



Weekly Family Update - 09.10.26

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

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a young person's success, wellbeing and sense of belonging at school.

Every lesson matters. Being in school each day helps students build strong relationships, develop confidence, keep up with learning and make the most of the opportunities available to them. Even missing occasional days can make it harder for students to stay connected to their learning.

*As we approach the half-term break, we would be grateful for your support in ensuring students attend every day until the end of term. Students finish for half term on **Thursday 22 October**.*

Please note that the following are Meridian Trust INSET days, when students are not in school:

- **Friday 23 October**
- **Monday 2 November**

*This means students will have an extended break before returning to school on **Tuesday 3 November**, giving plenty of time to rest and recharge.*

Thank you for working with us to ensure students are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a real difference.

Every day in school is a day of learning, friendship and opportunity.

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

 **01487 812352**
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



Headteacher Commendations w/c 05/10/26

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.

Lincoln	Year 7	Learning Support	For his positive attitude in lessons and willingness to learn
Isabella	Year 7	English	For always having your hand up and making an active, positive contribution in every lesson.
Freddie	Year 7	English	For working incredibly hard on your writing, listening carefully to feedback, and making positive improvements in just a few days.
Elsie	Year 7	English	For listening to feedback, showing determination, and working very hard to develop your writing skills.
Harper	Year 7	Learning Support	Positive attitude in lessons and willingness to learn.
Sapphire	Year 9	Geography	Great start to Geography GCSE getting a brilliant result on Tassomai
Lily	Year 10	Geography	Great start to term getting a brilliant result on Geography Tassomai
Rhys	Year 10	Learning Support	For consistently giving 110% in every lesson. Your enthusiasm, determination and positive attitude do not go unnoticed!
Jaiden	Year 10		Your resilience and perseverance do not go unnoticed!
Logan	Year 8	Learning Support	Brilliant improvement in lessons engagement and taking support given with gratitude.
Kerr	Year 8	Learning Support	Receiving support and help with gratitude and kindness.
Charlie	Year 7	PE	Excellent effort and determination in scoring a try in a rugby fixture
Sophie	Year 8	Learning Support	Receiving help and support with gratitude and kindness.
Sophie	Year 8	Art	Unwavering resilience
Chloe	Year 9	Student Panel	For jumping straight in the deep end with new staff interviews and doing it on your own for the first time it was greatly appreciated!
Isaac	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
James	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Semina	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Liliana	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Sebastian	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Alice	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Anna	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Ava	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Sam	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Hannah	Year 8	RSL	Being an excellent role model for the rest of the year group. Well done on having so many spirit points
Declan	Year 10	Science	Scoring very well on Bioenergetics Test
Keo	Year 10	Science	Excellent score in Bioenergetics assessment
Tom	Year 10	Science	Excellent score on bioenergetics test
Amy	Year 9	Careers	Thank you very much for your invaluable help at the careers fair.
Evie	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish
Olivia	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Harry	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Alexa	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Nefeli	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.

Pippa	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Verity	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Amethyst	Year 11	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Darcie	Year 10	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
Tiera	Year 10	Spanish	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning in Spanish.
James	Year 11	Catering	Great focus during a practical catering lesson
Betsy	Year 11	Geography	Excellent commitment on Tassomai
Georgia	Year 11	Geography	Excellent commitment on Tassomai
Becca	Year 8	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Saathana	Year 8	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Elsa	Year 8	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Sophia	Year 8	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Isabella	Year 9	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Mia	Year 9	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Flo	Year 10	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Rachael	Year 10	PE	NFL - Taking part in the Kansas City Chiefs Tournament
Jensen	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Zac	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Charles	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Luke	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Leo	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Alfie	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Thomas	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Oz	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Jeremy	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Ruaridh	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Charlie	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Zach	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Ben	Year 9	PE	Played a challenging game against HBK in rugby
Danny	Year 9	Welfare	For being an amazing ambassador as a Tour Guide and training the new guides
George	Year 10		For completing excellent summer work! Well done George!
Aarav	Year 10		For completing your summer work! This is excellent preparation for Year 10!
Samuel	Year 10		Ratio Legend of the Week for Year 10! Well done. Keep up the excellent work!
Aiden	Year 10		For having such a fantastic ratio this week! Keep up the excellent effort and attitude!
Callum	Year 10		For having such a fantastic ratio this week! Keep up the excellent effort and attitude!
Effie	Year 10		For having such a fantastic ratio this week! Keep up the excellent effort and attitude!
Alana	Year 10		For having such a fantastic ratio this week! Keep up the excellent effort and attitude!
Archie	Year 10		For making such a conscientious effort to improve your spirit ratio! Keep it up Archie!
Aneesha	Year 10		For having such a fantastic ratio this week! Keep up the excellent effort and attitude!
Aarav	Year 10	Biology	Excellent Biology summer work and going above and beyond by completing additional tasks.

