

## Weekly Family Update – 19.06.26

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



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

### 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."

*The field has not had as much use as we would have liked this week, with the rain doing its best to remind us that summer in England should never be taken for granted. However, when it has been open, it has been lovely to see how much the students enjoy the space. There is something very pleasing about seeing students make their own fun in such a simple way. No equipment, no screen, no great planning needed; just a group of students enjoying each other's company.*

### **Warm Weather Uniform Arrangements**

*With warmer weather expected next week:*

*Years 7–9*

- *May wear PE kit to school*
- *Kit must be worn correctly, with no changes*

*Not allowed:*

- *Rolling up shorts*
- *Visible jewellery*
- *Hoodies over PE kit*

*Students not meeting expectations will need to return to full uniform.*

### **Year 10 (Exams)**

- *Must wear full uniform*
- *Blazers are not required during exams*

*This helps keep students comfortable while maintaining exam standards.*

### **End of Term Arrangements**

- *Friday 17 July: School finishes at 1:00pm*
- *Buses will leave at around 1:15pm*

### **Social media ban for under 16s:**

*As widely anticipated, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has announced that the government will ban social media for under-16s. The government plans to use the same model as Australia and the ban will come into effect next spring. For now, there is nothing families need to do. There is some published information [here](#), and we will of course share any important updates as they become available.*

### **Pastoral arrangements for 26-27**

- *Year 7: Miss Lane (with Ms Dowd)*
- *Year 8: Miss Witten (with Mrs Craig)*
- *Year 9: Mrs Glen (with Mrs Noble)*
- *Year 10: Ms Gerrard-Cook (with Ms Davey)*
- *Year 11: Miss Beel (with Mrs Wibberley & Dr Pinnock)*
- *Year 12 &13: Mrs Moore (with Mrs Neville)*

*Wishing you a lovely weekend.*

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Please read on for essential updates.

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## **Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust**

Click here: <https://www.abbey.college/vacancies>

## **Celebration of Spirit - Recognition**

### **Headteacher Commendations w/c 15/06/26**

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.



James	Year 7	Learning Support	Well done for your hard work and effort in lessons. Keep it up.
Harry	Year 7	Learning support	Well done for your hard work and effort in lessons. Keep it up
Molly-May	Year 7	Learning Support	Well done for your hard work and effort in lesson. Keep it up
Charlie	Year 10	The Bridge	For showing outstanding kindness and maturity by supporting a younger student, offering thoughtful advice and ongoing encouragement
Isabella	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Received compliments from the Primary Schools attending the YDP event last Friday for supporting students, helping them and encouraging their schools
Mia	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Received compliments from the Primary Schools attending the YDP event last Friday for supporting students, helping them and encouraging their schools
Dylan	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Excellent improvement over the last few months and <b>really supportive</b> in lessons and OOPs
Alice	Year 10	All subjects	You work with diligence and determination and are <b>always</b> respectful and well-behaved in class! Well done, Alice!
Grace	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Received compliments from the Primary Schools and Mr Finlayson for supporting students, helping them and encouraging their schools
Chloe	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Received compliments from the Primary Schools and Mr Finlayson for supporting students, helping them and encouraging their schools
Ania	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Received compliments from the Primary Schools and Mr Finlayson for supporting students, helping them and encouraging their schools
Jensen	Year 8	PE	For always helping in PE and with any event when needed. Really helpful with lessons and OOPs supporting wherever he is needed
Teddy	Year 7	Science	Excellent work on ecosystems, brilliant notes taken
Will	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize his potential during interventions.
Alex	Year 7	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize his potential during interventions.
Amelia	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize her potential during interventions.
Lola	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize her potential during interventions.
Rose	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize her potential during interventions.
Isaac	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize his potential during interventions.
Jenson	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize his potential during interventions.
Lily	Year 8	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize her potential during interventions.
Morgan	Year 7	Fluency	Shows excellent commitment and actively works to maximize his potential during interventions.
Sam	Year 8	Maths Circles	Excellent contributions to Math Circles when externally observed
Henry	Year 8	Maths Circles	Excellent contributions to Math Circles when externally observed
Zahra	Year 8	Maths Circles	Excellent contributions to Math Circles when externally observed
Sean	Year 8	Maths Circles	Excellent contributions to Math Circles when externally observed
Theo	Year 8	Maths Circles	Excellent contributions to Math Circles when externally observed
Amelie	Year 10	Comprehension	Working hard to improve her English grade
Morgan	Year 7	Learning Support	Break & Lunchtime Reading, fabulous reading, well done Morgan

## Staff member of the week

**Miss Witten** – Passion: Thank you for taking our students to the Trust Athletics- providing such an amazing opportunity to our students. As well as having a great transition of taking over the Year 7s.

