

Weekly Family Update – 14.11.25

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



Year 11 Trial Exams - A Positive Milestone

With just two exams left next week, we're proud of how Year 11 students have handled this important period. Their focus and calm approach have been impressive.

Thank you to our Exams Team and staff for supporting students so thoughtfully during this busy time.

Teachers will now begin marking and sharing feedback in lessons. This process is key to helping students progress, and we're proud of the care and quality our staff bring to it.

Remembrance Day - A Moment of Unity

On a blustery November morning, our school came together in quiet reflection and shared purpose. The respect shown by students and staff was deeply moving, and the heartfelt speeches captured the significance of the day with sincerity.

Moments like these remind us of our values and strengthen our sense of belonging.

Curriculum and Assessment Review - What's Next

The final national Curriculum and Assessment Review report was published last week, with changes expected from Spring 2027.

We're pleased that our curriculum work already aligns well with the new direction. We'll continue reviewing the details and preparing thoughtfully.

You can read a helpful summary [[here](#)].

Wishing you and your family a lovely 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>

Please read on for essential updates.

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 10/11/24

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

Elsa	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Millie	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Matilda	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Carl	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Ivy	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Noah	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Freddie	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Amber	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Elsie	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced showing great knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Katherine	Year 7	MO	Exceptional homework produced demonstrating good knowledge and understanding about a religion of your choice.
Anna	Year 8	History	Outstanding effort on her Tour Guide in India homework, taking great pride in her presentation. Well done!
Leah	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work very hard in class. Keep it up!
Flo	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Trinity	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Delilah		Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Nya	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Bea	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Alice	Year 7	Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Mia		Spanish	You always put in a lot of effort and work diligently in class. Keep it up!
Freddie	Year 7	Drama	Outstanding effort and final performance in Drama- well done!
Eben	Year 7	Drama	Outstanding effort and final performance in Drama- well done!
Silas	Year 7	Drama	Outstanding effort and final performance in Drama- well done!
Alex	Year 7	Drama	Outstanding effort and final performance in Drama- well done!
Jaiden	Year 9	History	Year 9 Historian of the week - for excellent contributions to lessons
River	Year 9	History	Year 9 Historian of the week - for excellent contributions to lessons
Matilda	Year 10	History	Year 10 Historian of the week - excellent contributions to the lessons!
Callum	Year 10	History	Year 10 Historian of the week - excellent contributions to lessons
Hannah	Year 13		For leading the prayers in our Remembrance Service. Thank you for making such a valuable contribution to our school.
Harry	Year 8		For delivering a reading in our Remembrance Service. Thank you for this valuable contribution to our school.
Mia	Year 8		For writing and reading a poem for our Remembrance Service. Thank you for this valuable contribution to our school.
Jensen	Year 8		For writing and reading a poem for our Remembrance Service. Thank you for this valuable contribution to our school.
Piper	Year 9		For reading a poem at our Remembrance Service. Thank you for making a valuable contribution to our school.
Lizzie	Year 9		For reading a poem at our Remembrance Service. Thank you for making a valuable contribution to our school.
Tim	Year 13		Thank you for your wonderful contributions to our Remembrance Service over the last 7 years.
William	Year 9		For making excellent progress and wonderful effort.

Staff member of the week

Mrs Batchford – Passion: for her exceptional leadership and support, particularly through her open-door policy. Her approach to fostering a collaborative teaching environment has made a significant impact on staff development.

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

Save the date!

We will be holding our first 'in person' Parent's Forum meeting on Wednesday 10th December - more details to follow.

Preloved Uniform Shop Opening Dates

- *Tuesday 2nd December - 5 - 6:30pm*
 - *Thursday 18th December - 4:315- 5:15pm*
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Cash only please. Entrance via the Student Entrance.

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

Friday 28th November 2025 INSET Day – A Focus on Growth and Excellence

- *Focus: Staff Professional Learning on Special Educational Needs. This day is dedicated to enhancing our understanding and support for students with additional needs, helping us to create an even more inclusive and supportive school environment.*
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We appreciate your support as we invest in the ongoing development of our staff - because great teaching makes a great difference.

Friday 28 th November	INSET Day
Monday 1 st December	Y12 Parliament Trip
Friday 5 th December	Year 9/10 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 9 th December	Y11 Virtual Parents Evening
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

Assessment calendar: How your child is doing?

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?
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 GradesWorking at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)End of year 7 target gradesBaseline 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 GradesWorking 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		
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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 GradesTrial 1 exam gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd 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 GradesTrial 1 exam gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd 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.

Student expectations and safety

Uniform Reminders

At Abbey College, we maintain high standards of uniform as it reflects students' readiness to learn. If a student's uniform is incorrect—for example, an untucked shirt—they are asked to correct it and issued with a 'tell'. A small number of students continue to wear their uniform incorrectly after being reminded.

From now on, repeated infringements will result in an after-school detention. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining these standards.

Equipment Check - Next week's equipment check will be for a **Pen**.

Student welfare and wellbeing

Anti-Bullying Week: Power for Good

*This week is National Anti-Bullying Week, and our focus is on using our **power for good**.*

In Social Studies lessons, students have been exploring the impact of bullying and how their words and actions can make a positive difference.

*In Spirit lessons, Year 7 and 8 have been planning our new **peace table**—a space dedicated to helping students resolve conflicts and move forward positively. We'll share more details as these plans take shape.*

Every word and action matters. Before speaking or acting, encourage your child to ask themselves:

- **Will this make someone feel valued and respected?**
- **Am I using my voice to support others?**

If your child, or someone they know, is being treated unkindly or bullied, remind them: **don't stay silent – speak up**. Together, we can create a safe and supportive school community. Parents and carers: Please talk to your child about the importance of making a positive difference and reassure them that reporting bullying is a brave and important step. If you have any concerns that your child may be experiencing bullying, please contact their tutor. **Our Welfare Team is here to help:**

- **Email:** welfare@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk
 - **Emergency mobile numbers:** Mrs Gregory: 07711 920454 Mrs Peattie: 07925 398114
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More support:

- <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>
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Student attendance - Week 9

- **Almost there, Year 11!** Your child has shown great commitment during their trial exams, well done! Let's keep that momentum going.
 - **Important:** If your child is absent, please provide evidence such as GP notes or appointment cards. This helps us support them and keep their progress on track.
 - **Why it matters:** Irregular attendance can seriously affect future opportunities in education and employment. Everyday counts.
 - **How you can help:** Celebrate your child's resilience when they attend regularly, it makes a big difference!
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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.



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 CHOOSE 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.

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!



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.

WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

THE OOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MCAS FROM MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER. THESE WILL BE UPDATED REGULARLY SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK FOR ALL OUR EXCITING OOPS!

Student curriculum

Abbey College Curriculum Aims



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

How to Find More Information

Visit the [Curriculum Subjects page](#) to explore each subject in detail, including:

- What students learn
- How they are assessed
- How subjects support future choices

[Click here](#) to read more.

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/>
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/