblies
Wednesday 21 st October	Y9 Royal Navy Event
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 10 th November	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th November	Quiz Night
Tuesday 8 th December	Y11 Parents Evening
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

Autumn 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	- Reading tests in English lessons (from 21st Sept) - CAT4 (Reasoning) baseline testing (16th/17th Sept)	Half term 2	- Reading proficiency report - CAT4 report (reasoning abilities)
8	In class (from 5th October)		
9	No formal subject assessments this half term	KS4 entry report: 7 th Oct	- Spirit grade - Any early barriers to learning that have been identified by class teachers. - Minimum target grade (MTG) for each subject
10	In class (from 12th October)	18 th Nov	- Spirit - GCSE predicted grade (ECP) - GCSE minimum target grade (MTG)
11	No formal assessments this half term	16 th Sept	- GCSE predicted grade (ECP) - GCSE minimum target grades (MTG)
12	One month tests: 5th Oct – 16th Oct	7 th Oct	- Target grade - Any one-month test concerns will be raised individually
13	No formal assessments this half term	30 th Sept	- Spirit - Predicted grade (based on end of y12 and early y13 testing) - Target grade

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.

ECP – The grade that the class teacher believes your child will achieve by the end of their GCSE/BTEC course in year 11

MTG – The target grade that your child should achieve if they make good progress (based on their SATs and year 7 baseline data)

Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well

Safety First

Worries

Students discussed emotional wellbeing and the importance of talking about worries early. They were reminded of the support available in school and encouraged to seek help if they are struggling.

Useful Resources

- YoungMinds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent>
 - Anna Freud: <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers>
 - Place2Be: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>
 - NHS Every Mind Matters: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters>
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If you need support or have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or safety, please contact welfare@abbey.college

Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Student attendance

Week 4 – Impact on Wellbeing

Being in school supports more than just your learning—it supports your wellbeing too.

Routine, friendships, and feeling part of your community all help you feel positive and confident.

Coming in matters for your mind as well as your grades.

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term



ABBEY COLLEGE

OFFER & OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME

EXPLORE | DEVELOP | BELONG | ACHIEVE

More than lessons

Find your thing



OOPs
Clubs, enrichment and opportunities to help you build confidence, discover interests and learn beyond the classroom.



INTERACTS
Academic support, revision and catch-up sessions. Focused on GCSE coursework and academic progress.



SUPPORT
Other helpful academic and wellbeing support sessions.



INVITATION ONLY
A place must be offered / invitation received.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OOPs - Enrichment & Opportunities  Musical Theatre Years 7-13 A05 - Drama Studio Week A ONLY  Netball Years 7-11 Netball Courts South Autumn Term  KS4 Drama Club Years 9-11 A05 - Drama Studio Week B ONLY  Rugby (Boys) Years 7-10 North Changing Rooms Autumn 1  Table Tennis Years 7-11 North Changing Rooms Autumn 2  Fitness Years 7-10 Fitness Suite Autumn 2  GeoScreen Years 7-13 GH11 / GH13 Autumn 1 & 2 INTERACTS - Academic Support  Science Interact Years 7-13 Monday OTHER SUPPORT  Homework Club Years 7-11 IT04 Mon-Thu, all year - drop in	OOPs - Enrichment & Opportunities  Dance Club Years 7-11 Dance Studio All year  Crochet Club Years 7-11 T01 / T02 Autumn Term  LEGO History Club Year 7 GH6 / GH8 Week A/B Lunch 1 <i>New experiences brighter futures</i>	OOPs - Enrichment & Opportunities  NFL Flag Football (Girls) Years 8-10 North Changing Rooms - 3G Autumn 1  Nerds of the Round Table Years 7-13 S01 Autumn & Spring Term  DESIGN, MAKE, TAKE Years 7-9 T12 All year  Choir / Voice Lounge Years 7-13 A6 Autumn Term INTERACTS - Academic Support  Maths Interact Years 7-13 Wednesday  BITE Interact Years 10-11 ME01 ICT and GCSE Business support  Year 11 Music Interact Years 10-11 A7 Coursework catch-up  Business Aspire Year 11 ME01 GCSE Business - aiming for grades 7-9	OOPs - Enrichment & Opportunities  DofE Year 9 M0 Quad - GH1/GH2 / IT Room TBC Autumn, Spring, Summer 1  CCF Years 9-11 CCF Room All year INTERACTS - Academic Support  English Interact Year 11 Garden Block Exam revision  Drama Interact Year 11 A5 GCSE Drama OTHER SUPPORT  Homework Club Years 7-11 IT04 Mon-Thu, all year - drop in <i>Building confident, curious and successful futures</i>	INVITATION ONLY  Maths Circles Year 7 M04 Contact Mrs Scott if interested  Band Practice Years 7-11 A2 / Practice Rooms Contact Mrs Scrase if interested OOPs - Enrichment & Opportunities  Journalling Years 8-9 GB02 Autumn Term - Week 8 Fridays Break 2  Mindful Colouring Years 8-9 GB02 Autumn Term - Week 8 Fridays Break 2  Spanish Culture Club Years 7-8 S14 Autumn Term <i>Great opportunities happen here</i>

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY OPPORTUNITY. EVERY SUCCESS.



DISCOVER NEW INTERESTS



DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS



BUILD CONFIDENCE



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Learn today.



A brighter tomorrow.



SIGN UP VIA BROMCOM

Students can register their interest in clubs through the Bromcom Student Portal.



1
Log in to Bromcom



2
Select Clubs & Activities



3
Choose the clubs you'd like to join



4
Submit your registration

Some clubs may have limited places and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Clubs, Activities and Support

Students can join a wide range of clubs and support sessions each week.

Day	Clubs and activities	Study and support
Monday	Musical Theatre, Netball, Drama Club, Rugby, Table Tennis, Fitness and GeoScreen	Homework Club
Tuesday	Dance, Crochet and LEGO History Club	Homework Club
Wednesday	Flag Football, Nerds of the Round Table, Design Make Take and Choir	Business, ICT and Music support
Thursday	Duke of Edinburgh and CCF	English, Drama and Homework support
Friday	Maths Circles, Band Practice, Journalling, Mindful Colouring and Spanish Culture Club	Some sessions are by invitation

After-school sessions finish at **4.10pm**. Some clubs only run in certain terms or on Week A or Week B. Students should check the full timetable for room details and entry rules

Student curriculum

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

Discover Our Curriculum

At Abbey College, we want every student to feel challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their best. Our broad and balanced curriculum combines excellent teaching, rich experiences and strong careers guidance to help young people thrive both in school and beyond.

Our curriculum is designed around three simple aims: helping students understand the wider world, providing an ambitious education for all, and ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to succeed. Parents can explore what is taught across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, along with information about homework, higher-attaining students and relationships education.

Find out more: [View our Curriculum Overview](#)

Communicating with us and raising concerns

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

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

<https://www.abbey.college/key-policies--reports>

Other news updates can be found here:

- Our news page: <https://www.abbey.college/school-communications>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RamseyAbbeyCollege/posts/>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/