



Weekly Family Update – 12.06.26

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

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.

A Busy and Positive Start to the Term

We are delighted to begin welcoming our new Year 7 students and their families. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to meeting everyone as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

Attendance Matters

Thank you to the many families who support strong attendance. Being in school every day makes a real difference to learning, wellbeing and future success. We will continue to work together to support all students to attend regularly.

Supporting Families

As Year 11 approach the end of their exams, we are collecting pre-loved uniform to support families. Items can be dropped at Reception. Thank you for your kindness, this support really helps.

Year 10 Exams

Next week, Year 10 move fully into exam mode. We know they have been working hard. These exams help staff spot any gaps and ensure students stay on track for strong GCSE outcomes.

New Website

We are excited to launch our new website: www.abbey.college

The new site is easier to use and will help us share key updates with you. During the change, some links may still redirect, and a few pages are being finalised.

Thank you for your patience as we complete this move. If you need help finding anything, please contact the school office.

Thank a teacher Day 17th June:

National Thank a Teacher Day is a chance to thank all school staff, including:

- teachers
- teaching assistants
- support staff
- site and lunchtime teams

You can send a message here: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 08/06/26

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.

Erin	Year 7	Learning Support	Consistently showing kindness, respect, and responsibility
Maia	Year 7	Learning Support	Consistently showing kindness, respect, and responsibility
Jasmine	Year 7	Learning Support	Consistently showing kindness, respect, and responsibility
Annabel	Year 7	Learning Support	Consistently showing kindness, respect, and responsibility
Toby	Year 7	Learning Support	Always being thoughtful, kind, and encouraging.
Sam	Year 8	Spanish	700 day streak on Duolingo
Harley	Year 8	Drama	Excellent performance for assessment on own adaptation of Peter Pan-well done!
Sam	Year 8	Drama	Excellent performance for assessment on own adaptation of Peter Pan-well done!
Henry	Year 8	Drama	Excellent performance for assessment on own adaptation of Peter Pan-well done!
Will	Year 8	Drama	Excellent performance for assessment on own adaptation of Peter Pan-well done!
Logan	Year 8	Drama	Excellent performance for assessment on own adaptation of Peter Pan-well done!
Hayden	Year 9	Biology	Excellent revision resources made, effort and dedication.
Daisy	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Layla	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Ava	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Alice	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Amber	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Seren	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Ava	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Elsa	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent mental health awareness poster
Violet	Year 7	Form time	For making an excellent poster about mental health awareness
<u>zahara</u>	Year 8	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Ollie	Year 8	Eco Council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Zavier	Year 8	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Pepper	Year 9	Eco Council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Zara	Year 9	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Amy	Year 9	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Verity	Year 10	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
<u>Dinuli</u>	Year 10	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Robert	Year 12	Eco council	Well done for your outstanding contribution to our first Meridian Environment Day. You embraced the activities with enthusiasm and demonstrated our Aspire and Challenge virtues throughout the day. Your positive attitude helped make the event a great success
Freddie	Year 7	English	For your outstanding English <u>project</u> work. Your creativity and flare for the subject really shone through. Well done and thank you for sharing!
Sophie	Year 7	English	For some beautiful English homework. Your poster now brightens my classroom wall! You should be very proud of yourself.
Emma	Year 7	English	For your outstanding English homework and assessment. Thank you for letting me share them both with the class. They are examples of excellence!
Alex	Year 7	English	For sharing your wonderful poem about climate change. It was thoughtful, poignant and inspirational. Well done!
Max	Year 9	All areas	A positive work ethic lots of hard work in assessments
Kitty	Year 9	Geography	Great end of topic test result for Urban Issues and Challenges
Isaac	Year 9	Geography	Great end of topic test result for Urban Issues and Challenges
Leo	Year 8	Geography	Outstanding verbal contributions in Geography lessons
Ollie	Year 8	Geography	Outstanding verbal contributions in Geography lessons
Roz	Year 8	Geography	Outstanding verbal contributions in Geography lessons
Laksman	Year 8	Geography	Outstanding written classwork in Geography
Ellie	Year 8	Learning Support	Growing confidence and believing in own potential.
Rusty	Year 8	Maths	Always putting effort in lessons
Lucy	Year 9	DofE	For excellent effort with baking and completing the Skills Section in DofE
Hope	Year 9	DofE	For excellent effort with baking
Lacie	Year 9	DofE	For excellent effort with baking
Darcey	Year 9	DofE	For excellent effort with baking
Jaxson	Year 8	Learning Support	Working during breaks on homework, stronger commitment in lessons and improvement on spirit ratio.
<u>Dinuli</u>	Year 10	Biology	Making excellent effort and working <u>really hard</u> to revise for mocks.
Ethan	Year 10	Biology	Making excellent effort to revise for the mocks
Olivia	Year 9	Learning Support	Working hard to own potential and appreciating support with kindness.
Jack	Year 10	Sports Studies	You have worked consistently hard in this subject this school year, and you are always well-behaved and polite!
Olivia	Year 10	Comprehension	Always working hard to improve her English grade.
Erin	Year 7	History	Asking questions to improve her understanding
Morgan	Year 7	Maths	Asking and answering questions to improve his knowledge
Damian	Year 9	Intervention - Sensory circuits	Continuous 100% effort to every session, well done Damian

