

Weekly Family Update – 15.05.26



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

Exams are now underway across the school. Students are working hard, and we ask parents to support them by ensuring punctual attendance and that all correct equipment is brought each day.

We wish all students in Years 11 and 13 every success. Exams may feel long, but they only last a few weeks and always come to an end. Work hard now and enjoy the celebrations later. Students will have plenty of chances to celebrate once exams are over, including Dress for Success and the Prom(s).

Elsewhere, students not sitting exams continue to impress us with their positive attitudes and strong work ethic. Thank you to them for setting such a good example.

After half term, we will be collecting any pre-loved uniform from Year 11 students. In addition, once exams are finished, we would appreciate collecting in used revision guides. Donations are greatly appreciated and help support families joining the school in September.

Please note: there will be no Weekly Update next week. Instead, we will share our Community Update, celebrating the many positives from this half term.

Have 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."

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

- [Behaviour Assistant](#)
- [1st Line Technician](#)

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

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 11/05/26

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.

Will	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Liam	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Macy	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Jack	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Dylan	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Harrison	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Amy	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Dylan	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Olivia	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Olivia	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Ruby	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Dabameine	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Archie	Year 10	Chemistry	Quality work in homework revision booklet
Emily	Year 11	Spanish	For outstanding resilience during Spanish Speaking exam.
Morgan	Year 7	Learning Support	For choosing to attend our Sanctuary Club and sharing your passion for reading with us.
Morgan	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving your best in all subjects, your efforts are recognised. Keep up the good work.
Maisy	Year 11	ASDAN	Such dedication to your revision is rare to see. You've worked so hard, and it will truly pay off; <u>well done Maisy!</u>
Annabel	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving her best in all subjects, your efforts are recognised. Keep up the good work!
Jasmine	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving her best in all subjects, your efforts are recognised. Keep up the good work!
Erin	Year 7	Learning Support	Always giving her best in all subjects, your efforts are recognised. Keep up the good work!
Aria	Year 8	Music	Giving up her time to assist with another student's arts award.
Declan	Year 10	Music	Always willing to assist and step in for different bands and performances. Nothing is too much trouble. Extraordinary talent and attitude.
Lily	Year 8	Learning support	Showing resilience in challenging situations
Kieran	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Beau	Year 10	Chemistry	Great effort in chemistry lessons
Aaron	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Zack	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Layla	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Jonah	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Marcel	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Alex	Year 11	English	For all your hard work in the run up to your English Literature exam.
Ellie	Year 8	Learning support	Receiving support and help with positivity and appreciation.
Ella	Year 8	Sciences	Ella consistently comes into lessons ready to learn and quickly settles to the starter task without prompting. They follow instructions carefully and demonstrate a positive attitude towards their work. It is great to see that they show interest in the subject and engage well with other students, contributing to a calm and productive classroom environment
Penny	Year 7	Young Carers	Congratulations on your position on the Centre 33 Young Carers Advisory Board- I look forward to your support in school.
James	Year 10	All	James tries his best in all of his lessons, and he is always polite and friendly to staff! <u>Well done, James!</u>
Kenny	Year 9	Learning Support.	Putting good effort into the tasks and showing appreciation for the support and help.
Isaac	Year 8	Learning support.	Great results in Maths assessments.
Axel	Year 11	Maths	Fantastic focus during maths revision lesson
Joey	Year 11	Maths	Answering questions to further his knowledge

Non-uniform days for Spirit Ratios

Congratulations to year 7, 8 and 10 who have exceeded their spirit targets for this half term. They will celebrate with a non-uniform day next week. Please make sure that your child wears clothing that is appropriate for school. All students in Year 9 who have met their 9:1 Spirit ratio will also be rewarded.

Year Group	Ratio	Non-uniform day
7	16:1	Monday
8	10:1	Tuesday
9	8:1	x
10	17:1	Thursday

Friday 22nd May p5 - Form time Well-being

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, we will be collapsing Period 5 on Friday 22nd, with all students returning to form time.

This year's theme is 'Action'. Each form group will be asked to develop ideas on how they can support one another, focusing on practical steps they can put into action over the next half term.

There will be a prize for the form group that produces the most effective and thoughtful plan.

Staff member of the week

Mrs Gregory – Humility: For giving such wonderful support to students in year 8. You make such a 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

Dates for your diary

The next Parent's Forum meetings will be on **Wednesday 1st July**.

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: [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

Useful videos explaining Dyslexia and Autism




Diary Dates


Monday 18 th May	Y12 Geography Trip
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Friday 22 nd May	Y11 Dress for Success
Monday 1 st – Friday 19 th June	Y7 & Y8 Parent Update Window
Friday 5 th June	Y11 last Day
Tuesday 16 th - Thursday 18 th June	Musical Performance Evenings
Friday 19 th June	Alton Towers Attendance Trip
Sunday 21 st June	Bands on the Green
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

Peter Pan The Musical!

We are delighted to invite all families to come and enjoy this year's school performance of Peter Pan! Our talented pupils have been working incredibly hard, and we would love your support for what promises to be a magical performance.

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 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">No formal subject assessments this half termReading assessments in English lessons during April		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reading proficiency report (updated in May)
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In class subject tests (27th April – 8th May)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesWorking at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)End of year 8 target grades
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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spanish Speaking exams start 28th AprilArt/Textiles Practical exams 5th-8th MayGCSE exams start 7th May		
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No formal subject assessments this half term (unless sitting external AS exams - from 11th May)		
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Level Exams start 11th May	17 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesCurrent working at grades (from trial 2 exams)End 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.

Examination Information for families

Click [here](#) to find out everything you need to know about the summer exams.

Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well

Safety First

Good Sleep and Wellbeing

This week we have reminded students about the importance of good sleep for learning and wellbeing. Establishing a consistent bedtime routine and reducing screen time before bed can help.

If your child is experiencing ongoing sleep difficulties and this is beginning to affect their engagement, attendance, wellbeing, or progress in school, we encourage you to get in touch with our Welfare Team. They are here to listen and can offer guidance, practical strategies, and additional support where needed.

Useful resources:

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- Sleep Charity: <https://sleepcouncil.org.uk>
 - NHS Sleep Advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep>
 - 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 31

- **Congratulations:** Form 7TSH has the highest attendance in the school, an excellent achievement
- **Reminder:** Being on time matters. Arriving late disrupts lessons and means students miss important learning.
- **How you can help:** Where possible, make sure your child is fully prepared for school the night before.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Summer Term

The timetable is available here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/oop>

Student curriculum

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

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.

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

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

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/