

## Weekly Family Update – 20.03.26



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



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

*This Week's Virtue: 'Passion', and our focus was: "We use our time and skills to help others."*

### **What Students Learned in Spirit Lessons**

*Year 7 and Year 8 have been learning how to work on their independence. They looked at:*

- *what good independent work looks like*
- *how to manage their time*
- *how to stay organised*
- *how simple tools, like to-do lists, can help with classwork and homework*

*These skills help students feel confident and ready to learn.*

### **Spirit Ratios and Non-Uniform Day**

*Our Spirit ratios remain very strong. Every year group is above 9:1, which is a great achievement.*

*Because of this, students have earned a non-uniform day next week, although Year 7 have theirs today. You can find full details within this Update below.*

### **Phone Pouches: Years 7–10**

*All students in Years 7-10 who bring their phones to school are required to have a phone pouch.*

*If a phone pouch is lost or damaged, it will need to be replaced at a cost of £15. This payment can be made easily through the MCAS shop tab.*

*If you have any questions, concerns, or need support with the payment, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us—we're here to help!*

### **End-of-Term Update**

*As this is the last week of term, there will be no Weekly Update next week. Instead, we will share our Community Round-Up, celebrating the many great events and achievements 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](mailto: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>

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*Please read on for essential updates.*

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## Vacancies at Abbey College

Click the links below for more information.

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



**Celebration of Spirit - Recognition**

## Headteacher Commendations w/c 16/03/26

Grace	Year 8	Performing Arts	Outstanding commitment to the school musical, lines and songs learnt to a high standard
Maya	Year 11	Performing Arts	Outstanding commitment to the school musical, lines and songs learnt to a high standard
George	Year 10	Performing Arts	Outstanding commitment to the school musical, lines and songs learnt to a high standard
Harry	Year 10	Performing Arts	Outstanding commitment to the school musical, lines and songs learnt to a high standard
Luke	Year 11	Spanish	Significant improvement in Spanish writing score between Trials 1 and 2. ¡Excelente!
Harvey	Year 11	Spanish	Significant improvement in Spanish writing score between Trials 1 and 2. ¡Excelente!
Shawn	Year 11	Spanish	Significant improvement in Spanish writing score between Trials 1 and 2. ¡Excelente!
Toby	Year 11	Spanish	Significant improvement in Spanish writing score between Trials 1 and 2. ¡Excelente!
Lewis	Year 11	English	Great job on your beautiful English language creative writing piece.
Charlie	Year 10	ASDAN	You're showing a great attitude toward improving your reading. Keep it up!
Ava	Year 7	Sciences	Completing the challenge and building and lungs model at home. Well done
Elsa	Year 7	Science	Completing the challenge and building and lungs model at home. Well done
Jaxson	Year 8	Detentions	For trying hard to improve. For getting fewer detentions over a detention period and for demonstrating, overall, a good attitude to his learning.
Sonny	Year 9	RSL	You have made significant improvements over these past couple of weeks; behaviour, attendance, attitude to learn! I am very proud of how you are doing! Keep it up Sonny!
Maksims	Year 11		Amazing results from your Higher Russian Trial papers, well done to you
Evie	Year 11	English	Very well done on your excellent result for your English Paper 1 assessment, Evie! Brilliant work!
Tom	Year 10		Y10 for designing and 3D printing custom sample racks that are now in use at a local hospital pathology lab—true innovation in action!
Nefeli	Year 10		For creating stunning original artwork for a local production of 'Cluedo' which was featured across all promotional materials and show programmes.
Isaac	Year 11	MO	Mentoring his peers, additionally upgrading his own responses to questions and asking questions to further his own knowledge.
Elsie	Year 7	Welfare	For supporting a friend in her return to school
Jaydon	Year 7	Learning Support	For always being ready, respectful and responsible towards learning and staff.
Matilda	Year 10	Music	She received a merit on her grade 4 piano and all that during all her mock exams and music btec taking place

## Staff member of the week

**Mrs Miles-Butler** – Intuition: Safeguarding students without hesitation. Always supportive and extra vigilant.

## 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

- Please email [ParentsForum@abbey.college](mailto: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](mailto:ParentsForum@abbey.college)

*Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum*

## Diary Dates

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

## Non-School Uniform Day – Spirit Ratio Achievement

Well done everyone for your hard work this half term! To celebrate achieving the spirit ratio, each year group will have a non-school uniform day on the following dates:

**Year 7 – Friday 20th March**

**Year 8 – Monday 23rd March**

**Year 9 – Tuesday 24th March**

**Year 10 – Wednesday 25th March**

**Year 11 – Thursday 26th March**

Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for school, not wearing crocs and that they bring in their PE kit if they have a PE lesson. Students in Refocus are expected to wear school uniform.

