

Weekly Family Update – 10.07.26

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

Building Improvements Update

The next phase of our school improvement programme will begin on Monday 13 July 2026 and continue until September 2027. This work will include upgrades to the gym, changing rooms and student entrance areas.

Student Arrival

From September, the following arrangements will be in place:

- *Years 7 and 8: Enter through the green gate in the Maths Quad and go to year group areas.*
- *Year 9: Go directly to the North Courts.*
- *Year 10: Enter through the lower South Hall entrance.*
- *The main student entrance will be closed.*
- *Students should use the designated pathways and zebra crossings around the site.*

Please note the year group areas are not supervised by staff until 8.20am.

Student departures at the end of the school day

- *Students whose final lesson is in Maths, Science, Creative Arts, Performing Arts or BITE will leave the site via the green gate in the Maths Quad.*

Thank you for your support and understanding as these important improvements take place. The completed works will further enhance our facilities for students.

PE Lessons - next academic year

Due to the building works, the school changing rooms will not be available during the 2026–27 academic year.

From 1 September 2026, students should come to school wearing their PE kit on any day they have a PE lesson.

This arrangement will remain in place for the whole of the 2026–27 academic year. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Looking Ahead

There will be no Weekly Update next week. Instead, we will publish our Community Round-Up, celebrating the achievements, events and highlights from across the term.

Thank you for your continued support throughout another successful year. We are proud of all that our students have achieved and appreciate the partnership we share with our families.

Finally, many of our students will be eagerly following the England game on Saturday evening. We hope everyone enjoys the match and has a wonderful 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

Non-uniform Days for Spirit Ratios

Congratulations to every year group for exceeding their spirit targets.

They will celebrate with a non-uniform day next week.

Please ensure that your child dresses appropriately for school.

Year Group	Ratio	Non-Uniform Day
7	17:1	Monday
8	11:1	Tuesday
9	11:1	Wednesday
10	12:1	Thursday

Headteacher Commendations w/c 06/07/26

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.

