

Weekly Family Update – 07.11.25

Please read, share, and encourage others to do the same.



Remembrance Service Invitation

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for our annual Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at 10:40am.

If you would like to attend, please email Office@abbey.college to confirm your attendance. On the day, we kindly ask that you sign in at Reception by 10:30am.

Year 11 students have shown great commitment during their Trial Examinations this week. Mornings have been filled with focused revision, and many made excellent use of the half-term break to prepare. The key now is for students to reflect on teacher feedback and use it to improve.

Coming Up This Half Term (7 Weeks):

- Year 10 Historians – Visit to Duxford
- Year 12s – Trip to Parliament
- GCSE Groups – Natural History Museum visit
- INSET Day – Friday 28th November Focus: Staff training on Special Educational Needs
- Winter Showcase – Week Commencing 15th December

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.'

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

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

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College

- Click [here](#)

Celebration of Spirit – Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 03/11/24

The following students have been awarded with Headteacher's Commendations this week. They will receive 10 Spirit points and a special postcard home.

Rhys	Year 9	Chemistry	Going above and beyond by asking for extra homework to challenge himself.
Dominic	Year 11	Chemistry	For excellent continued focus in all Chemistry lessons
Kyra	Year 11	Chemistry	For excellent continued focus in all Chemistry lessons
Amber	Year 7	Science	Making a effort to follow instructions, always ready to answer questions and for kind to other students
Lily	Year 8	Science	Excellent contributions in science lessons
Daniel	Year 8	Science	For excellent contributions in science lessons
Oscar	Year 8	Science	For excellent contributions in science lessons
Chloe	Year 8	Science	For excellent contributions in science lessons
Martha	Year 8	Science	For excellent contributions in science lessons
Reuben	Year 7	PE	Excellent attitude and determination in an <u>after-school</u> rugby fixture, scored a try.
Rosanna	Year 11		Thank you so much for supporting with the bake sale for Mind. Your support meant we were able to raise over £130. Well done!
Amelia	Year 11		Thank you so much for supporting with the bake sale for Mind. Your support meant we were able to raise over £130. Well done!
Catherine	Year 11		Thank you so much for supporting with the bake sale for Mind. Your support meant we were able to raise over £130. Well done!
Chloe	Year 11		Thank you so much for supporting with the bake sale for Mind. Your support meant we were able to raise over £130. Well done!
Harry	Year 9	Chemistry	Excellent work in chemistry lessons
Scarlett	Year 11		Thank you so much for supporting with the bake sale for Mind. Your support meant we were able to raise over £130. Well done!
Angeles-Chelsea	Year 9	Chemistry	Excellent work in Chemistry lessons
Layla	Year 9	Chemistry	Excellent work in Chemistry lessons
Sophie	Year 11	Art	The biro drawing you have produced in your Art project is <u>absolutely beautiful!</u> Well done, keep up the excellent standard of work!
Bailey	Year 9	Maths	Working very hard in lessons and taking time to understand questions, I've noticed the difference
Leah	Year 9	Maths	Consistently getting it right in lesson and your note taking is very thorough and will help you moving forwards. Keep up the good work
Delilah	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Faye	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Orla	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Ralph	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Liliana	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Mia	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Daniel	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Madison	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Jack	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Becca	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Charles	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Nya	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Dylan	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Oscar	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Zac	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Alfie	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Amelia-Rose	Year 7	MO	Excellent homework
Leo	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Charlie	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Luke	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Martins	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Alfie	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Freya	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Zach	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Seren	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Rusty	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Ruaridh	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo

