

Weekly Family Update – 05.12.25

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



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

Parents' Forum - Wednesday 10th December, 5pm

We're excited to invite you to our first in-person Parents' Forum. This is a fantastic chance to connect, share your ideas, and provide feedback that will help shape the future of our school.

To confirm your attendance, please email: ParentsForum@abbey.college.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Forum Guarantee - Your Voice Matters

At Abbey College, we want every parent to feel heard. If you ever feel your question hasn't been answered, you can use our **Parent Forum Guarantee**. This means either I (the Headteacher) or Mrs Wibberley (Deputy Headteacher) will call you within **24 working hours**.

How to use the Parent Forum Guarantee:

- Call **01487 812352** or email office@abbey.college
- Use subject line: *Parent Forum Guarantee*
- We'll call by the next school day and arrange a meeting within 3 days if needed.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school a positive and welcoming place for everyone.

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



Non-uniform days for spirit

Congratulations to Years 7, 8 and 10 for meeting their ratios this half term. They will have non-uniform days on the following days next week. All students in Year 9 and 11 who have met the 9:1 ratio will also receive a reward.

Year Group	Half-Term Ratio	Non-Uniform Day
7	17:1	Tuesday
8	12:1	Wednesday
9	8:1	x
10	14:1	Thursday
11	8:1	x

Headteacher Commendations w/c 01/12/25

The following students have received 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.

Congratulations to Years 7, 8 and 10 for meeting their ratios this half term. They will have non-uniform days on the following days. All students in Year 9 and 11 who have met the 9:1 ratio will receive a reward.

Nina	Year 8	English	An outstanding speech in English- well done!
Zac	Year 8	English	Fantastic speaking and listening assessment- well done!!
Ollie	Year 8	English	Excellent speaking and listening assessment- a role model to all.
Henry	Year 7	PE	Scored 6 goals in an u12 county cup fixture
Sophie	Year 11	Spanish	An outstanding performance in Trial 1 Spanish mock.
Maya	Year 11	Spanish	An outstanding performance in Trial 1 Spanish mock.
Victoria	Year 10		Well done for creating the winning OOP logo!
Alex	Year 7	N/A	Amazing resilience on his transition back into lessons.
Chloe	Year 11	History	Absolutely fantastic work on the difficult Germany Q3d (16) for homework. Huge improvement in your score.
Harry	Year 7	Keyworker	For showing responsibility, respect and strong efforts in lessons
James	Year 7	N/A	James actively participant in class activities and contributes thoughtfully to discussions.
Maia	Year 7	Keyworker	For her hard work and commitment to learning.
Maisie	Year 7	N/A	Consistently shows responsibility, respect and strong effort.
Isaac	Year 8	Behaviour/social interactions	Working hard to maintain positive behaviour and communication.
George	Year 10	RSL - English	Achieving a grade 9- in your English Language report
Annabelle	Year 10	RSL - English	For achieving a grade 8- in your English subject report
Ethan	Year 10	RSL - English	For achieving a grade 8- in your English subject report
Dominic	Year 11	Chemistry	For consistently working hard in chemistry despite distractions, producing work to a high standard every single lesson
Logan	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Ethan	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Jaydon	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Amy	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Theo	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Hannah	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Dervla	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Amelia	Year 8	Science	For consistently working hard in science every single lesson
Ethan	Year 10	RSL - English	For achieving a grade 8- in your English progress report
Georgina	Year 10	RSL - English	For achieving a grade 8- in your English progress report
Mathilde	Year 10	RSL - English	For achieving a grade 8- in your English progress report
Nya	Year 7	Geography	Achieving 100% on Geography end of topic test on development
Seren	Year 7	Geography	Achieving 100% on Geography end of topic test on development
Jack	Year 10	Form Tutor	Amazing effort with your English summer work - well done!
Darcy	Year 10	Form Tutor	Amazing effort with your English summer work - well done!
Amy	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Thomas	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Semina	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Thomas	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Ollie	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Leo	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Skye	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Madi	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Elena	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Mia	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Roman	Year 8	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Emeline	Year 9	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Sam	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Rhys	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights switch on.
Henry	Year 8	Music	Fantastic piece of work <u>produce</u> for music homework. Excellent effort.