Harry	Year 7	Learning Support	For being an amazing student and showing great resilience throughout your journey. Well done!
James	Year 7	Learning Support	For being an amazing student and showing great resilience throughout your journey. Well done!
Maisie	Year 7	Learning Support	For being an amazing student and showing great resilience throughout your journey. Well done!
Erin	Year 7	Learning Support	For being an amazing student and showing great resilience throughout your journey. Well done!
George	Year 9	Reading	For the significant improvement in reading intervention scores.
Lola	Year 8	Reading	Excellent Progress in her reading interventions.
Amie	Year 8	Reading	For the significant improvement in reading intervention scores.
Tammy	Year 8	Reading	For the significant improvement in reading intervention scores.
Oscar	Year 8	Reading	For the significant improvement in reading intervention scores.
Lottie	Year 9	PE	Excellent support and positivity during primary school sports day
Damian	Year 9	Maths	For the significant improvement in Maths intervention scores.
Andrew	Year 9	Maths	For the significant improvement in Maths intervention scores.
Shay	Year 10	Maths	For achieving high scores in maths interventions.
Nathaniel	Year 10	Maths	For achieving high scores in maths interventions.
Dexter	Year 9	Science	For great progress in science interventions.
Jacob	Year 10	Science	For great progress in science interventions.
Sebastian	Year 9	Biology	You consistently demonstrate a genuine curiosity for Biology and actively broaden your knowledge through independent reading outside of lessons.
Rhys	Year 9	Science	For achieving an excellent score on his final science intervention assessment.
Eben	Year 7	Music	Brilliant effort and enthusiasm for assessment piece- well done!
Freddy	Year 7	Music	Excellent effort on your assessment piece- well done!
Ellie	Year 8	Interventions	Brilliant Participation in SEL Group sessions
Elsie	Year 7	Drama/Dance	Excellent effort in Hip Hop lesson- well done!
Milly	Year 7	Drama/Dance	Excellent effort in Hip Hop lesson-well done!
Ralph	Year 12	PE	Thank you so much for all your help with all of the sports days! We really appreciate you giving up your own time and running a station and helping with the relays! Thank you!
Micah	Year 12	PE	A huge thank you for all your support across the Sports Days. We are very grateful for the time and effort you gave to help run activities and assist with the relays. Your help was invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you for being such a fantastic role model
James	Year 12	PE	Thank you so much for all the help you gave us during Sports Day. We really appreciate you volunteering your time to run a station and support the relay events. Your enthusiasm and reliability helped make the days a great success. Thank you!
Izabella	Year 12	PE	Thank you so much for all your help during Sports Day. We really appreciate the time and effort you gave to support the field events, particularly with running the discus station and assisting with the scoring. Your organisation, reliability, and positive attitude helped the day run smoothly and made a real difference. Thank you for all your support!
William	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Jasmine	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Lucy	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Hannah	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Mia	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Amber	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Darcey	Year 7	Spanish	For their hard work on each of their Spanish lessons
Poppy	Year 7	Spanish	For your hard work and for asking for extra, extra homework!!
Elsa	Year 7	Science	Well done for consistently demonstrating high expectations and standards in every lesson. You are always engaged, focused, and ready to contribute to class discussions and activities. Your excellent poster on pollination showed a strong understanding of the topic, with clear explanations, accurate scientific vocabulary, and a high level of presentation. Keep up the fantastic effort and enthusiasm for learning!
Roz	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Arav	Year 9	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Vee	Year 10	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Zahra	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Daisy	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Matilda	Year 10	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Maddison	Year 10	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Thomas	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Ollie	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Charlie	Year 9	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Thomas	Year 8	Spanish	For their commitment and hard work in their Spanish lessons
Harry	Year 9	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Isla	Year 9	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Jonas	Year 9	Chemistry	For representing the school at the Meridian Science Championships
Fin	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Matilda	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Leo	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Fleur	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Chloe	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Annalise	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Imogene	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Paisley	Year 10	Spanish	For their hard work in Spanish lessons and their achievements on the <u>mocks</u> exams
Cody	Year 7	History	Outstanding verbal responses in class discussions
Isaac	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Scarlett	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Alayna	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Chloe	Year 8	Drama	Excellent effort and performance for assessment-well done!
Daisy	Year 8	Drama	Excellent effort and performance for assessment-well done!
Chloe	Year 8	Drama	Excellent effort and performance for assessment-well done!
Olivia	Year 9	Textiles	A wonderful folder showing lots of <u>creativity</u> , such a joy to see.
Alayna	Year 8	Drama	Excellent effort and performance for assessment-well done!
Ellie	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Lily	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Scarlett	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Brodie	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Jenson	Year 8	Learning Support	For being kind and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Vadym	Year 8	Drama	Excellent final performance for assessment-well done!
Ruaridh	Year 8	Drama	Excellent final performance for assessment-well done!
Bartosz	Year 8	Drama	Excellent final performance for assessment-well done!
William	Year 8	Drama	Excellent final performance for assessment-well done!
Kyle	Year 8	Drama	Excellent final performance for assessment-well done!
Braxton	Year 8	Drama	Excellent shoebox set design-well done!
Arthur	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Gracie	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Jaxson	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Lola	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Luca	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Vadym	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Will	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Theo	Year 8	Learning Support	For being a kind, and respectful key student and receiving support with gratitude.
Dexter	Year 9	Learning Support	Great progress in commitment to learning, positive behaviour, and showing gratitude. Well done!
Olivia-Jane	Year 10	All	Olivia works with great diligence and effort! Well done, Olivia! Good luck as you work towards your GCSEs!

Staff member of the week

Miss Lane – Passion: for organising wonderful year 6 transition days, the kids really enjoyed it - thanks for giving up time on your weekend also for this!

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: <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

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 17 July

- *School closes at 1.00pm*
 - *School buses will depart at approximately 1.15pm*
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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 GradesWorking 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 GradesCurrent working at gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd 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">SpiritEnd of course target gradeOn 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 GradesCurrent working at gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd 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

HuSH Phone Pouches

Students will be taking their HuSH phone pouches home for the summer holidays. Please keep them safe over the break and ensure they are brought back ready for use at the start of the new school year.

Safety First

AI

We are sharing an important online safety guide about how AI (Artificial Intelligence) can be used to change or misuse photos of children. While AI can be helpful, some people use it in harmful ways, including creating fake images from photos shared online. The guide explains the risks in simple terms and gives practical advice on how to:

- Keep your child's photos safer online.*
 - Check privacy settings on social media.*
 - Talk to your child about online safety.*
 - Know what to do if you have concerns.*
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We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read it. By staying informed and talking openly with our children, we can work together to keep them safe online.

Read the guide here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

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

Morrisons Breakfast Club

Morrisons and Kellogg's have announced the return of their school holiday 'Breakfast Clubs', offering free meals to families across the UK to help ease the financial pressure over the summer holidays. As schools close for the summer holidays, many parents face a financial pinch, with new research from Morrisons showing that more than half (54%) of parents feel the strain during the long summer period. In fact, week three of the school holidays is the critical tipping point where the financial impact is most acutely felt by households.

Almost half (48%) of parents also confessed they have been forced to skip meals entirely just to make ends meet and ensure their child does not go without – with breakfast being the number one thing cut from the menu. Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the summer holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too. Both children and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana. The summer holiday offer will be available from 29th June to 6th September across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide.

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/