

## Weekly Family Update – 21.11.25

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



*After the challenges of Storm Claudia, two busy weeks of Trial Exams, and meaningful community events such as our Remembrance activities, it has been wonderful to enjoy a consistent period where both staff and students can focus on what they do best, teaching and learning.*

*This week, our virtue has been Intuition, with the theme: “We consider the impact of our actions on others.” This builds on last week’s Anti-Bullying focus, where students reflected on how to respond if they witness unkindness, how to report concerns, and ways to support themselves and others. We are proud of the positive ethos across our school, every year group is currently achieving an incredible Spirit-to-Behaviour ratio well above our 9:1 target. This is a fantastic reflection of our students’ commitment and character.*

*A quick reminder: next week is a shorter school week, as Friday 28th is our Professional Learning Inset Day, dedicated to enhancing support for students with SEND.*

*Thank you for your continued partnership and encouragement. Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.*

### **Last Day of Term: Friday 19th December**

*As per usual, please be reminded that we finish at the earlier time of 1pm on Friday 19th December. School buses and taxis will be booked to leave school at 1:15pm.*

*Have a nice 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 [here](#) for all vacancies



## Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

### Headteacher Commendations w/c 17/11/24

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

Layla	Year 10	English	For being an exemplary role model to the rest of the class. Well done!
Carys	Year 8	Drama	Brilliant work on Physical Theatre in Drama lessons- a brilliant piece of work created and an excellent example of how Physical Theatre can tell a story.
Isabella	Year 8	Drama	Brilliant work on Physical Theatre in Drama lessons- a brilliant piece of work created and an excellent example of how Physical Theatre can tell a story.
Sophia	Year 8	Drama	Brilliant work on Physical Theatre in Drama lessons- a brilliant piece of work created and an excellent example of how Physical Theatre can tell a story.
Toby	Year 11	MO	Excellent effort and progress in your Islam Beliefs section of your Trial - well done!
Maya	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO Trials - well done!
Amelia	Year 11	MO	Superb effort and determination revising for your MO trial - it has paid off, well done!
Sanchit	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Isaac	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Emily	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Sophie	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Alice	Year 11	MO	Fabulous effort and incredible improvement in your MO Trial - well done!
Flynn	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Jack	Year 11	MO	Outstanding achievement in your MO trials - your knowledge is incredible!
Finley	Year 11	MO	Well done on such a massive improvement from Summer Trials to Year 11 Autumn Trials - I have been impressed by your efforts!
Lexii	Year 11	MO	Well done on your MO Trial - I have been impressed by your efforts and dedication to the subject and it is paying off!
Max	Year 9	MO	Max demonstrated outstanding passion and intuition, whilst leading his team in a class debate on the death penalty. Max was polite, assertive, confident and clear and demonstrated fantastic oracy skills within the debate. Well done!
Pepper	Year 9	Biology	An outstanding score in science test
Dominic	Year 11	Biology	Dominic has consistently demonstrated an excellent attitude towards learning in his biology lessons. Over a series of consecutive sessions, he has shown a strong work ethic by contributing positively to class discussions, remaining focused despite potential distractions, and completing all tasks to a high standard. His determination to engage fully with his learning and his ability to maintain focus reflect outstanding commitment and resilience. Dominic is a role model for his peers, and I highly recommend him for the Headteacher's commendation.
Emerald	Year 8	Sciences	Excellent work ethics in every lesson, showing interest, engagement and perseverance.

### Staff member of the week

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**Mr Hodges** – Passion: For your unwavering support and dedication to the school community. For consistently upholding high standards and expectations, always with a positive attitude and a drive to improve.

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**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).

## Parent information

### Parent's Forum

**Save the date!**



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

### Survey

Please complete the Parent Forum survey to let us know of any items you wish to be discussed at the next meeting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentsForum25-26>

### Preloved Uniform Shop Opening Dates

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- 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.

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

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

### Parent Diary Dates

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

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- *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.*

*We appreciate your support as we invest in the ongoing development of our staff - because great teaching makes a great difference.*

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y12 Parliament Trip
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9/10 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Y11 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Showcase
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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	• In class subject tests (10 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov)	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)</li> <li>• End of year 7 target grades</li> <li>• Baseline testing (Reading Age, English, Maths, Science, CAT4)</li> </ul>
8	• In class subject tests (4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)</li> <li>• End of year 8 target grades</li> </ul>
9	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
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11	• Trial 1 exams: 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Parents Evening: 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Trial 1 exam grades</li> <li>• End of course predicted grades</li> <li>• End of course target grades</li> </ul>
12	• No formal subject assessments this half term		
13	• Trial 1 exams: 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Parents Evening: 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Grades</li> <li>• Trial 1 exam 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.

## 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** - Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber.

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## **Student welfare and wellbeing**

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### **Helping Your Child Manage Stress and Emotions**

This week, we're focusing on the importance of mental health and wellbeing. We've been talking with students about how simple habits, like getting enough sleep, staying active, eating well, and reaching out to someone they trust, can make a big difference in how they feel.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child. Regular check-ins and open conversations can help them feel heard and understood. If you ever have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our [Welfare Team](#), we're here to help.

### **Useful resources for families:**

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- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>
  - <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>
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Together, we can help our young people build resilience and feel supported every step of the way.

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### **Student attendance - Week 11**

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- **Congratulations 7RES!** Best attendance in the school, your hard work pays off.
- **Important:** Being on time is just as important as being present. Let's start each day strong!

- **How you can help:** Encourage your child to set an earlier alarm and prepare school bags the night before to avoid morning delays.

## 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 CHOSE 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 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. THESE WILL BE UPDATED TERMLY SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK FOR ALL OUR EXCITING OOPS!

## Student curriculum

### Abbey College Curriculum Aims



Inclusive	The curriculum provides a clear programme of understanding to a range of diverse cultures and religions.
Challenging	To have a challenging and aspirational curriculum that provides opportunities to ensure no learner is left behind.
Cultural Capital	All learners will receive a wide and fulfilling educational experience.

### *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

1 - [Click here](#) to read more.

## Communicating with us and how to raise concerns

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

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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/)