



Weekly Family Update – 24.04.26

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



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

The summer term is now well underway, and we have enjoyed some brighter, milder weather in recent weeks. We are entering the final period of lessons and revision before the main exam sessions begin, and there is a strong sense of focus across the school. As always, if you are concerned that your child is feeling overwhelmed or experiencing anxiety beyond normal exam nerves, please do get in touch so we can support them.

Behind the scenes, colleagues across the Trust are continuing to explore developments in Artificial Intelligence and their impact on education. Technology is changing rapidly and is very much part of the world our young people are growing up in. We are committed to staying informed so we can help students use new technologies safely, thoughtfully, and positively.

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

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



Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 20/04/26

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.

Harry	Year 7	N/A	Being recognised for maintaining excellent attitude, attendance and effort. <u>Well done</u>
James	Year 7	N/A	Being recognised for maintaining excellent attitude, attendance and effort. <u>Well done</u>
Theo	Year 8	Learning support - key student	Communicating feelings and <u>worries, and</u> working on resilience.
Mia	Year 7	Welfare	For working really hard to improve her attendance
Amy	Year 8	Spanish	365+ on Duolingo learning
Bronnen	Year 7	Student voice	Thank you for being part of the Safeguarding student voice group.
Janus	Year 7	Student voice	Thank you for being part of the Safeguarding student voice group.
Theo	Year 8	Student Voice	Thank you for being part of the Safeguarding student voice group.
Elsa	Year 7	Science	Excellent poster about the Human Body
Isabelle	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent poster about the Human Body
Ivy	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent poster about the Human Body
Saathana	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent Human body poster
Willow	Year 7	Science	Excellent Human Body Poster
Orlaith	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent Human Body poster
Jack	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent Human Body poster
Millie	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent Human Body poster
Matilda	Year 7	Sciences	Excellent Human Body poster
Alanya	Year 8	Student Voice	For supporting the schools safeguarding review.
Max	Year 9	Student Voice	For supporting the schools safeguarding review.
Henry	Year 8	Science	Excellent effort in revising for Year 8 Science Test.
Sam	Year 8	Science	Consistent high-level effort in homework completing it on time and doing extra work
Connor	Year 11	Maths	Commitment to maths revision during the school holiday

Staff member of the week

Mrs Parkins – Intuition: For always being one step ahead when it comes to the needs of our year 11s. Your help in keeping those out of the classroom up to date has been invaluable and will benefit them so much. Thank you!

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

Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
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 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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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No formal subject assessments this half term		
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

Online Safety

This week, we spoke to students about online safety. Please remind your child not to share personal information online and encourage them to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything upsetting. Students were reminded not to share personal details like your address, phone number, school you attend or passwords with people you don't know. Monitoring online activity and discussing safe internet use can protect your child from harm.

Useful resources:

- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org>
 - Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com>
 - welfare@abbey.college
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Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Blazers and the weather

Students are expected to wear their blazers while moving around the school site. When classrooms become warm, staff will give clear permission for blazers to be removed during lessons. If students move around the site not wearing a blazer and do not have staff permission, this will be addressed by staff.

We appreciate that the weather at this time of year can be changeable. Please be assured that if conditions become consistently warm enough to relax this requirement, we will communicate this clearly and promptly to students and families.

Thank you for your continued 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 28

- ***Congratulations:*** Year 11 had the fewest students absent last week. Great work!
 - ***Reminder:*** While 90% on a test is impressive, 90% attendance means missing 4 whole weeks or 100 lessons a year.
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Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

YEAR 9 Careers Activities

Year 9 – Next Steps & Careers Activities - Thursday 30 April

All Year 9 students will take part in our Year 9 Next Steps Event. They will be joined by the Royal Navy for a morning of careers learning and hands-on activities.

What will happen on the day

✓ Opening assembly

Students will learn about:

- Apprenticeships
- Career roles in the Royal Navy

✓ STEM & skills activity

Students will work in teams using STEM kits to:

- Build structures such as communication towers or wind turbines
- Solve problems and test ideas

Who are the Royal Navy Attract Team?

They are a specialist youth engagement team that visits schools.

Their sessions:

- Build leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills
- Use practical, hands-on challenges to inspire young people

Year 9 Careers Sessions – “What’s Your Strengths?”

Starting in May and running until the end of the summer term, all Year 9 students will take part in a careers group session.

- Length: around 1 hour
- Group size: small groups
- Delivered by: Ms Pollard, Careers Adviser and Mrs Wilson, Careers Co-ordinator

What students will gain

Students will be supported to:

- Develop self-awareness
- Discover their skills and personal strengths
- Improve confidence and self-esteem
- Understand how daily life builds essential skills
- Learn how to develop new skills
- Link their strengths to future jobs and careers

Year 10 Work Experience

Next Monday we will be welcoming back our year 10 students from work experience. Students need to remember to bring their work journal back to school.

We will be completing review and reflection of work placements on Monday morning.

We welcome any photos of students on placement- these can be sent to cwilson@abbey.college

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child with a placement.

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/