Great effort everyone – keep up the fantastic work!

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>		
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading proficiency report (updated in March)</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>	<b>Parents Evening: 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trial 2 Exams: 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>	27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spirit Grades</li> <li>Current working at grades</li> <li>End of course predicted grades</li> <li>End of course target grades</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal subject assessments this half term</li> </ul>		
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trial 2 Exams: 9<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>	17 <sup>th</sup> April (Post Easter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spirit Grades</li> <li>Current working at grades</li> <li>End of course predicted grades</li> <li>End of course target grades</li> </ul>

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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#### Personal Safety

*This week students explored friendship worries and what healthy and unhealthy friendships can look like. Parents are often the first to notice when something feels 'off' in a friendship. Encourage your child to talk openly about how others make them feel, especially if they feel controlled, excluded, or pressured. Reassure them that it's okay to step back from friendships that aren't supportive or respectful.*

Useful links:

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- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk>
  - [welfare@abbey.college](mailto:welfare@abbey.college)
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#### Head Lice

We have a few instances of head lice in the school. Please remain vigilant about head lice, which can easily spread among students at school. Head lice are a common issue but can be managed effectively with regular checks and prompt treatment.

#### What to look for:

- Persistent itching of the scalp
- Small white eggs (nits) attached to hair close to the scalp

#### How to help:

- Check your child's hair regularly, at least once a week
- Treat promptly if lice or nits are found, following advice from your pharmacist or healthcare provider
- Encourage your child not to share hats, brushes, or hair accessories

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy and comfortable.

### Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

#### Uniform Standards

With the weather getting warmer, we want to remind everyone about our Academy uniform. Wearing uniform well helps students feel part of our community and ready to learn.

#### Blazers:

Students should wear blazers around school and in lessons. They may ask their teacher in the lesson if they can take their blazer off.

**Wearing uniform with pride:**

We expect shirts to be tucked in. Trousers should be worn correctly, not low on the hips, or 'sagged'.

Skirts should not be rolled up.

Uniform should look neat and unchanged.

**How We Can Help**

We never want uniform to get in the way of learning. If your child needs help with any part of their uniform, a temporary loan or a long-term replacement, please contact their form tutor or our Welfare Team.

We have spare items and are happy to support.

If hair colour needs to change, we will agree a fair and realistic timeline with families.

Thank you for your support.

**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 24***

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- ***Congratulations:*** *to those earning their place on the Alton Towers! Your attendance is your ticket to success.*
  - ***Heads up:*** *If you're working, remember to apply for a work permit—email [attendance@abbey.college](mailto:attendance@abbey.college) for more details.*
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- ***How you can help:*** *Stay committed to attendance to qualify for exciting rewards and opportunities.*
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Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

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## Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

### Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Spring Term

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**NEW:** Spring term timetable is available here:

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

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#### Spotlight on an OOP



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue banner at the top containing the text "SPOTLIGHT AN OOP! BANDS". Below the banner, it says "EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3:10-4:10PM IN FRANK BURTON". There are three small photographs: one of a band rehearsing in a room with a whiteboard, one of a group of students in school uniforms, and one of a student playing a piano. At the bottom, it reads "LED BY MRS SCRASE, OUR WONDERFUL BANDS REHEARSE EVERY WEEK FOR EXCITING EVENTS-INCLUDING ASCA CONCERTS AND BANDS ON THE GREEN".

Rehearsing hard, shining brighter each week! Our after-school Band Club, led by the amazing Mrs Scrase, is a place to experiment with music, build confidence and express yourself through song. Our bands consist of students from throughout the school- from Year 7 to Year 10! They are currently gearing up for Bands on the Green, ASCA concerts, and our upcoming community events.

#### 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/](https://www.instagram.com/abbeycollege_ramsey/)