Harvey	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Charlie	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Seth	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Jonathan	Year 8	PE	Demonstrated sportsmanship in the Year 8 Rugby game against St Ivo
Isaac	Year 10	PE	Supported and helped at Rugby club and fixtures
Orlaith	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Xander	Year 10	PE	Supported and helped at Rugby club and fixtures
James	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Jensen	Year 8	PE	Supported and helped at Rugby club and fixtures
Owen	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Willow	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Thomas	Year 8	PE	Commitment to the Year 8 Rugby Team at OOPS and during Fixtures
Callum	Year 8	PE	Commitment to the Year 8 Rugby Team at OOPS and during Fixtures
Isaac	Year 8	PE	Commitment to the Year 8 Rugby Team at OOPS and during Fixtures
Elsa	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Millie	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Saathana	Year 7	English	Well done on your excellent summative assessment for Gothic fiction. It was great to share your work on the 'Purple Stars' slide. Keep up the hard work!
Layla	Year 10	English	Excellent attitude and fantastic achievements in English- a role model!
Lucy	Year 9		Outstanding performance this half term
Lyla	Year 9		Outstanding performance this half term
Chloe	Year 8	Supportive friend	for being a supportive friend throughout the term
Georgia	Year 11	Drama	Exceptional effort and commitment to the course and has shown a real passion- well done Georgia!
Millie	Year 11	Drama	Exceptional effort and commitment to the course and has shown a real passion- well done Millie!
Rusty	Year 8	Brilliant weeks	He brilliantly performed his report for 2 weeks.
Henry	Year 10	Form time	Making a great start to the year for year 10
Edward	Year 10	Form time	Making an excellent start to year 10 with the most spirit points and 0 behaviour points
Charlie	Year 10	Form time	Making an excellent start to year 10
Eva	Year 9	Vaccination Support	Supporting the SSO's with the vaccinations
Harry	Year 10	Maths	Great work this half term, your efforts are showing.
Will	Year 10	Maths	Great work this half term, your efforts are showing.
Dexter	Year 9	Maths	Great work over the last couple of weeks, your positivity is showing.
Toby	Year 11	Maths	Great work over the last couple of weeks, you are making good progress and with positivity too.
Evie	Year 11	Maths	Great work this half term, your efforts are noticed.
Oscar	Year 8	Maths	For the last couple of weeks your contributions to lessons have been excellent.
Amelia	Year 8	Maths	Your class contribution in the last few weeks have been brilliant. Thank you.
Talia	Year 8	Maths	Great effort in lessons, you are a strong mathematician
Dexter	Year 9	Business	Amazing work and strong passion for subject.
Oree	Year 7	Careers	For completion (with certificate) of the H5BC virtual work experience challenge. Well done!
Isabella	Year 8	Maths	Working very hard and always grateful for support.
Isaac	Year 8	Maths	Working very hard and grateful for support.
Jade	Year 10	DofE	Complete the DofE Bronze Award
Ruby	Year 10	DofE	Completed the DofE Bronze Award
Bonnie	Year 9	History	Year 9 Historian of the week - excellent effort in lessons
Chloe	Year 10	History	Year 10 Historian of the week - excellent effort in lessons
Jess	Year 11	Maths	Consistently working hard in lessons and keeping going until you've found the right answer.
Rhys	Year 7	Music	Consistently working hard in every lesson, showing passion and enthusiasm and being very supportive towards his peers. Well done!

Ashley-Grace	Year 8	Music	Being kind and supportive towards other students in the class. Also always helpful and volunteering to do tasks.
Maisie	Year 11		Excellent revision preparation to improve your knowledge is both History and Science
Shannon	Year 11		Excellent revision notes to support your learning and ability to answer exam questions,
Mika	Year 11		Supporting another student to persevere with their learning and not give up, Mika was very patient and encouraging.
Faye	Year 7	History	Year 7 Historian of the week - for great effort in lessons!
Ieuan	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Isaac	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Charlie	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Frankie	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Arthur	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Xander	Year 10	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
George	Year 9	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Jasper	Year 9	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Ethan	Year 9	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Cian	Year 9	PE	Played in the Year 9/10 Rugby game against St Peters winning 60-0
Ollie	Year 8	Photography	Thank you for sharing your photography from the recent air shows and events you have been to! Your enthusiasm for photography is very obvious and I look forward to seeing more of it. Keep up the great work! Well done!
Elizabeth	Year 8	Music	Being inclusive and willing to work with anyone, displaying humility.
Rosie	Year 8	Music	Being inclusive and willing to work with anyone, displaying humility.
Zac	Year 8	Music	Being inclusive and willing to work with anyone, displaying humility.
Danny	Year 8	Music	Being inclusive and willing to work with anyone, displaying humility.
Kajus	Year 11	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome :)
Jack	Year 11	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome and the best senior NCO :)
Paige	Year 11	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome :)
Izzy	Year 10	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome :)
Shay	Year 10	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome :)
Georgia	Year 12	CCF	For volunteering and assisting with the y9 camp. Thank you, you were awesome :)

Staff member of the week

Miss Izzo – Passion: You work so hard to attend to so many students at the same time and ensure they are ok. Thank you for all your help and dedication.

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 .

Parent information



Parent's Forum

Preloved Uniform Shop Opening Dates

- Tuesday 11th November - 5 - 6:30pm
- Tuesday 2nd December - 5 - 6:30pm
- Thursday 18th December - 4:315- 5:15pm

Cash only please. Entrance via the Student Entrance.

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

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

Parent Diary Dates

Friday 28th November 2025 INSET Day – A Focus on Growth and Excellence

- Focus: Staff Professional Learning on Special Educational Needs. This day is dedicated to enhancing our understanding and support for students with additional needs, helping us to create an even more inclusive and supportive school environment.

We appreciate your support as we invest in the ongoing development of our staff - because great teaching makes a great difference.

Tuesday 11 th November	Y9/10 Natural History Museum Trip
Friday 28 th November	INSET Day
Monday 1 st December	Y12 Parliament Trip
Friday 5 th December	Year 9/10 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 9 th December	Y11 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 15 th December	Winter Showcase
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	First Day of Term

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

Autumn 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	• In class subject tests (10 th Nov – 21 st Nov)	5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Grades • Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery) • End of year 7 target grades • Baseline testing (Reading Age, English, Maths, Science, CAT4)
8	• In class subject tests (4 th Nov – 14 th Nov)	27 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Grades • Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery) • End of year 8 target grades
9	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
10	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
11	• Trial 1 exams: 4 th Nov – 18 th Nov	5 th Dec Parents Evening: 9th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Grades • Trial 1 exam grades • End of course predicted grades • End of course target grades
12	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
13	• Trial 1 exams: 24 th Nov – 5 th Dec	18 th Dec Parents Evening: 4th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Grades • Trial 1 exam grades • End of course predicted grades • End of course target grades

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.

