

Weekly Family Update – 28.11.25



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



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

Safety First: Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

We really appreciate the efforts of parents who are now parking away from the busy areas of Hollow Lane and Abbey Road. Your cooperation makes a big difference. For anyone who may have missed last week's message, I'd like to kindly repeat this request in the interest of everyone's health and safety.

For everyone's safety, please avoid stopping or parking along Hollow Lane or Abbey Road during school start and finish times. Stopping here creates congestion, makes it harder for children to cross safely, and prevents school buses from passing through.

Additionally, please do not use the staff car park for drop-offs, as this causes further congestion.

Safer Drop-Off Options

- *Hollow Lane: The best place to drop off your child is past the Abbey Road junction on the left-hand side. This area is quieter, fewer students walk here, and buses do not use this route.*
- *Abbey Green: You may also use the public parking spaces at Abbey Green if available. Please note that spaces cannot be guaranteed.*

By following these guidelines, we can reduce traffic congestion, eliminate blind spots for children crossing, and ensure buses can travel safely.

Parent Forum Guarantee - Your Concerns Matter

*At Abbey College, we want every parent to feel confident that their concerns are listened to and addressed properly. If you feel your question hasn't been answered by the person you first contacted, you can use our **Parent Forum Guarantee**. This means either I (the Headteacher) or Mrs Wibberley (Deputy Headteacher) will personally call you within 24 working hours.*

How to use the Parent Forum Guarantee

1. *Call us on 01487 812352 or email: office@abbey.college*

2. *Include “Parent Forum Guarantee” in your email subject line.*
3. *We’ll contact you promptly to arrange a time for your call.*
4. *Either I or Mrs Wibberley will call you by the end of the next school day.*
5. *If you’d like a meeting after the call, we’ll arrange this within 3 days.*

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community positive and running smoothly.

Parent Friendly Policy Guide:

<https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/about-us/statutory-information>

Please read on for essential updates.

Vacancies at Abbey College

Click [here](#) for all vacancies

Celebration of Spirit - Recognition

Headteacher Commendations w/c 24/11/24

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



Student	Subject	Nominated for
Megan	Biology	Amazing answer on energy transfer in food chains
Isaac	ASDAN	He works independently and demonstrates excellent focus and commitment to his studies.
Madison	Biology	Amazing answer on energy transfer in food chains
Axel	ASDAN	He works diligently to develop his Maths skills and is consistently willing to read to us.
Olivia	Biology	Amazing answer on energy transfer in food chains
Bradley	ASDAN	He has demonstrated excellent focus and independence while revising for his exams.
Victoria Da Silva	History	Well done on your pleasing result for your latest History assessment! You have a fantastic attitude to learning and you always work hard in class, and are sensible and polite
Thomas	Music	For being a consistent role model. Always staying behind to help tidy up, always following instructions and working hard and always going above and beyond. Thank you.
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Jasper	Music	For being a consistent role model. Always holding the door for everyone and being respectful, always following instructions and working hard and always going above and beyond. Thank you.
Lewis	Music	For being a consistent role model. Always staying behind to for extra practice, following instructions, working hard and always going above and beyond. Also for producing fantastic music portfolios in preparation for Comp 1 exam. Thank you.
Declan	Music	For stepping in to play drums for the band at very short notice as their drummer has been injured. Well done.
Mori	Music	Going above and beyond for Component 2 and taking all feedback on board. Great personal development.
Scarlett	Key-worker	Making good progress with adjusting, making effort and self-regulation.
Jasmine	Reading comprehension.	Amazing start and adjusting in intervention.
Maksims	Communication.	Great career meeting.
Sean	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Winning 1st Place
Fabian	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Winning 1st Place
Sam	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Winning 1st Place
Harley	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Winning 1st Place
Liam	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Winning 1st Place
Amelia	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - 3rd Place
Lily	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Placing 3rd
Talia	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Placing 3rd
Diana	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Placing 3rd
Sapphire	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Placing 3rd
Chloe	PE	Taking part in the KS3 Penathlon at St Ives - Placing 3rd
Emma	MO	Hard work in the class and excellent results. Well done!
Siyana	MO	Excellent effort in our MO lessons. Well done!
Mikey	MO	For working very hard in MO lessons. Well done!
Isaac	Across all subjects	Isaac has worked extremely hard improving his grades in his recent mock exams, managing to almost double his level in certain subjects. Fantastic effort. He should be incredibly proud of himself.

Staff member of the week

Mrs Hollis – Champion for Students! When a student broke his hand during an assessment, Mrs Hollis stepped in as a scribe with patience and care, ensuring he could fully show his knowledge. Her professionalism and dedication to inclusion helped the student succeed. We proudly acknowledge her outstanding support!

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

Next Parent's Forum Meeting - Wednesday 10th December @ 5pm

The meeting will be in person at Abbey College. If you would like to attend, please go to reception and you will be collected.

Parent 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

- Tuesday 2nd December - 5 - 6:30pm
- Thursday 18th December - 4:15- 5:15pm

Cash only please. Entrance via the Student Entrance.

