



Weekly Family Update - 25.09.26

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

There are probably more exciting ways to appreciate the size of a school than through a practice lockdown and fire drill, but our first one of the year certainly provided a reminder. Watching more than 1,100 students move calmly onto the field, line up sensibly and wait patiently was impressive. It is no small exercise, and our students handled it exceptionally well.

We have also been delighted to receive positive feedback about the start of Year 7. Families have told us that their children have settled quickly, are enjoying their lessons, and are coming home happy and enthusiastic about school.

Parents have particularly valued the care, support and guidance provided during the transition from primary school, helping both students and families feel confident and reassured. Staff have also been praised for building positive relationships and creating enjoyable learning experiences that help students feel they matter and belong.

One parent summed it up perfectly:

"The transition has felt successful for both our child and our family."

Feedback like this reminds us of the difference a supportive and welcoming start can make.

Thank you to all staff for the part they have played in helping our new Year 7 students settle so well into life at Abbey College, and we look forward to welcoming our prospective Year 7s next Tuesday.

There is lots more to enjoy in this week's Bulletin. Thank you for reading, and please encourage other parents and carers to sign up, as this remains our main weekly source of news and information.

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

1

START WITH YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR

Most questions can be answered by your child's tutor.

2

EMAIL WHERE POSSIBLE

Email is our preferred method of contact.

Please only call Reception for urgent matters.

3

NEED MORE HELP?

If you have not received a response within the expected timeframe, use the Parent Forum Guarantee.

PARENT FORUM GUARANTEE

STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER?

Every parent has the right to speak directly with the **Headteacher** or **Deputy Headteacher** within **24 WORKING HOURS.**

CONTACT US

01487 812352
Quote: "Parent Forum Guarantee"

office@abbey.college
Subject: Parent Forum Guarantee

Working together for the best outcomes for your child.

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College and across the Meridian Trust

We currently have a number of exciting opportunities available. Please share with family, friends and contacts who may be interested. Full details and applications can be found here: <https://www.abbey.college/vacancies>



Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 21/09/26

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.

Darcey	Year 8	Music	Always working really hard in her piano lessons and continually pushing herself
Joshua	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Elliot	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Sam	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Morgan	Year 8	PE	For having an amazing first badminton lesson. Your teamwork and determination are inspiring! Well <u>done</u> Morgan!
Freddie	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Jake	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Lannah	Year 7	PE	For stepping up and taking part in your first Abbey College Football Fixture playing with the year above and scoring a goal- Well Done!
Henry	Year 10		For having a fantastic weekly ratio of 35:1! Well done! Keep up the great work!
Macie Mae	Year 10		For having a fantastic weekly ratio of 36:1! Well done! Keep up the great work!
Grace	Year 7	PE	For stepping up and playing in your first Abbey College football match and making a huge impact on the game, as well as getting an amazing goal!
Max	Year 10		For being this <u>weeks</u> Ratio Legend! Keep up the great work! Well done!
Ollie	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Daniel	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Cian	Year 10		You have had a great start to the year, coming back with a positive mature attitude! Keep it up!
Reuben	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Martha	Year 7	PE	Thank you for taking part in our U13 fixture, your eagerness and positivity is inspiring! I'm really excited to see play within our upcoming fixtures!
Kian	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Auguste	Year 8	PE	For having a great first badminton lesson! Thank you for being such a kind team player!
David	Year 10		You have had a really positive start to Year 10. Keep up the excellent attitude! Well <u>done</u> David!
John	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Evie	Year 7	learning support	Well done for always trying your best in lessons and showing a great attitude. Keep it up.
Henry	Year 9	Year Group	Nominated for Year Group legend for being a fantastic role model for Abbey College Virtues
Florence	Year 10		You have had a fantastic start to the year Flo! Your spirit ratio is at an outstanding 55:1! Keep up the excellent attitude!
Ralph	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Angeles-Chelsea	Year 10		You have had a fantastic start to the year Angeles! Your ratio is at a fantastic 54:1! Keep up the excellent attitude!
Archie	Year 10		You have had a fantastic start to the year Archie! Your ratio is currently at 52:1! Keep up the excellent attitude!
Edie	Year 10		You have had a fantastic start to the year Edie! I am really proud of the mature and positive attitude you are showing! Keep it up!
Max	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Ollie	Year 8	PE	Excellent effort and sportsmanship in rugby fixture
Max	Year 10		For always giving your best effort and making great contributions to your lessons. Well done!
Arthur	Year 11	History	For achieving a grade 8 in the Elizabeth mock trial. Well done!
Aarav	Year 10	English	For outstanding summer homework. You made a huge effort, and this really helped your understanding of Victorian literature.
Liam	Year 9	History	Liam has shown great work ethic and diligence in History. Liam achieved full marks on the source question. Excellent achievement!
Harry	Year 11	English	For his best English Literature essay yet!
Lily	Year 11	English	For his best English Literature essay yet!