Student expectations and safety

Equipment Checks

Next week's equipment check will be for a whiteboard pen. It is important that every student has a whiteboard pen as they regularly use these in lessons where they are involved in mini whiteboard activities to check their knowledge and understanding.

Student welfare and wellbeing

Week Beginning 3rd November – Helping Your Child Speak Up

This week, we've been encouraging students to share any worries or concerns they may have. Our message to them is simple:

“Write a note, send a message, ask a friend, or speak to a trusted adult. You can also ask your parent/carer to contact Welfare. We're here to help.”

As parents and carers, you play a key role in your child's wellbeing. If they share a concern with you, please contact our Welfare team, we're here to listen and support.

Helpful resources:

- YoungMinds – <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>
- NSPCC – Parents and Carers – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/> Provides resources on how to support your child through difficult times, including bullying, online safety, and mental health.

Student attendance - Week 8

- Year 7 leads again! The fewest absences in the last week of term—amazing commitment!
- 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: If your child is unwell, inform the school promptly with accurate details to ensure absence is authorised.

Student wider personal development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term

The Abbey College Offer & Opportunity Programme is being launched again for 2025-2026. We had a fantastic previous year with over 100 offers running throughout the year across academic support and revision sessions, to creative outlets and variety of sports.



THE ABBEY COLLEGE OOP

STEP IN. STAND OUT. BELONG HERE.



WHAT IS AN OOP?

THE OOP IS OUR OFFER AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME. IT IS A WHOLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS THAT RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS. OOPS RUN DURING BOTH LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL.



IT HAS A HUGE VARIETY TO CHOSE FROM, WITH 'OPEN' OFFERS WHICH ANYONE CAN SIGN UP TO OR 'APPLICATION' BASED OFFERS. ALL OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OOPS ARE AVAILABLE ON BROMCOM UNDER THE 'CLUBS' TAB.

WHY SHOULD I DO AN OOP?

BEING A PART OF THE ABBEY COLLEGE COMMUNITY GIVES YOU LOTS OF NEW EXPERIENCES AND CAN HELP IGNITE NEW PASSIONS AND INTERESTS
TRY SOMETHING NEW!



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

YOU ACCESS MCAS AND FIND THE 'CLUBS' TAB. THERE YOU WILL SEE WHAT OOPS ARE AVAILABLE AND SIGN UP TO YOUR OFFER.

WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

THE OOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MCAS FROM MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER. THESE WILL BE UPDATED TERMLY SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK FOR ALL OUR EXCITING OOPS!

Student curriculum

Abbey College Curriculum Aims



	<p>The curriculum provides a clear programme of understanding to a range of diverse cultures and religions.</p>
	<p>To have a challenging and aspirational curriculum that provides opportunities to ensure no learner is left behind.</p>
	<p>All learners will receive a wide and fulfilling educational experience.</p>

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

Helping You Support Your Child's Learning Journey

Key Curriculum Stages

Abbey College offers a structured curriculum across:

- Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9)
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11)
- Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form)

Each stage builds on core knowledge and skills, preparing students for exams, careers, and further education.

Subject Categories

Subjects are grouped into three main areas:

1. Basic Subjects

These are essential for all students:

- English
- Mathematics

2. EBacc Subjects

These support academic progression and university pathways:

- Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Computer Science & ICT

3. Open Subjects

These allow students to explore interests and develop practical skills:

- Business (GCSE & BTEC)
- Child Development
- Creative Arts
- Health & Social Care

- Music
- Performing Arts (Drama & Dance)
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Technology & STEM
- Moral & Spiritual Education
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

How to Find More Information

Visit the Curriculum Subjects page to explore each subject in detail, including:

- What students learn
- How they are assessed
- How subjects support future choices

[Abbey College Reading Challenge](#)

Students are being introduced to the new Abbey College Reading Challenge.

There are three exciting reading challenges—one for each year group:

- Year 7: 15 in 15
- Year 8: Beyond 15
- Year 9: 15 Plus

Each challenge is built around the number 15, which represents the minimum reading age we want all pupils to achieve. The average reading age required to access a GCSE exam paper is 15.7, so reaching this level gives students the best possible chance of success.

15 IN 15

15 books in a year, 15 minutes at a time

15 in 15 is your chance to read 15 books across the school year by reading for a minimum of 15 minutes at a time. It's all about building great reading habits, discovering new stories, and finding books that surprise, challenge, or excite you. All the books are available in the school library, so you can get started anytime!



Please ensure you share the description of the book with a parent or carer. They will need to decide whether it is appropriate for you to read.

Communicating with us and how to raise concerns.

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

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/