## 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](mailto:office@abbey.college).

## Strong Partnerships

### Parent's Forum



**Date for your diary:** The next Parent's Forum meetings will be on **Wednesday 1st July**. If you'd like to join, please email [parentsforum@abbey.college](mailto:parentsforum@abbey.college)

**Parent's Forum Survey:** At our next Parent's Forum meeting, we will be discussing the **School Trips Calendar**. If you would like to share your views on this topic, or raise any other areas for discussion, please complete the Parent's Forum survey using this link:

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

We really value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

### 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
- Please email [ParentsForum@abbey.college](mailto:ParentsForum@abbey.college) any questions.
- Please find our minutes here: <https://www.abbey.college/parents-forum>
- If you would like further information on the Parent's Forum, please email: [ParentsForum@abbey.college](mailto:ParentsForum@abbey.college)

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

### Diary Dates

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Bands on the Green 2.30-3.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Induction
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y11 & Sixth Form Prizegiving Evening Event – Invitation Only
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y8 & Y9 HPV Vaccine
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11 Prom
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sixth Form Ball
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition Event
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Iceland Trip
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Chester House History Trip Y8
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 Sixth Form Experience Days
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk (Y11/Sixth Form)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y9&10 London History Trip
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y7 Forest Facility Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Days
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School open to Years 7, 11 & 12
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School open to Years 7, 8, 11, 12, 13
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School open to all year groups

## Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

### Summer 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	• In class subject tests completed before half term	5 <sup>th</sup> June	• Spirit Grades • Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)
8	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
9	• In class subject assessments (1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June)	26 <sup>th</sup> June	• Spirit Grades • Current working at grades • End of course predicted grades • End of course target grades
10	• Trial Exams (17 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> June)	10 <sup>th</sup> July	• Spirit • End of course target grade • On track indicator
11	• Final exam June 16 <sup>th</sup>		
12	• Trial exams (classroom based) (8 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June)	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	• Spirit Grades • Current working at grades • End of course predicted grades • End of course target grades
13	• Final exam June 18 <sup>th</sup>		

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

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#### Sharing Worries

*This week, we encouraged students to share any worries early so we can help quickly.*

*If your child talks to you about a concern at home, please let the school know. This helps us give the right support.*

#### What to do:

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- *Contact your child's form tutor first*
  - *Use the support links on the school website*
  - *Reach out to the school Welfare Team for extra help and guidance*
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*Working together helps us support your child in the best way.*

#### Useful links:

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- [Feeling worried or anxious? | Abbey College](#)
  - [Reporting a Behaviour Incident](#)
  - [welfare@abbey.college](mailto: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 33

- **Well done!** Year 7, highest attendance across the school – in particular, Form Group, 7 TSH
- **Remember:** We understand that birthdays are important milestones, but attending school remains a priority. Missing lessons can affect learning and attendance.
- **How you can help:** Encourage your child to enjoy their birthday with friends at school.

*Ms Davis – Attendance Officer*

## Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

### *Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Summer Term*

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*The timetable is available here: <https://www.abbey.college/learning-outside-the-classroom>*

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## Student curriculum

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

To find out about your child's curriculums, please look at the subjects under the 'Abbey College Life' tab of the [website](#).

## Communicating with us and raising concerns

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*[Click here](#) to access this Communication Flowchart on our website.*

### ***Parent Friendly Policy Guide:***

*<https://www.abbey.college/key-policies--reports>*

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Other news updates can be found here:

- Our news page: <https://www.abbey.college/school-communications>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/RamseyAbbeyCollege/posts/>
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege\\_ramsey/](https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/)