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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

During this week, we have had a focus on Resilience, one of our values. Dr Newman has led a series of Collective Worship Sessions, asking students to complete a series of puzzles,

which were then analysed according to the time students spent on them before giving up. This is a very timely topic; given we are entering the examination season for all year groups.

This Wednesday saw all Year 11s receive a personalised revision timetable, detailing subjects that are providing sessions just prior to the actual exam. It is important that all students adhere to the timetable.

Keeping with Year 11s, this Friday has seen another fantastic Dress for Success Day. Students were given an opportunity to take photos and attend a celebratory assembly at the end of the day, where they looked back at some of the photos of themselves in Year 7. I must say that this year group are a true credit to themselves and have represented the Abbey College values with perfection.

Finally, I would like to share a story of success with you all. As a school, we have worked extremely hard to increase student attendance over the past few years. Our Attendance Welfare Officer, Ms Watson supported by Ms O'Connor have done a sterling job in meticulously tracking student attendance. They have on a weekly basis, down to the individual pupil, worked with tutors, parents and students to ensure that everyone is aware of the benefits of having good attendance. For the first time ever, Abbey College has reached a major milestone of 96%. This puts our attendance up with many Outstanding schools in the country.

However, in the true spirit of great leadership, Ms Watson has set the school a target of 97% for next year. We are proud of all involved, as this shows our students are becoming more resilient, which in turn will support their achievements in the long term.

Cambridgeshire Police Blog!

Please see a link below to the Cambridgeshire Police Website regarding Social media.

<https://cambscops.wordpress.com/2016/05/06/children-and-social-media/>

Give us your thoughts!

What do you think of our weekly update? Moreover, do you have any thoughts on any of the letters sent out? Do you have any questions you want to ask? Do you like the blog?

Please write any comments/thoughts on our communication blog: <http://abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/index.php/2015-06-01-09-58-16/communication-blog>

Furthermore, please follow us on Twitter: @abbeycollegeAC. Everyday we are updating it with good news stories and pictures!



Year 11 Dress for Success Day



Today the Year 11s took part in the Dress for Success event. After a morning of revision they had a chance to take photos and reminisce about their years at Abbey College. They all looked very smart! The day ended positively with an assembly full of good wishes and luck not only for your exams but also for your future.

Careers Friday



Today we had representatives from The British Army and The Royal Navy come into school to do a presentation for Careers Friday. There was an amazing turn out by students in all years with many staying behind after the session to ask questions and gain further information. Could the students who attended please complete the survey monkey using the following link? . www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FC5XMNT

Well done!



I would just like to comment on Bryony's exceptionally high standards and commendable work ethic. She goes way beyond what is expected and seems determined to achieve her very best. Her work is of a very good standard and I am very Impressed! From: Mrs Edwards.

This week's Top Vivos! Well done!

- Andrew Sugden
- Priscilla Graham
- Emily Schiavo

Key Dates

Monday 16th May	External Exams start (please check the exam timetable sent out to you)
Monday 13th June	Year 9 Parents Evening
Tuesday 19th July	Enterprise Day
Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June	Summer Half Term



London's Calling..

On Wednesday 3rd May, years 12 and 13 from the Sociology, Politics and History classes, ventured into London with Mrs Blood, Mrs. Carey and Mr.Mather.



Once arriving at Tower Hill, we explored the beautiful grounds surrounding the centre of the infamous building, which holds London's darkest secrets – The Tower of London. Mr. Mather provided us with an excellent synopsis of its history, as well as its present use which was not only interesting, but also really helped the history class with their work on the Normans. After finishing, we were trusted to leave the group to grab some lunch; this was all well and good until some of us lost our bearings!

Following this, we caught the tube to Westminster where we were greeted by two members of the education service building next to Parliament. After a short security check, we were taken to look around Parliament... and what a beautiful building it was! The historic features, beautiful detailing and its enormity were simply amazing. After touring the building, we were then surprised to find out that we were then to sit in on a debate in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. For those interested in further studying post 18 to Law and Politics, this was extremely helpful as being present in Parliament and seeing it function with our own eyes, furthered our understanding and knowledge; it gave us a real sense of the complexity of the Parliamentary system. It was also an amazing experience to be able to sit in on these debates and see Parliament in action!

The session was then ended with a quiz on the Parliamentary system, which was nearly missed, and then a Q&A session with local MP, Shaliesh Vara, giving us the opportunity to question him on relevant issues

such as the European referendum, the funding of schools in Cambridgeshire and also the expensive payment of buses to and from school. By being given this rare opportunity, it really gave us all a sense of empowerment to be able to speak for a large majority of youths who feel the same as us!



This trip was an amazing experience, providing us with knowledge, independence and enjoyment. I really recommend that this trip becomes a yearly occurrence. Personally for me, I learnt a huge amount about the Government and Parliament, and more young people need to be aware of this as it really does affect us - whether we are aware of it or not! Even if you aren't interested in politics, the independence and knowledge gained (or not) from the trip, such as understanding how to navigate the tube was really character building.

By Jordan Keilty—6th form student.