Staff member of the week

Mr Hollis – Passion: A fantastic Teaching Assistant! Not only are you very skilled and knowledgeable, but you are always coming up with great STEM ideas for the students!

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

Date for your diary: The next Parent's Forum meetings will be on **Wednesday 1st July**. If you'd like to join, please email parentsforum@abbey.college

At the meeting on 20th May, parents were given an update on the building works, which included a walk around (virtually for some), the site to see the current progress and hear about plans for completion, scheduled for October 2027. Students are actively involved in the project, contributing to landscaping, creating planters, calculating solar panel requirements in science lessons, and taking part in related work experience opportunities.

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop Openings

The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop will be open the following times:

- *Saturday 27th June during the Year 6 transition morning, 9.30-11.30am*
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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


Friday 5 th June	Y11 last Day
Tuesday 16 th - Thursday 18 th June	Musical Performance Evenings – Peter Pan!
Friday 19 th June	Alton Towers Attendance Trip
Sunday 21 st June	Bands on the Green 2.30-3.30pm
Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th June	Sixth Form Induction
Monday 22 nd June	Y11 & Sixth Form Prizegiving Evening Event – Invitation Only
Thursday 25 th June	Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccine
Thursday 25 th June	Y11 Prom
Friday 26 th June	Sixth Form Ball
Thursday 25 th to Friday 26 th June	Y6 Transition
Saturday 27 th June	Y6 Transition Event
Monday 29 th June - Friday 3 rd July	Iceland Trip
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	Y10 London History Trip
Friday 10 th July	Y7 Forest Facility 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

Peter Pan The Musical!

Performance Dates:

 **Wednesday 17th June** – 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

 **Thursday 18th June** – 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

 **Tickets:** must be purchased in advance via MCAS.

Come along with family and friends to support our wonderful performers and celebrate their hard work. It's sure to be an unforgettable show! ✨

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

Respect

This week's message to students focused on respect and inclusion. Please encourage your child to be kind and inclusive, and to speak to staff if they feel excluded or treated unfairly. Together, we can create a welcoming school environment.

Useful resources:

- *Stonewall: <https://www.stonewall.org.uk>*
 - *Equality and Human Rights Commission: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com>*
 - *welfare@abbey.college*
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Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Next Week's Equipment Check - Next week we will be checking for a different piece of equipment each day.

- Monday: Black pen
- Tuesday: Green pen
- Wednesday: Whiteboard pen
- Thursday: Pencil
- Friday: Ruler

Student attendance - Week 33

- **Well done!** Year 7, highest attendance across the school – in particular, Form Group, 7 TSH
- **Remember:** We understand that birthdays are important milestones, but attending school remains a priority. Missing lessons can affect learning and attendance.
- **How you can help:** Encourage your child to enjoy their birthday with friends at school.

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>

Careers

Year 10/Year 11 Careers Guidance Meetings

Targeted group guidance meetings with our Careers Adviser, Ms Pollard, will take place during the summer term for selected Year 10 students. All students, once in Year 11, will receive an individual one-to-one guidance meeting in the autumn term.

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/