Please email ParentsForum@abbey.college with 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

Friday 28 th November	INSET Day
Monday 1 st December	Y12 Parliament Trip
Friday 5 th December	Year 9/10 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 9 th December	Y11 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 15 th December	Winter Showcase
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	First Day of Term

Everything You Need to Know About Assessments

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In class subject tests (10th Nov – 21st Nov)	5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesWorking at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)End of year 7 target gradesBaseline testing (Reading Age, English, Maths, Science, CAT4)
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In class subject tests (4th Nov – 14th Nov)	27 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesWorking at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery)End of year 8 target grades
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No formal subject assessments this half term		
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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trial 1 exams: 4th Nov – 18th Nov	5 th Dec Parents Evening: 9th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesTrial 1 exam gradesEnd of course predicted gradesEnd of course target grades
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No formal subject assessments this half term		
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trial 1 exams: 24th Nov – 5th Dec	18 th Dec Parents Evening: 4th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit GradesTrial 1 exam gradesEnd 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

E-Safety: Think before you post online

We've reminded students that what they share online isn't always private, and can have lasting consequences. Here's how you can help at home:

- **Talk together** about the risks of sharing personal details.
- **Pause before posting:** is it kind, respectful, and something they'd be happy for anyone to see?
- **Model good habits:** show them how you stay safe online too.

Quick Tips for Parents:

- Encourage kindness and respect in all online interactions.

- Remind them: once it's online, it's hard to take back.
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Helpful Resources for Parents:

- UK Safer Internet Centre, link: [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
 - NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online, link: [NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)
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Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Next Week's Equipment Check - Whiteboard Pen

Student attendance - Week 12

- 11HSH, you're the champions! The form group for attendance in last week's cold snap-keep leading the way.
 - Stay healthy: Practice good hygiene to keep yourself and others well and in school.
 - How you can help: Carry tissues and hand sanitiser; remember to wash hands regularly to prevent illness
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December Attendance Rewards

We are encouraging excellent attendance throughout December with a fun rewards initiative for all students. Every day your child attends school helps maintain their learning, routine and progress, especially as we approach the end of term.

How it works:

- ***Daily attendance = 2 entries (AM and PM) into the prize draw.***
 - ***Full-week attendance = 1 bonus entry.***
 - ***Tracking runs from 1st–18th December.***
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Each week, **three winners per year group** will receive a small seasonal reward such as hot chocolate gift bags, stationery, or festive treats.

Your support in helping your child attend school every day makes a huge difference. Please continue to encourage punctual, regular attendance so they can make the most of their learning and take part in the December prizes.

If you have any attendance concerns or need support, please contact your son's/daughter's Form Tutor, we're here to help.

WRAP UP THE YEAR STRONG! EVERY DAY COUNTS!

- 🌟 Daily Entries:
- ✅ **Every day counts!** Earn 2 entries for AM/PM attendance

- 🌟 Weekly Bonus:
- 🎁 **Bonus entry** for perfect weekly attendance

- 🌟 Dates:
- 📅 **Tracking runs December 1st to 18th December 2025.**

- 🏆 **3 winners per year group each week!**
- Hot chocolate gift bags
- Stationery
- Festive Christmas treats



Supporting Your Child's Wider Development

Offer & Opportunity Programme (OOPs) - Autumn Term

OOP Ambassadors – Supporting Our Programme

Our OOP Ambassadors represent each OOP and play an important role in shaping the programme. They attend regular meetings to share ideas on how OOPs can collaborate, provide feedback from their peers, and help inspire future opportunities. The first OOP Ambassador meeting will be announced soon—thank you for supporting them in this role!



SAY HELLO TO YOUR OOP AMBASSADORS!



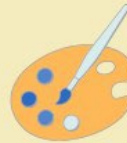
OUR NEW OOP AMBASSADORS ARE HERE! THEY REPRESENT YOUR OOP AND ARE HERE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND LIAISE WITH OTHER OOPS.

DANCE- MELISSA SOUSA & ETHAN POULSON
 CREATIVE DESIGN, MAKE & TAKE- ELSE GUDZIUNAITE & PENNY GEORGE
 CATERING- SCARLETT HOBBS & CHLOE REED
 TRADING CARD GAMES- TYLER WRIGHT & MARK LAWSON-WATKINS
 GIRL'S RUGBY- FFION PRICE & AMBER JACKSON
 D OF E- ALEXA MYERS & XANDER JACKSON
 NETBALL (KS4)- BETSY CAMPBELL & HOPE HARPER
 NETBALL (KS3)- ELSIE PARKINSON, ELSA DYMOND & GRACE SMITH
 GIRL'S FOOTBALL- HANNAH LAWRENCE & ISABELLA HICKMAN
 PUZZLES & GAMES- HARVEY HOEY-BYGRAVES & LUCY-ROSE WALKER

WARHAMMER- ALEX WILLIAMS & HENRY DRAWWATER
 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS- ISAAC WEBB & EVAN COLLINS
 ABBEY FM- LIV HOLLIDAY & RIVER WILLIS
 BADMINTON- RHYS PARRY & THOMAS ROWNEY
 KS3 SCIENCE CLUB- ISAAC COLTON & PHOEBE EARL
 CREATIVE WRITING-
 HOMEWORK CLUB- RHYS CLARK & MORGAN WEBB
 CHOIR- SEMINA SCRASE & OLLIE IVE
 MUSICAL THEATRE- OLIVIA WHITWELL & JOSH SANSUM



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.



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.

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!



WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

THE OOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MCAS FROM MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER. THESE WILL BE UPDATED TERMLY SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK FOR ALL OUR EXCITING OOPS!

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>

E-Safety at Abbey College

We teach students how to stay safe and legal online, covering topics like cyberbullying, privacy, and responsible use of social media, messaging apps, and gaming. Pupils learn what to do if issues arise and are encouraged to report concerns to staff. We also share guidance for parents on setting boundaries, using parental controls, and talking to children about online risks. Together, we aim to create a safe digital environment in school and at home.

To find our more, click here: <https://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/students/e-safety>

Communicating with us and raising concerns

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

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/