Ania	Year 8	Music	Fantastic piece of work <u>produce</u> for music homework. Excellent effort.
Katherine	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights Switch on.
Poppy	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights Switch on.
Paige	Year 7	Music	Performing at Warboys Lights Switch on.
Verity	Year 10	RSL - English	Well done for achieving a grade 8- on your progress report for English
Leo	Year 10	English - RSL	Well done for achieving a grade 8- on your progress report for English
Nefeli	Year 10	RSL - English	Well done for achieving a grade 8+ on your progress report for English
Stella	Year 10	RSL - English	Well done for achieving a grade 8+ on your progress report for English
Ethan	Year 10	RSL - English	Well done for achieving a grade 8+ on your progress report for English
Archie	Year 7	reading intervention	Fantastic effort with his reading
Molly-May	Year 7	Reading intervention	Fantastic effort with her reading
Jensen	Year 8	History	For his outstanding effort and hard work on his Tour of India homework
Ethan	Year 10	History	For his outstanding hard work and effort revising for his recent Superpowers assessment.
Isaac	Year 8	Spanish	Great effort in lessons
Zane	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Anna	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Lucy	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Roman	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Faye	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Amber	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Mia	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Darcy	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Lottie	Year 7	Spanish	For working very hard in each lesson and for your great attitude towards learning.
Isabelle	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Charlie	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Ava	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Jack	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Micaela	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Alice	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Nicole	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Summer	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Flynn	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Sasha	Year 11	Spanish	For your excellent effort on your last mock exam.
Matlida	Year 7	Outside of School	Congratulations for representing Team GB at the Tang Soo Do European Championship in Athens, achieving 2 nd and 3 rd place.
Callum	Year 9	Outside of School	Congratulations for representing Team GB at the Tang Soo Do European Championship in Athens, and becoming Double European Champion with two First place finishes.
Tillie	Year 8	SCAMP	Was a fantastic ambassador on Saturday at the Ramsey Christmas Light Switch on. Representing the Abbey College Scamp <u>club, and</u> assisting the younger members from our infants and primary clubs.
Ella	Year 9	SCAMP	Was a fantastic ambassador on Saturday at the Ramsey Christmas Light Switch on. Representing the Abbey College Scamp <u>club, and</u> assisting the younger members from our infants and primary clubs.
Chloe	Year 8	SCAMP	Was a fantastic ambassador on Saturday at the Ramsey Christmas Light Switch on. Representing the Abbey College Scamp <u>club, and</u> assisting the younger members from our infants and primary clubs.

Staff member of the week

Mrs Neville – *Passion: For her endless dedication to her role in Sixth Form, going above and beyond every day, caring for and supporting all Sixth Form Students and Staff, especially during exam periods.*

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



Parent Forum Meeting Agenda: Wednesday 10th December 5pm

- i. Selecting school projects for fundraising by the Parent's Forum - Siobhan Dowd*
 - ii. Parent's Forum Fundraising ideas - Genevieve Wardle*
 - iii. Fundraising and Finance Update*
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Please sign in at Reception on arrival.
Genevieve

Preloved Uniform Shop Opening Dates

- *Thursday 18th December - 4:15- 5:15pm*
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Cash only please. Entrance via the Student Entrance.

Please email 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

Genevieve Wardle - Chair of Parent's Forum

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion – Have Your Say!

We want every student to feel valued, respected, and celebrated. Your voice is essential in helping us create a school environment that is inclusive, fair, and embraces diversity. By sharing your views, you'll help guide how we strengthen our approach to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion for all students.

It only takes a few minutes!

Please complete our short 5-question survey here:

[Parent Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Survey – Fill out form](#)

Deadline: 12th December

Together, we can make a real difference. Thank you for your support!

Diary Dates



We're thrilled to announce that our Winter Showcase is officially sold out! Thank you for your incredible support in making this such a special event for our talented performers.

We're still welcoming raffle prize donations—please drop any contributions at reception. All proceeds will go towards funding our next school musical.

On the night, bring some cash for raffle tickets, and enjoy a wonderful evening with hot drinks, delicious cakes, and plenty of prizes to win. It promises to be a fantastic celebration of creativity and community!

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
Monday 26 th January 2026	Y8&9 Men/DTP Immunisations
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Y9 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 9 th February 2026	Y8 Careers Week/Options Taster Sessions
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Y11 Macbeth Performance (in school time)
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Y12 Virtual Parents Evening
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Y10 Virtual Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Y8 Options Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	End 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 Grades Working at grades (Emerging, Developing, Secure, Mastery) End of year 7 target grades Baseline 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 Grades Working 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 		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal subject assessments this half term 		
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 Grades Trial 1 exam grades End of course predicted grades End 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 Grades Trial 1 exam grades End of course predicted grades End 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

Think before you post

We're helping students understand the risks of sharing personal information online. A photo or post can reveal more than they realise—like their location or school. Once something is online, it's hard to take back.

Please talk to your child about privacy settings, safe sharing, and the importance of thinking before posting.

Helpful resources:

- **Childnet – Online Safety Advice for Parents** – <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>
- **NSPCC – Online Safety** – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Promoting Positive Behaviour Every Day

Next Week's Equipment Check - Calculator.

Students will be issued tells if they do not have this with them.

Student attendance - Week 13

Amazing Attendance - Zero Days Absent!

Your dedication is truly inspiring. Keep aiming for excellence every day!

A quick reminder: Even authorised absences count towards your child's overall days off, lessons missed, and attendance percentage. Let's work together to achieve perfect presence whenever possible.

How you can help: Celebrate the progress so far and continue striving for zero absences whenever you can. Every day in school makes a difference!

Ms Davis – Attendance Officer

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.**

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



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 CHOOSE 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 out 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/