

Weekly Family Update – 03.07.26

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

The school term ends on Friday 17th July and you know what I'm going to say: every single day counts! So please don't sneak off early for holiday and even if you're a bit tired, come to school! We really have a great, worthwhile offer here all week, right to the end of term, and then there will be a holiday.

End of Term Arrangements

- *Friday 17 July: School finishes at 1:00pm*
- *Buses will leave at around 1:15pm*

Phone Pouches

Just a reminder that this year students will be taking their HuSH pouches home with them for the holidays. They should keep them safe ready to use when we start the new school year.

Year 10: Taster of Sixth Form life

Next week Year 10 pupils will take part in a "Day in the life of a Sixth Former" to help them understand what study at post-16 level involves. It's a valuable opportunity to experience different routines and expectations.

Recent end-of-year events

We have enjoyed two lovely end-of-year celebrations with the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms last weekend. These occasions are always special moments in the School year: a chance to celebrate friendships, mark the end of a chapter and recognise just how far students have come.

Sports Day

Sports Day ran over two days because of building works on site, which also meant we had to forgo the staff relay. The event was as inclusive as ever: pupils enjoyed a wide range of track and field events and fun activities such as cornhole.

Wishing you a lovely 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 using the subject header "Parent Forum Guarantee."

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

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



Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 29/06/26

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.

Morgan	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving your best in lessons. Your hard work and effort do not go unnoticed. Well done
Ellie	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving your best in lessons. Your hard work and effort do not go unnoticed. Well done
Alex	Year 7	Learning Support	Showing determination and making positive progress. Your efforts to improve do not go unnoticed. Keep it up
Emeline	Year 9	Transition	Thank you for <u>you</u> fantastic help over the two transition days, you kept over 200 year 6 students hydrated. Thanks also for being bus monitor once again.
Chloe	Year 9	Transition	Thank you for <u>you</u> fantastic help over the two transition days, you kept over 200 year 6 students hydrated. Thanks also for being bus monitor once again.
Josh	Year 9	Transition	Once again, fantastic help with the Year 6 transition, and extra support keeping them all hydrated. Thank you
Sam	Year 9	Transition	<u>Helped out</u> with day 1 of the year 6 transition and then stepped in for day 2 as someone didn't turn <u>up, and</u> supported the Saturday event. Thank you
Dylan	Year 8		Thank you for helping a new Year 8 student feel welcome and settle into Abbey College.
Annabel	Year 7	Reading	A great passion for reading and such fantastic effort.
Rachael	Year 9	Sports	Well done for your excellent running during the Sports Day this week! An outstanding effort, Rachael!
Mia	Year 7	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Seren	Year 7	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Sophie	Year 7	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Amber	Year 7	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Georgina	Year 7	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Jenson	Year 8	Learning Support	Supporting with kindness new student with limited English, making him feel included, accepted and invited to join in activities during breaks.
Jonathan	Year 8	Learning Support	Supporting student with limited English with kindness, making him feel included and accepted.
Timothy	Year 8	Learning Support	Great progress in verbal communication, completing tasks with support to understand. Polite and kind.
Braxton	Year 8	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Louie	Year 8	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Chloe	Year 8	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Daisy	Year 8	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Alayna	Year 8	Geography	Great heatwave poster
Rhys	Year 9	Learning Support	Strengthening resilience and bounce back from challenges.
Lottie	Year 9	PE	Thank you for your help with Sports day on Corn hole
Ava	Year 9	PE	Thank you for your help with Sports day on Corn hole
Ellie	Year 9	PE	Thank you for your help with Sports day on Corn hole
Chloe	Year 9	PE	Thank you for your help with Sports day on Corn hole
Lucy	Year 9	PE	Excellent help and support on the 100m station to KS3 students during Sports Day
Lizzie	Year 9	PE	Excellent help and support on the 100m station to KS3 students during Sports Day
Alex	Year 9	PE	Excellent help and support on the 100m station to KS3 students during Sports Day
Ivy	Year 9	PE	Excellent help and support on the 100m station to KS3 students during Sports Day

Staff member of the week

Mr Welsh – Intuition: Thank you to you and the rest of the Estates Team for helping with keeping the school open late and supporting with car parking so the Alton Towers trip can run so smoothly.

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

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop Success



We are delighted to share that our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop raised over £600 when it opened last Saturday morning, an amazing achievement!

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a success. The shop plays an important role in supporting our families while promoting sustainability within our school community.

To help us keep the shop well stocked, we would greatly appreciate any donations of unwanted or outgrown uniform. Please drop items off at Reception so they can be reused and enjoyed by others.

Thank you for your continued support!

Next Meeting

The meeting scheduled for 1st July has been rescheduled to Wednesday 8th July at 5pm. Please email parentsforum@abbey.college for a link to join.

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- 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

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th & Wednesday 8 th July	Y10 Sixth Form Experience Days
Thursday 9 th – Monday 13 th July	Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk (Y11/Sixth Form)
Thursday 9 th July	Y9&10 London History Trip
Friday 10 th July	Y7 Forest Facility Trip
Tuesday 14 th July	Sixth Form Cambridge University Library Trip
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Days
Thursday 3 rd September	School open to Years 7, 11 & 12
Friday 4 th September	School open to Years 7, 8, 11, 12, 13
Monday 7 th September	School open to all year groups

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

Summer 2 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"> In class subject tests completed before half term 	5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term 		
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class subject assessments (1st-12th June) 	26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Current working at grades End of course predicted grades End of course target grades
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial Exams (17th-29th June) 	10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit End of course target grade On track indicator
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final exam June 16th 		
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial exams (classroom based) (8th-19th June) 	3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Current working at grades End of course predicted grades End of course target grades
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final exam June 18th 		

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.

Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well

Safety First

Staying Hydrated

We have once again reminded students of the simple steps they can take to stay well during periods of hot weather. These include keeping to indoor or shaded areas during the hottest parts of the day, protecting themselves by wearing sunscreen, and ensuring they drink plenty of fluids.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day, so they can refill it using the water fountains and stay properly hydrated.

Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Uniform

A small number of students are wearing PE kit that has become too small and is not appropriate to wear in school. Please check that your child's PE kit still fits them. If you need support in purchasing new PE kit, then please contact welfare@abbey.college

Important Reminder About the Silent Zone

As work on our new building continues, the construction area is becoming both noisier and more challenging to navigate safely. To help keep all students safe, it is essential that they move through the designated silent zone quietly and always follow staff instructions.

From Monday, any student who is talking while in the silent zone will receive an immediate sanction.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation at home as we work together to maintain a safe environment for everyone during the construction period.

Student attendance - Week 34

- **Well done!** To all the students who attended last Friday, hope you enjoyed the ice cream as part of the attendance flash reward.
- **Remember:** As we approach the end of term, please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time to make the most of their learning.
- **How you can help:** Please ensure sure your child leaves home with enough time. Every day in school makes a difference. Thank you for your support.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Summer Term

The timetable is available here: <https://www.abbey.college/learning-outside-the-classroom>

Student curriculum

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

To find out about your child's curriculums, please look at the subjects under the 'Abbey College Life' tab of the [website](#).

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/