Sam	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Henry	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Roz	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Ollie	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Hazel	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Grace	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Jack	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Talia	Year 9	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Shay	Year 11		Perseverance with isometric drawings
Vee	Year 11	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Matilda	Year 11	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Harry	Year 11	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Ben	Year 11	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Zoe	Year 11	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
James	Year 11		Perseverance with isometric drawings
Henry	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Flo	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Zac	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Alana	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Callum	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Max	Year 10	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Aimee	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Edwyn	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Jack	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Jessica	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Sophie	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Charlie	Year 12	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
James	Year 8	All	Always trying your best in all subjects

Lillibet	Year 13	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Marissa	Year 13	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Ethan	Year 13	Careers	For your outstanding contribution and for representing the school so positively during our Careers Award Assessment.
Erin	Year 8		100% effort, 100% of the time
Jack	Year 11		Asking for help to improve his work
Chloe	Year 9	Welfare	For being a shining ambassador for Abbey College
Isaac	Year 9	Maths	Excellent concentration and effort with first assessment of the <u>Year</u>
Alayna	Year 9	Maths	Excellent concentration and effort with first assessment of the year
Ethan	Year 11		Contribution to science lesson, sharing knowledge of Isaac Newton
Poppy	Year 8	RSL	Excellent start to year 8. You are a wonderful and hardworking member of the year group!
Phoebe	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Kian	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful and hardworking member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Auguste	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Maria	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Freddie	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Ava	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Belle	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Devon	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Penny	Year 8	RSL	You are a wonderful member of the year group - well done on having so many spirit points!
Ajmal	Year 11	Sports Studies	Well done on scoring so high in your topic test! Your hard work shows!
Fleur	Year 11	Sports Studies	Well done on scoring so high in your topic test! Your hard work shows!
Alfie	Year 11	Sports Studies	You have made an excellent start to the exam unit. Well done on being so engaged and ready to ask questions!
Lucas	Year 7	Drama	For being a kind and respectful student towards his peers during group work-well done!
Annabel	Year 8	Learning support.	Shows genuine gratitude and kindness when receiving help and support.
Morgan	Year 8	Learning Support.	Shows genuine gratitude and kindness when receiving help and support.
Jasmine	Year 8	Learning Support.	Shows genuine gratitude and kindness when receiving help and support.
Flynn	Year 12	Religious Studies	Well done Flynn for a fantastic start in A Level Religious Studies. Your contributions to discussions are thoughtful and insightful and you have demonstrated a fantastic work ethic.
Olivia	Year 10	All	Well done, Olivia for being a polite and hardworking student! You always try your best and you are a pleasure to assist in class!
Oree	Year 8	New Horizons	Oree has worked so hard to integrate back into mainstream classes. He is engaged and has worked so hard to overcome barriers to his learning from last year. He has a solid spirit ratio and is giving his best <u>everyday</u> .
Bethany	Year 7	Science	Excellent contributions to science lessons
Isabella	Year 7	Science	Excellent contributions to science lessons
Becca	Year 8	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Saathana	Year 8	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Elsa	Year 8	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Sophia	Year 8	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Grace	Year 9	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition

Isabella	Year 9	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Mia	Year 9	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Poppy	Year 9	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Flo	Year 9	PE	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Rachael	Year 10	Pe	Taking part in the first NFL Kansas City Chiefs Flag Football Competition
Jensen	Year 9	PE	Helping with OOPS, NFL and PE

Staff member of the week

Miss Clark: Intuition: For your fantastic start to managing New Horizons. It is not an easy task, working with our most vulnerable students, and you have made an amazing first term for them. You are welcoming, kind and very clear with the boundaries that they need to meet. 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

Date for your diary!

The date of the next Parent's Forum meeting is Wednesday 7th October 5-6pm. You can either join in person in the Boardroom or online via Teams.

- Please email 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

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

Uniform Update: Optional Plain Black V-Neck Jumper

To provide greater flexibility for families whilst maintaining our high uniform standards, students may now wear a plain black V-neck jumper under their blazer.

