

Weekly Family Update – 09.01.26

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



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

Welcome to the new year and a new term at Abbey College. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and peaceful holiday.

Our term began with staff INSET on Monday and all students back in school on Tuesday. This term is a busy six-week one, every day of which delivers the Abbey College curriculum and opportunities for personal, social, spiritual development. We urge everyone to come to school every day and not miss out.

The theme for the INSET day was focused on strengthening safeguarding, equality and inclusion, communication skills, reading strategies, and routines that support our school ethos. Staff also receive training on supporting speech and language needs for our most vulnerable learners, ensuring every child feels safe, included, and able to thrive.

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](#) for all vacancies

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 05/01/26

Katie	Year 13	Year 9 Christmas Market	I approached Katie to ask for support with asking Tesco for donations of fruit for the Christmas market. Katie used her initiative to source the fruit and delivered it to School. A fantastic example of passion and intuition. Well done and thank you.
Chloe	Year 8	PE	Helping out with American Football
Amelia	Year 8	PE	Helping out with American Football
Nate	Year 8	PE	Helping out with American Football
Dylan	Year 8	PE	Helping out with American Football
Ava	Year 7		Achieving your Bronze iDEA award during the first term, showing how dedicated and hard working you are.
Leah	Year 7		Achieving your Bronze iDEA award during the first term, showing how dedicated and hard working you are.
Maddie	Year 8	Art	For showing superb effort and skill in Art this week! Keep working hard!
Olivia	Year 10	Catering	I am so impressed with the creativity and culinary skills you have shown in your practical cooks last term. Keep up the good work!
Matilda	Year 7	Maths	Matilda was the first in the group to finish her multiplication booklet and the fastest I've ever seen! Amazing work!
Saathana	Year 7	Science	Excellence
Freddy	Year 7	English	for your outstanding English homework that was not only creative, but also delicious! Thank you!
Freddie	Year 7	English	for an outstanding English homework. Your 3D model of 'Macbeth' is very impressive and makes for a lovely display in my classroom - thank you!
Ella	Year 8	History	Outstanding effort on her letter from the trenches History homework.
Jared	Year 10	All	Well done, Jared for settling nicely in at Abbey College! You try hard in all of your subjects and contribute excellent, articulate answers during lessons.
Kian	Year 7	Welfare	For working extra hard to improve his attendance and engagement
Tammy	Year 8	Welfare	For engaging well with her mentoring and being an all round superstar!
Louis	Year 8	Welfare	Being an excellent ambassador for Abbey College by supporting a new student
Oree	Year 7	English	For his outstanding effort and hard work on his model of the Globe theatre, it is exceptional!

Staff member of the week

Mr Welsh (Estates Team) – Intuition: We're proud to share an example of outstanding care and intuition from our staff. A Year 8 student was feeling anxious about being in school during a routine fire alarm test. While plans were in place to keep him informed, Ed Welsh went above and beyond. He invited the student to see how the alarm system works and explained everything in detail.

This simple but thoughtful step made a huge difference. The student felt reassured, stayed calm during the test, and even helped support other students. It's a fantastic example of how understanding and proactive thinking can turn a worry into a confidence boost!

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



Please email 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

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

Ofsted's Guides for Parents: Explaining the new report cards



Diary Dates

Monday 26 th January 2026	Y8&9 Men/DTP Immunisations
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Y9 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 9 th February 2026	Y8 Careers Week/Options Taster Sessions
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Y11 Macbeth Performance (in school time)
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Y12 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Y10 Virtual Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Y8 Options Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	End of Term

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

Spring 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">No formal subject assessments this half term		
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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In class subject tests (6th-16th Jan)	30 th Jan Parents Evening: 3rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesCurrent working at gradesEnd of course target grades
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In class subject tests (19th-30th Jan)Reading assessments in English lessons during Jan	13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesCurrent working at gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd of course target gradesReading proficiency report (published in Feb)
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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

Trusted Adults

This week, children learned about trusted adults, people they can talk to if they feel worried or upset. At home, try asking your child how they are feeling, especially now that things are getting back to normal after the holidays. Even small worries can feel big to children. Let them know they can talk to you and that you will listen. Remind them that asking for help at school is okay and that it is a strong and brave thing to do.

Useful links:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
 - <https://www.childline.org.uk>
 - Welfare - welfare@abbey.college
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Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Detentions at Abbey College

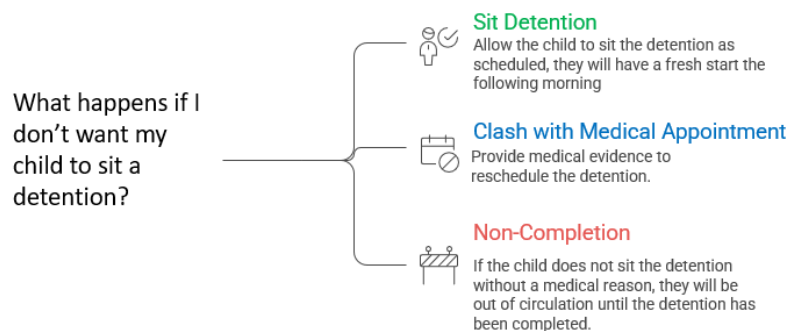
Detentions are an important part of our behaviour system at Abbey College. They are issued when a student has been removed from a lesson or has received an 'Immediate Sanction' for a breach of our behaviour policy.

Wherever possible, detentions are scheduled for the same day the sanction is given. This helps students reflect on their actions and return to school the next day with a fresh start.

Please note that detentions cannot be cancelled upon request. They will only be rescheduled if we receive evidence of a medical appointment.

We view detentions as an opportunity for students to learn from mistakes and make positive changes. Our aim is to support every child in improving their behaviour and achieving success.

The diagram below shows the process for any incomplete detentions.



Next Week's Equipment Check - all pupils will need to ensure they have a **pencil**.

Student attendance - Week 15

- **Amazing:** 90 students received a sweet treat in December Attendance Incentive-Wrap up the year strong!
- **Please:** Report absences every day to help us support you. Make reporting absences a priority, call or message the school promptly each day.

- **How you can help:** Plan your family holidays around school breaks to avoid missing valuable lessons.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Spring Term



Join ASCA this term!
Music Provision by the Abbey College.

Tuition offered in the following:

Piano
Guitar (all types)
Clarinet
Recorder
Drums
Violin
Singing
Music Theory

Our qualified and experienced tutors will provide lessons in the Abbey College and the surrounding Primary Schools.

For more information, please visit our website:
<https://www.ascamusic.org.uk/>



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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

[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/