

Weekly Family Update – 12.12.25

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



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

At Abbey College, we love to celebrate the hard work our students put into their lessons. One way we do this is through our Spirit Awards. Students can earn these awards in class, and when they collect enough, they receive special badges.

These badges show how much effort they have made. Many pupils have already earned bronze, silver, and gold badges, and some will even work towards the Purple Tie in Year 11, the highest award.

Please keep encouraging your child to aim for their next badge. It's a great way to show pride in their learning.

What's Happening at Abbey College next week?

Thursday 18th December

- **Christmas Jumper Day:** Students can wear a Christmas jumper or accessory with their school uniform. Please bring £1 to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.
- **Christmas Market:** Our annual Christmas Market will take place. This year, our student leaders chose to raise money for Little Miracles, a charity that helps disabled children and their families. Please send your child with some small change to support this great cause.

Friday 19th December

- **Last Day of Term:** School will finish at **1pm**, and buses will leave at **1:15pm**.

Next Week: There will be no Weekly Update next week. Instead, we'll send out our Community Round-Up, sharing all the best moments from this term!

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.

Let's Spread Some Christmas Cheer!

Our amazing Year 12 students are leading a **Christmas Collection for Ramsey Food Bank**, and we'd love your help to make a real difference in our community!

On **Tuesday 16th December**, they'll be visiting Tutor Groups to collect donations. If you're able to contribute, please send items in with your child on **Monday or Tuesday morning** and ask them to leave them with their Tutor ready for collection.

✨ Every little helps – together we can make this Christmas brighter for those in need!

Suggested items can be found below.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Food items

- Chocolates/ sweets
- Tea/coffee
- Biscuits/ baking ingredients
- Jam
- Christmas pudding/ mince pies
- Gravy/stuffing mix
- Hot chocolate powder
- Custard powder
- Nice crisps
- Tinned goods
- Dried fruit

Other items

- Shower/ shaving gel/ toilet roll (the foodbank have specifically requested this)
- Toothbrush / toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent
- Gloves / hat
- Dishwashing liquid
- Shampoo/ conditioner
- Sanitary products
- Warm socks
- Soap

This is just a suggested list of items. If you think of something else that you think would be helpful/nice, then please bring that in!

Vacancies at Abbey College

[Creative Art and Technology technician](#)

- Click [here](#) for all vacancies

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 08/12/25

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| Elsa | Year 7 | Science | Excellence in every lesson, dedication and positive attitude towards learning. |
| George | Year 10 | All | Well done on your excellent effort and attitude to your school work, George! Also for being such a helpful and polite student! |
| Ryley | Year 11 | Geography | For excellent progress in Geography, a 24% improvement in attainment on paper 1 compared to Y10. |
| Lucas | Year 11 | Geography | For excellent progress in Geography, a 24% improvement in attainment on paper 1 compared to Y10. |
| Summer | Year 13 | Geography | For excellent progress in Geography, a 23% improvement in attainment on paper 1 compared to Y10. |
| Sukhman | Year 11 | Geography | For excellent progress in Geography, a 20% improvement in attainment on paper 1 compared to Y10. |
| Darcy | Year 10 | Spanish | Outstanding achievement in Spanish (700 day streak on duolingo) |
| Verity | Year 9 | English | For going above and beyond in your Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde assessment preparations. Your revision resources are fantastic and your methodical approach to preparing for after Christmas will surely pay off! Keep up the good work. |

Staff member of the week

Dr Stiopu – Passion: We want to thank Dr Stiopu for the incredible effort put into supporting students who need extra help. He has created fully resourced materials and even planned an additional unit to make sure every child feels confident and supported. His use of helpful guides and tireless commitment to meeting their needs truly stand out. This dedication makes a real difference for these students and their learning journey.

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



Preloved Uniform Shop Opening Dates

- Thursday 18th December - 4:15- 5:15pm
- Cash only please. Entrance via the Student Entrance.