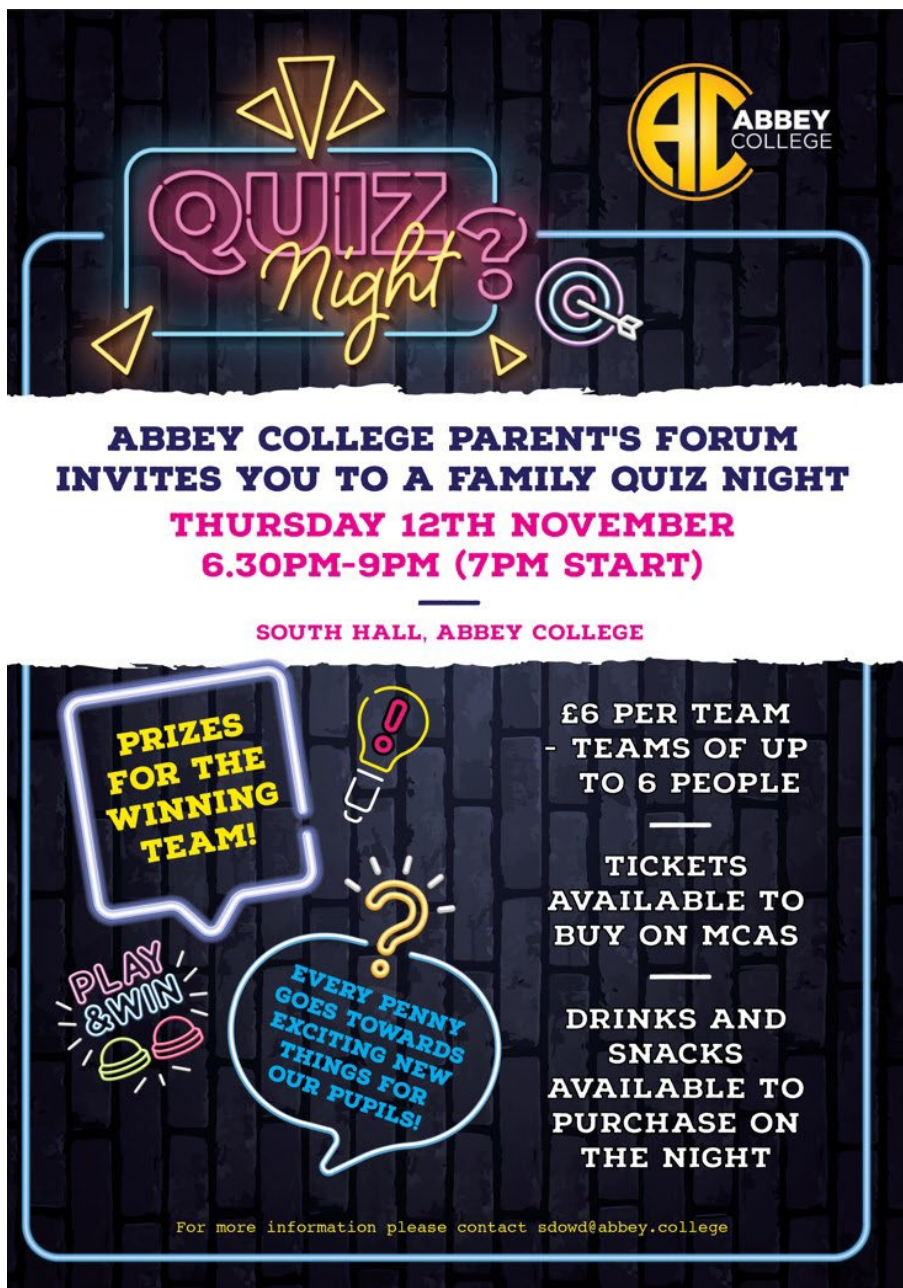
Please note that:

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- *The jumper must be plain black, with no logos, branding, patterns, or embellishments.*
 - *It must be V-necked to allow the school tie and shirt collar to remain visible.*
 - *Hoodies, sweatshirts, crew-neck jumpers, or knitwear in other colours are not permitted.*
 - *The jumper must be worn underneath the blazer, not as an alternative to it.*
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Family Quiz Night!

The Abbey College Parents' Forum invites families to a fun-filled **Family Quiz Night** on **Thursday 12th November** in the South Hall.

Gather a team of up to six people, test your knowledge, and compete for prizes, all while supporting a great cause. Every penny raised will go towards exciting new opportunities and resources for Abbey College students.