Staff member of the week

Miss Andrew-Martin: Passion - Your love for creative writing is infectious. To have 30 students regularly attending an OOP and being so proud of the work they produce there is wonderful to see. Thank you for being so willing to give up your time to allow students to feel such a sense of pride and belonging.

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

Parent's Forum Update

At last night's Parent's Forum meeting, Mrs Noble provided an overview of the changes to the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) guidance and invited feedback from parents. If you would like to contribute, please submit any comments here:

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- **[Relationships, Sex and Health Education: Parent Consultation – Fill in form.](#)**
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We look forward to using your feedback to help shape our updated policy, which will be published next year.

We also continued planning for our exciting fundraising quiz on 12th November, and preparations are well underway.

At our next Parent's Forum meeting, Miss Lane will provide an update on how our new Year 7 students are settling into life at Abbey College and we will look at some projects to donate funds to.

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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

Family Quiz Night!

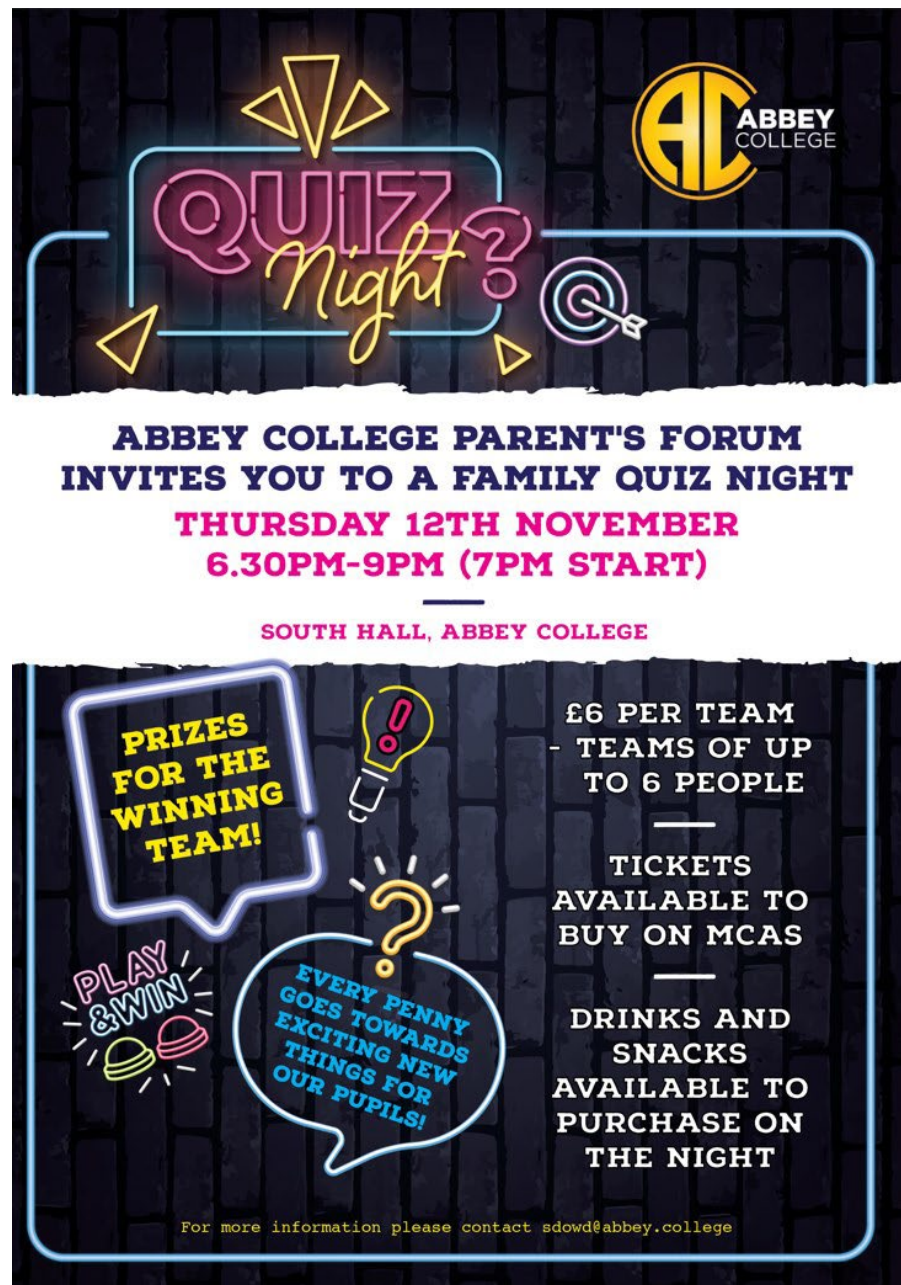
The Abbey College Parents' Forum invites families to a fun-filled **Family Quiz Night** on **Thursday 12th November** in the South Hall.

Gather a team of up to six people for £6 per team, test your knowledge, and compete for prizes, all while supporting a great cause.

There are prizes which have been donated for a raffle on the night.

