

Weekly Family Update – 13.03.26

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

It's been a comparatively quiet week at Abbey College, now the Year 11 Trial Exams have passed.

Year 13 students have begun their assessments, and there are far fewer of these.

We now have two weeks left before the Easter break. When students return, they will see the Oswald building works in full swing. Work starts on 7 April and will be carried out by R G Carter.

Coming up over the next two weeks

Trips

- *Year 9 and Year 12 Geography trips*
- *Science trips on 25 March:*
 - *Whipsnade Zoo (Year 7)*
 - *Natural History Museum (Years 7 and 8)*
 - *Science Museum (Years 7–10)*

Events

- ***Year 8 Options Evening, Tuesday 24 March, 5:30–7:30pm***

Please [book your tickets here](#)

Have a great 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.'*

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/statutory-information>

Vacancies at Abbey College

Click the links below for more information.

- [Subject Leader of MFL](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Cover Supervisor \(Part-Time\)](#)

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 09/03/26

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| Aarav | Year 9 | Geography | Fantastic commitment to <u>Tassomai</u> homework Completing extra pieces of work at home. Always showing interest and dedication in lessons. |
| Matilda | Year 7 | Science | |
| Scarlett | Year 8 | Learning Support | Showing resilience and working more independently in lessons. |
| Millie | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| James | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| Becca | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| Layla | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| Roman | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| Henry | Year 7 | MO | Passion - Excellent MO homework with a lot of thought and effort gone into it. |
| Tom | Year 10 | Engineering | Thank you for helping out. |
| Sophie | Year 7 | Welfare | For showing amazing resilience in her return to school following an absence. |
| Lexi | Year 9 | Travel and Tourism | Excellent start in this subject. I am extremely impressed with the effort and focus you are putting into this subject - Keep up the good work! |
| Amelia | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
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| Sukhman | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Hector | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Olivia | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Freya | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Eric | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Catherine | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Maisy | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Toby | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Theo | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Jack | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Greta | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on improving your maths score by over 30 marks from trial 1 to trial 2 - what a fantastic achievement! |
| Harry | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on an excellent performance on your first set of Higher tier trial exams for maths! |
| Jack | Year 11 | Maths | Congratulations on an excellent performance on your first set of Higher tier trial exams for maths! |
| Roman | Year 8 | Music | For always showing passion and hard work in music lessons |
| Shannon | Year 11 | Maths | Excellent focus |
| Alayna | Year 8 | Learning support. | Positive, keen to learn, and receives support with a smile. |
| Lily | Year 8 | Learning Support. | Positive, keen to learn, and receives support with a smile. |
| Jasmine | Year 7 | Learning support | Shows excellent effort in all tasks and always tries her best. |
| Ellie | Year 7 | Teaching and Learning | Shows excellent effort in all tasks and always tries her best! |

Staff member of the week

Ms Gregory – Humility: Thank you for always going above and beyond for our students. You take time to explain things clearly and calmly. We often see you helping students, even those with which you are not directly working. Your kindness and support make a real difference.

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



Save the date: Thursday 19th March 5–6pm

Our next Parents' Forum will be a hybrid meeting. You can join in person in the Abbey College Boardroom or online via Teams. If you would like a link to join the meeting online, please email parentsforum@abbey.college

Parent Survey

Ahead of our next Parents' Forum meeting, please take a moment to fill in our short survey.

Topics for the meeting:

- *Canteen feedback*
 - *Homework*
 - *Fundraising ideas for the Parents' Forum*
 - *Finance update*
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Why this matters:

Your feedback helps us make real changes. It shows us what to keep, what to fix, and what to focus on at the Parents' Forum. It also helps us understand any issues you want us to address.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentsForum25-26>

- Please email ParentsForum@abbey.college 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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| Tuesday 24 th March 2026 | Y8 Options Evening |
| Wednesday 25 th March 2026 | Y7/8 Science Trips |
| Friday 27 th March 2026 | Y12 Great Fen geography Trip |
| Friday 27 th March 2026 | End of Term |
| Monday 13 th April 2026 | INSET Day – staff only in school |
| Tuesday 14 th April 2026 | Summer Term Starts |
| W/C 20 th April 2026 | Year 10 Work Experience |
| Monday 4 th May 2026 | May Bank Holiday |
| Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026 | Half Term |

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

Spring 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 | • No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 8 | • No formal subject assessments this half term | | • Reading proficiency report (updated in March) |
| 9 | • No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 10 | • No formal subject assessments this half term | Parents Evening: 10th March | |
| 11 | • Trial 2 Exams: 23 rd Feb – 6 th March | 27 th March | • Spirit Grades • Current working at grades • End of course predicted grades • End of course target grades |
| 12 | • No formal subject assessments this half term | | |
| 13 | • Trial 2 Exams: 9 th March – 17 th March | 17 th April (Post Easter) | • Spirit Grades • Current working at 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

Personal Safety

This week we have continued our focus on personal safety, particularly when students are travelling to and from school.

Parents can support this by discussing safe routes, encouraging children to walk with trusted friends, and checking in with them about their journeys.

It is also important to remind students to walk safely on paths—avoiding large groups that may spill into the road—and never to cross between parked cars.

If your child reports anything concerning, such as being followed, approached, or harassed, please inform the school and, if appropriate, the police.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

welfare@abbey.college

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 22

- **Congratulations:** *Abbey College students- you are in the top 25% of all schools nationally for the 2025 Autumn term for attendance*
 - **Reminder:** Children who do not attend regularly miss out on opportunities in further education and world of work.
 - **How you can help:** If you need support with any wellbeing concerns, contact our Welfare Team.
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Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

SPRING INTO SCHOOL Attendance Challenge!

- 🌟 Daily Entries:
 - ✅ **Every day counts!** Earn 2 entries for AM/PM attendance
- 🌟 Weekly Bonus:
 - 🎁 **Bonus entry** for perfect weekly attendance
- 🌟 Dates:
 - 📅 **Tracking starts from Monday 12th January 2026**
- 🏆 **3 winners per year group** 😊

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Spring Term

NEW: Spring term timetable is available here:

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/oop>

Spotlight an OOP

Our after-school Dance Club, led by the wonderful Mrs Hunter, is a lively and welcoming space for students to express themselves through movement. Each week, pupils build confidence, learn new choreography, and explore different dance styles in a supportive, high-energy environment. The group is currently working hard towards an exciting performance at the Ramsey Dine Out event this April, and they can't wait to share their talent with the community!



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue speech bubble containing the text "SPOTLIGHT AN OOP! DANCE CLUB". Below this, it states "EVERY TUESDAY FROM 3:10-4:10PM IN THE DANCE STUDIO (A01)". There are three photographs: one of students dancing, one of a group photo, and one of a student performing. At the bottom, it says "LED BY MRS HUNTER, THE DANCERS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PERFORMANCE FOR THE RAMSEY DINE OUT EVENT IN APRIL!". The Abbey College logo is in the top left corner.

Student curriculum

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

History at Abbey College

Click [here](#) to get an overview of the History curriculum, detailed curriculum plans for each key stage, and helpful resources such as textbooks required.

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/