The poster features a dark background with a brick-like pattern. At the top, the word "QUIZ" is written in large, pink, outlined letters, with "Night?" in a yellow, cursive font below it. To the right is the Abbey College logo, which consists of a yellow circle containing the letters "AC" and the words "ABBEY COLLEGE" to its right. Below the title, the text "ABBEY COLLEGE PARENT'S FORUM INVITES YOU TO A FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT" is written in bold, dark blue capital letters. This is followed by "THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER" and "6.30PM-9PM (7PM START)" in pink capital letters. Below this, "SOUTH HALL, ABBEY COLLEGE" is written in pink capital letters. The bottom section of the poster is enclosed in a blue-outlined box and contains several colorful icons and text elements: a yellow speech bubble with "PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM!", a yellow lightbulb icon, a yellow question mark icon, a yellow speech bubble with "EVERY PENNY GOES TOWARDS EXCITING NEW THINGS FOR OUR PUPILS!", a yellow "PLAY & WIN" icon with a burger, and a yellow speech bubble with "£6 PER TEAM - TEAMS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE". Below this, it says "TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON MCAS" and "DRINKS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT". At the bottom of the box, it says "For more information please contact sdowd@abbey.college".

QUIZ Night?

ABBEY COLLEGE

**ABBEY COLLEGE PARENT'S FORUM
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**THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
6.30PM-9PM (7PM START)**

SOUTH HALL, ABBEY COLLEGE

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THE NIGHT**

For more information please contact sdowd@abbey.college

Up-to-date MCAS details

Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date on MCAS (MyChildAtSchool). Having the correct information helps us contact you quickly if needed and ensures you receive important school communications.

You can update your details yourself at any time through the MCAS app or website. Alternatively, if you need assistance, please email office@abbey.college with your updated information.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29 th September	Y6 Open Evening 4.30-7.30pm - School closes for students at 1pm
Friday 9 th October	Y10/11 Peterborough College assemblies
Wednesday 21 st October	Y9 Royal Navy Event
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 10 th November	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th November	Quiz Night
Tuesday 8 th December	Y11 Parents Evening
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

Autumn 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	- Reading tests in English lessons (from 21st Sept) - CAT4 (Reasoning) baseline testing (16th/17th Sept)	Half term 2	- Reading proficiency report - CAT4 report (reasoning abilities)
8	In class (from 5th October)		
9	No formal subject assessments this half term	KS4 entry report: 7 th Oct	- Spirit grade - Any early barriers to learning that have been identified by class teachers. - Minimum target grade (MTG) for each subject
10	In class (from 12th October)	18 th Nov	- Spirit - GCSE predicted grade (ECP) - GCSE minimum target grade (MTG)
11	No formal assessments this half term	16 th Sept	- GCSE predicted grade (ECP) - GCSE minimum target grades (MTG)
12	One month tests: 5th Oct – 16th Oct	7 th Oct	- Target grade - Any one-month test concerns will be raised individually
13	No formal assessments this half term	30 th Sept	- Spirit - Predicted grade (based on end of y12 and early y13 testing) - Target grade

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.

ECP – The grade that the class teacher believes your child will achieve by the end of their GCSE/BTEC course in year 11

MTG – The target grade that your child should achieve if they make good progress (based on their SATs and year 7 baseline data)

Ensuring Pupils Feel Safe and Behave Well

Safety First

Vaping, smoking, alcohol and drug misuse

This week, students were reminded about the risks associated with vaping, smoking, alcohol and drug misuse. Discussion focused on peer pressure, addiction, health impacts and making informed choices. Students were encouraged to seek support if they are worried about themselves or a friend.

Useful Resources

- Talk to FRANK: <https://www.talktofrank.com>
- ASH: <https://ash.org.uk>
- NHS Better Health: <https://www.nhs.uk/better-health>
- Alcohol Education Trust: <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org>

If you need support or have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or safety, please contact welfare@abbey.college. We are here to help.

Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Student attendance

Week 3 – Qualifications & Learning

Your qualifications are built lesson by lesson.

Each time you're absent, you miss learning that links to exams and coursework.

Strong attendance = stronger results.

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

Student curriculum

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

Discover Our Curriculum

At Abbey College, we want every student to feel challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their best. Our broad and balanced curriculum combines excellent teaching, rich experiences and strong careers guidance to help young people thrive both in school and beyond.

Our curriculum is designed around three simple aims: helping students understand the wider world, providing an ambitious education for all, and ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to succeed. Parents can explore what is taught across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, along with information about homework, higher-attaining students and relationships education.

Find out more: [View our Curriculum Overview](#)

Communicating with us and raising concerns

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

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

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

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/