The sixth form will be running the quiz so any support would be much appreciated!

Every penny raised will go towards exciting new opportunities and resources for Abbey College students.



The poster is set against a dark, textured background resembling stone. At the top, the word "QUIZ" is written in large, pink, neon-style letters, with "Night?" in a smaller, yellow, cursive font below it. To the right is the Abbey College logo, a yellow circle with "AC" inside and "ABBEY COLLEGE" to its right. Below the title, the text "ABBEY COLLEGE PARENT'S FORUM INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT" is written in bold, dark blue capital letters. This is followed by "THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER" and "6.30PM-9PM (7PM START)" in pink capital letters. Below this, "SOUTH HALL, ABBEY COLLEGE" is written in pink capital letters. The bottom section is enclosed in a blue neon border and contains several elements: a yellow speech bubble with "PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM!" in yellow; a yellow lightbulb icon; a yellow question mark icon; a yellow speech bubble with "EVERY PENNY GOES TOWARDS EXCITING NEW THINGS FOR OUR PUPILS!" in blue; a yellow "PLAY & WIN" icon with a burger; and text on the right stating "£6 PER TEAM - TEAMS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE", "TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON MCAS", and "DRINKS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT". At the very bottom, in small yellow text, it says "For more information please contact sdowd@abbey.college".

QUIZ Night?

ABBEY COLLEGE

**ABBEY COLLEGE PARENT'S FORUM
INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
6.30PM-9PM (7PM START)**

SOUTH HALL, ABBEY COLLEGE

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For more information please contact sdowd@abbey.college

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.

Road Safety



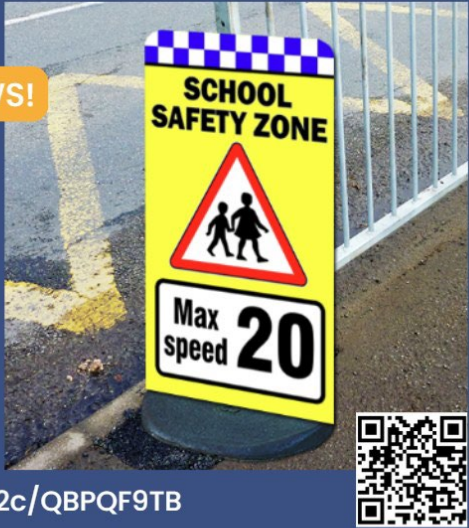
BIG ROAD SAFETY NEWS!

After years of campaigning by our students and community, funding has been approved for speed-reduction measures on Hollow Lane to help make journeys safer for everyone.

Now we need your help to raise up to £10,000 towards the project cost. If every family donated the cost of a coffee, we'd raise over £3,000!

❤️ **Donate here:**
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QBPQF9TB>

Together, we can make Ramsey's roads safer. #RoadSafety #AbbeyCollege #RamseyCommunity #SaferStreets




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
Friday 27 th November	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 8 th December	Y11 Parents Evening
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Inset Days Coming Up

Please note that the following are Meridian Trust-wide Inset Days. All Meridian Trust schools, including Abbey College, will be closed to students on these dates:

-  **Friday 23 October**
-  **Monday 2 November**

 **Friday 27 November**

 **Please add these dates to your family calendar.**

These training days allow staff from across Meridian Trust to work together, share best practice and continue to improve the education we provide for all students.

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

Healthy Habits

This week students discussed healthy habits, hygiene, hydration, sleep and self-care.

We encouraged students to consider how everyday health habits support both wellbeing and school attendance.

Useful Resources

- NHS Live Well: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well>
- NHS Better Health: <https://www.nhs.uk/better-health>
- The Sleep Charity: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk>

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 5 – Coughs & Colds

It's okay to feel under the weather sometimes—but most coughs and colds don't need days off school.

If you're well enough, being in school helps you stay on track.

Don't let a small illness lead to big gaps in learning.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term



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 New experiences brighter futures	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 Building confident, curious and successful futures	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 Great opportunities happen here

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY OPPORTUNITY. EVERY SUCCESS.



DISCOVER NEW INTERESTS



DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS



BUILD CONFIDENCE



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Learn today.



A brighter tomorrow.



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, Journaling, 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

Your child's future starts here

Meridian Career Pathways will give you everything you need to get inspired, spark conversations and support your child with planning their future career.



Year 6-7



Year 8-9



Year 10-11



Year 12-13

[Click here](#)

Student curriculum

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

Learning outside the classroom (LoTC)

At Abbey College, we believe learning should extend beyond the classroom. Through a wide range of opportunities, students can experience art, culture, heritage, adventure and the natural world, helping to broaden their horizons and build confidence. These enriching experiences are offered through our curriculum and our Offer and Opportunity Programme (OOP), alongside trips, visits and activities such as the Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The aim is to give every student access to memorable experiences that support their personal growth and development.

Find out more: [Learning Outside the Classroom](#)

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/