

Weekly Family Update – 12.09.25

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



Welcome back! You're part of this collective, collaborative community and this weekly Bulletin helps sustain our connection as we serve over 1100 families.

I have to start by saying how incredibly proud we are of our outgoing Year 11s and 13s. Their exam results were truly exceptional, and they fully deserved the success they achieved. I'm so grateful to our wonderful staff who put in so many hours and go above and beyond to support our young people through the process. I also want to congratulate Year 10 who achieved excellent results in their GCSE Statistics exam; I'm excited to see what they can achieve next summer.

We have a number of open days coming up so do spread the word: this is the school to choose. More information about open days [here](#).

Today's Bulletin shares useful updates for parents and carers about the academic year ahead. Please take this opportunity to mark your diaries and explore the signposts to support on our website.

It's great to get a new school year underway. Come with us! You are welcome!

Stay Informed:

- *Key dates: Check the school calendar.*
<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/news/calendar-module>
- *Need MCAS login help? Email: WSloan@abbey.college*

Communication with School:

- *First Contact: Reach out to your child's tutor first for any queries.*
- *Email is preferred for contact. Please only call the main Reception number in an emergency or if a situation cannot wait, for example, change of travel plans for your child.*
- *Staff are expected to respond in a timely manner (see [Communications Flowchart](#) at the bottom of this Update). Should you email a member of staff and not receive a response within the timeframe specified (except for part-time colleagues), please use the Parent Forum Guarantee, and I will follow this up.*

Parent Forum Guarantee:

The Parent Forum Guarantee gives all parents the right to speak directly to me, the 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@abbey.college using the subject header 'Parent Forum Guarantee.'

Thank you for reading the Family Update!

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College

Click here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 08/09/24

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



Ellie-Rose	Year 11	English	For completing the extra purple bow task for your summer homework - very well done!
Sophie	Year 11	Science (Chemistry)	Demonstrating great effort. Pride and presentation of her work, striving to complete tasks to the best of her ability, and maintaining focus throughout. An excellent start to the academic year.
Maia	Year 7	N/A	A wonderfully positive start to her journey at Abbey College; we couldn't be prouder!
Toby	Year 11	Chemistry	For continuing to make excellent contributions in lesson
Amy	Year 8	Science	For making an excellent start to science lessons this year
Chloe	Year 8	MO	Chloe produced a detailed and well considered long answer response, regarding whether children are born with a moral compass. Well done!
Lily	Year 10	Chemistry	For a great start to the year in Chemistry
Payton	Year 10	Chemistry	For a great start to the year in Chemistry
Connor	Year 11	mo and science	A great start to the new school year with fantastic focus in lessons

Staff member of the week

Miss Lane - Humility: Galvanising the Year 7 team, gathering feedback and ensuring transition has gone smoothly for our largest ever year group

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

The date of the first Parent's Forum meeting is Thursday 2nd October 5-6pm on Teams. A questionnaire will be circulated in the coming weeks for parents to submit some questions and an agenda will be published shortly. Please email ParentsForum@abbey.college if you would like a link to the meeting.



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

You're Invited: Year 11 Preparing for Success Evening

 Tuesday, 23rd September

Join us for an informative and supportive evening designed to help you guide your child through this important year. We'll share key information, practical strategies, and expert advice to help your child thrive in Year 11.

 Reserve your place [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Tuesday 16 th September	All Year Group Photos and individual photos for Y7, 10, 11, 12
Tuesday 23 rd September	Y11 Planning for Success Evening/Careers Fair
Tuesday 23 rd and Wednesday 24 th September	Y11 Geography Trip
Tuesday 30 th September	Y6 and Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 30 th September	Y10/11 Sports Studies Trip
Thursday 2 nd October	Parent's Forum Meeting 5-6pm online
Friday 3 rd October	Y11 Apprenticeship/T Level Webinar
Friday 10 th October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 15 th and Friday 17 th October	CRC Apprenticeship Presentations
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Y13 Virtual Parents Evening
Friday 28 th November	INSET Day
Monday 1 st December	Y12 Parliament Trip
Tuesday 9 th December	Y11 Virtual Parents Evening
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading tests in English lessons (10th- 19th Sept) English, Maths, Science and Reasoning baseline tests (22nd-26th Sept) 	Half term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading proficiency report English baseline report Maths baseline report Science baseline report CAT4 report (reasoning abilities)
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal assessments this half term 		
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term Reading tests in English lessons (w/c 22nd Sept) 	KS4 entry report: 10 th Oct Reading: Half Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit grade Any early barriers to learning that have been identified by class teachers. Reading proficiency report
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class: 22nd Sept – 4th Oct Not all subjects will assess during this window, details will be shared in advance via Teams for each class 	10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Current grade (based on end of y9 and early y10 testing) GCSE target grade
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal assessments this half term 	19 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit GCSE predicted grade GCSE target grades
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-month tests: 22nd Sept – 4th Oct 	17 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Current grade Target grades Any early barriers to learning that have been identified by class teachers
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal assessments this half term 	3 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Current 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.

Student expectations and safety

Student welfare and wellbeing

Talking to Trusted Adults

This week, students have been reminded that every adult at Abbey College is trained and ready to help if they ever feel worried or unsafe. At home, we encourage you to talk with your child about who they feel comfortable turning to—whether at school, in the family, or in the wider community.

A simple way to start the conversation is by asking:

“If something was bothering you, who would you talk to?”

Helping children identify trusted adults builds their confidence and ensures they know support is always available.

Useful Resources for Families:

- Abbey College Welfare Team: welfare@abbey.college
- Young Minds [someone-to-turn-to-report.pdf](#)
- [Asking an adult for help | Childline](#)

Risk warning notice - 'salt and ice challenge' social media craze

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top. This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite). Injuries can require hospital treatment and even skin grafts, and children may not realise the damage until it's too late.

First aid: Cool with lukewarm running water for 10+ minutes, cover with clean cling film and seek medical help.

Do not use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.

Student attendance - Week 0

- **Congratulations:** All the students who still have 100% attendance, what a great start!

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. This year we are seeing a new connection with Ramsey Walled Garden, new sports and more creative opportunities.



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.



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.

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!






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>Inclusive</p>	<p>The curriculum provides a clear programme of understanding to a range of diverse cultures and religions.</p>
 <p>Challenging</p>	<p>To have a challenging and aspirational curriculum that provides opportunities to ensure no learner is left behind.</p>
 <p>Cultural Capital</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?

Curriculums

All taught curriculums are available to view on our website. You'll find a variety of resources, including learning journeys and knowledge organisers—particularly useful for revision. Over the coming year, I'll be highlighting each curriculum and its key features. For now, it's worth taking a moment to familiarise yourself with what's available.

- Click here <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/curriculum> to read about the curriculums we offer.

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/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AbbeyCollegeAC>