Please email ParentsForum@abbey.college if you have 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

Diary Dates

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| Monday 15 th December | Winter Showcase |
| Friday 19 th December | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 5 th January 2026 | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6 th January 2026 | First Day of Term |
| 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

Autumn 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? |
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| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class subject tests (10th Nov – 21st Nov) | 5 th Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery) End of year 7 target grades Baseline testing (Reading Age, English, Maths, Science, CAT4) |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In class subject tests (4th Nov – 14th Nov) | 27 th Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery) End of year 8 target grades |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial 1 exams: 4th Nov – 18th Nov | 5 th Dec Parents Evening: 9th Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Trial 1 exam grades End of course predicted grades End of course target grades |
| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial 1 exams: 24th Nov – 5th Dec | 18 th Dec Parents Evening: 4th Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Grades Trial 1 exam grades End of course predicted grades End of course target grades |

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 and Personal Space

This week, we are reminding everyone that **everyone should feel safe and respected**.

If someone makes your child feel uncomfortable, by what they say, do, or through touching, they should tell an adult straight away.

Please remind your child:

- Unwanted attention or behaviour is **never okay**.
- Help and support are **always available**.

For advice and support:

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- NSPCC – Support for Parents – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>
 - Childline – <https://www.childline.org.uk>
 - Welfare - welfare@abbey.college
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Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Next Week's Equipment Check - a green pen. We use these for correcting and improving work, so it is important that every student has one.

Student attendance - Week 14

Congratulations: Abbey College students, you're in the Top 25% of all FFT Secondary Schools in England! This is a huge achievement—well done.

Think ahead: Regular attendance opens doors to further education and exciting career opportunities.

How you can help: Carry tissues and hand sanitiser; remember to wash hands regularly to prevent illness spreading.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

WRAP UP THE YEAR STRONG! EVERY DAY COUNTS!

- 🌟 Daily Entries:
- ✅ **Every day counts!** Earn 2 entries for AM/PM attendance
- 🌟 Weekly Bonus:
- 🎁 **Bonus entry** for perfect weekly attendance
- 🌟 Dates:
- 📅 **Tracking runs December 1st to 18th December 2025.**
- 🏆 **3 winners per year group each week!**
- Hot chocolate gift bags
- Stationery
- Festive Christmas treats



Supporting Your Child's Wider Development



Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term



OOP LOGO WINNER

WE HAD SOME AMAZING ENTRIES FOR OUR OOP LOGO COMPETITION AND THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT ENTERED.

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| CHLOE REED | SOPHIE ANDERSON |
| RALPH CHE | JESSICA LUCKHAM |
| MAYA EDWARDS | LUCY MATTHEWS |
| AURORA EDWARDS | SETH HOOKER |
| VICTORIA SILVA DE MATTOS | FAYE RICHARDSON |
| WILL HUTLEY | LILLY-MAY DAINES |
| SOPHIA CHONG | EMELINE TABRAHAM |

YOUR WINNER IS...
VICTORIA SILVA DE MATTOS



WELL DONE VICTORIA! YOUR LOGO WILL REPRESENT OUR OOP PROGRAMME AND BE DISPLAYED ON ALL THINGS OOP RELATED!

Student curriculum

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

Learning About Relationships at Abbey College

At Abbey College, we want every student to learn how to build healthy, happy relationships. This is part of our Personal Development Curriculum, and it includes important topics such as:

- Families
- Friendships and respectful relationships
- Staying safe online and in the media
- Keeping safe in everyday life
- Learning about growing up and health

We know parents often want to understand more about the last part, learning about growing up and health. This is called Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and it helps students make safe and sensible choices as they get older.

Please be reassured that all RSE lessons are taught in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. Our aim is to give students the knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe and make good decisions.

Every summer, before the new school year starts, we ask parents and students for their views on our RSE curriculum. If you would like more information or want to help us review our RSE Policy, please email: snoble@abbey.college.

All schools follow the government guidance on RSE, and you can find out more by visiting the [official government website](#).

A handy leaflet is available [here](#) and more detail is available on our website [here](#).

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/