

Weekly Family Update – 17.04.26

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



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

There has been lots of excitement in school this week as our building project really gets going. The arrival of our contractors and the scaffolding has sparked plenty of interest, and we are looking forward to some large machinery and cranes arriving very soon. These always bring a real sense of awe for our children.

Following our message home earlier this week, year group assemblies have focused on health and safety, helping pupils understand what to expect and how to stay safe during this exciting next stage of Oswald's journey.

We will share photos along the way so you can see the building take shape and follow our progress together. It's a very exciting time for our school.

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.'

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

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

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

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

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition



Headteacher Commendations w/c 13/04/26

Frankie	Year 10	PE	Frankie came 3rd in the Novaciti's UK Parkour competition in the U16 Style category. This is the largest competition of its kind in the UK against people from across the world.
Finn	Year 10	ICT	Being recognised by Mr Thompson for your hard work
Stella	Year 10	Business Studies	Recognised by Mr Thompson for your hard work
Lanielle	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Zara	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Emily	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Georgina	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Izzy	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Pearl	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Eva	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Effie	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Ava	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Edie	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Isaac	Year 8	Fluency Intervention	Helping and looking after younger student.
Georgia	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Lizzie	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Florence	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Nikola	Year 11	Polish mock GCSE	Amazing effort and result in Polish mock exams.
Lizzie	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Mikey	Year 11	Polish mock GCSE exams	Great effort and result in Polish mock exams.
Pepper	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Kitty	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Evie	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Julia	Year 11	Polish mock GCSE	Great effort and result in Polish mock GCSE exams.
Emiline	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Lucy-Rose	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Ciara	Year 9	Geography	Attending and representing Abbey College at the "Making Your Mark" event at Alconbury Weald, they demonstrated our school's virtues and values while making the most of the opportunity given to them.
Dinuli	Year 10	Music	Fantastic effort in coursework, hard work and dedication at all times. Brilliant role model displaying all school virtues consistently.
Shannon	Year 11	Music	Well done for working hard and completing your arts award.
Poppy	Year 9	Business	Supporting Open evening
Cian	Year 9	Business	Supporting Open evening
Aarav	Year 9	ICT	Supporting Open evening
Oggy	Year 10	ICT	Supporting Open evening
Victoria	Year 10	ICT	Supporting Open evening
Layla	Year 11	English	For your consistent dedication to your English revision. Well done for attending both revision sessions and for evidencing such a high standard of revision.
George	Year 11	English	For your dedication to your English work and for keeping up with the lessons despite injury. Well done!
Jack	Year 11	Spanish	For his hard work
Nicole	Year 11	Spanish	For her hard work
Harley	Year 8	Year Group Legend	You have been recognised for maintaining excellent attitude, attendance and effort this term! You consistently demonstrate the school virtues to an outstanding standard. Keep up the great work!
Harvey	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Ollie	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Josh	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Freddie	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Arlor	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Seth	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Seb	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Harvey	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Max	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Alex	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Freddie	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team
Miles	Year 7	Out of School	For winning the Hunts League U12C division with the Ramsey Colts Hurricanes team

Staff member of the week

Ms Quinlan - Passion: For arranging an amazing year 8 science fair over the past few weeks. The students have loved every second of it and were eager to show off what they explored and learnt

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 20th May** and **Wednesday 1st July**.

- 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

W/C 20 th April	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 22 nd April	Y7/8 Maths World Trip
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 18 th May	Y12 Geography Trip
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st – Friday 19 th June	Y7 & Y8 Parent Update Window
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 to 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)
Friday 10 th July	Y10 London History Trip
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day

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.

Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well

Safety First

Health Habits

This week, we spoke to students about developing healthy phone and social media habits. We reminded them that phones and social media can sometimes increase stress without us realising.

Students were encouraged to notice how much time they spend online and how it makes them feel. We also discussed the importance of taking regular breaks from screens, especially before bedtime. Doing this can help improve mood, focus and sleep.

We reminded students that if social media ever feels overwhelming, it is important to talk to a trusted adult or seek support.

If you would like further advice on supporting your child with phone use or social media, the following UK websites may be helpful:

- **Internet Matters** – practical advice and tools for managing screen time and online safety: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

- **NSPCC** – guidance for parents on online wellbeing and staying safe on social media: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
 - 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 25

- **Congratulations:** *Abbey College students, you're the best Secondary school for attendance in Meridian Trust. This is a huge achievement—well done!*
 - **Heads up:** *Regular attendance opens doors to further education and exciting career opportunities.*
 - **How you can help:** *Please encourage good attendance to school to unlock these future opportunities!*
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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/ooop>

Spotlight on an OOP

Since joining **Meridian Trust in March 2026**, Abbey College Ramsey has strengthened its commitment to Learning Outside the Classroom (LotC) and is working towards nationally recognised [LOtC re-accreditation](#).

We are fortunate that our students benefit from a wide range of curriculum-linked trips, visits, residentials and after-school opportunities through our **Offer and Opportunity Programme (OOP)**, reflecting our belief in the power of learning beyond the classroom.

Despite ongoing building work, we make purposeful use of our extensive grounds and the surrounding Abbey buildings, drawing on the site's historical infrastructure, our proximity to Ramsey Rural and links with the Walled Garden to enrich curriculum learning. These opportunities raise aspirations and support the development of confident, well-rounded young people, with plans to extend further into Ramsey and the wider local area. We will keep you updated across the year with our progress.

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

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/