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Headteacher's Message

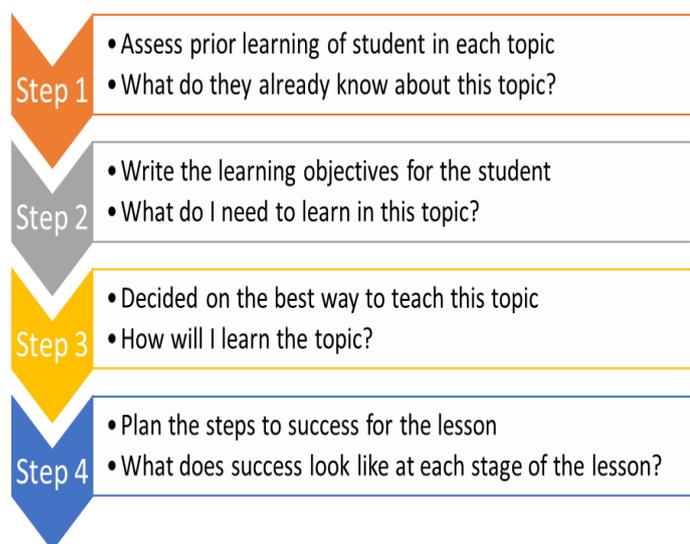


Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I aim to continue to explain what is meant by **Quality First Teaching**: one of our two Ofsted priorities. By way of a reminder: 'quality first teaching' is summarised as

seeking to engage and support the learning of all young people, building on their prior learning, and responding appropriately to the 'pupil voice'. One outcome from this type of teaching is that it should remove the need for catch-up sessions further down the line.

The diagram shows the steps for this process along with the questions a student should be able to answer:



As mentioned last week, Ms Farrag is planning a series of training sessions with teaching staff to ensure they are familiar with the process next half term. Please speak to your son or daughter to find out if they are able to recognise each stage in their lessons.

On behalf of Abbey College, we wish families a restful half term.

Tutor News

As we approach the end of half-term we wish everyone a good half-term break and our best wishes to Year 11 and 13 as they embark on the heavy part of the exam season.

It was good to see Year 11 on Dress for Success day looking so smart and enjoy their final assembly with fond memories of the past five years and a gathering outside for photos and an ice-cream! We wish them all the best.

There have been many tutor lessons looking at student voice and how we develop the future of the school with students support and we will be trialling one or two of those ideas in the next half-term. We will also be embarking on a massive fundraising project in July and we will keep you posted as that progresses.



Student Voice has also been working on our new school uniform and the fruits of that will be seen very soon.

We are delighted with our attendance record and want to congratulate every student who has made really positive effort to be at school everyday.

Tomorrow, those with an excellent attendance record will be off to Thorpe Park. We hope they have a great day.

Give us your thoughts!

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!



National recognition for Abbey College



Photo from the Hunts Post

delighted that our efforts have been recognised by a national organisation. It has acknowledged the extensive efforts made by staff and parents to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

“We hope this encourages more parents to take a proactive role in Abbey College and our ongoing efforts to support every child’s achievements.”

Abbey College has been awarded the prestigious SSAT Parent Engagement Silver Award.

Members of staff at Abbey College have been recognised for their efforts after working with parents to improve standards.

The College, based in Ramsey, has been awarded the Schools, Students and Teachers Network (SSAT) Parental Engagement Silver Award for involving parents in children’s education.

The school achieved the award by demonstrating their understanding of the important role parents and carers can have when fully engaged with education.

The award comes just two weeks after the College was praised by Ofsted inspectors for raising expectations.

Miss Farrag, Assistant Headteacher said : “We are

The methods used to communicate and engage parents all contributed to the award, including the use of text messages, social media, parents’ evenings and adult learning. By developing close links between the school and parents, progress and behaviour have both seen a marked improvement at Abbey College.

The report also highlighted the ‘innovative induction programme’ for Year 6 pupils joining the school, as well as the various strategies and media channels that are employed to maximise parental participation in learning, both in school and at home; this is complemented by an ‘open channel’ culture where parents are encouraged to make regular contact.

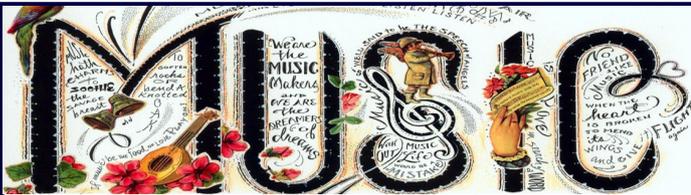
Sixth From Parents/ Carers

I would like to remind anyone who has a son or daughter in Sixth Form that the Sixth Form direct dial number is 01487 811783. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent, please contact us on each day.

Key Dates

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Summer Half Term
Friday 10th June	Non School uniform day - to celebrate 7 days of a clean and tidy school
Monday 13th June	Year 9 Parents’ Evening. 16:30—19.30
Monday 4th July	Meet the Tutor 16.00—18:00





Adult Learning and Skills Summer Workshop

SATURDAY 2 JULY 2016

From 10am

Abbey College, Ramsey

Woodwork 10am-1pm

Learn how to use the tools of the trade and make a bird box or kitchen roll holder to take home with you.

Keeping Chickens 10am-12pm

Come and meet some feathered friends and find out what's involved in this popular pastime!

Jewellery Making 10am-1pm

Come and make a silver ring, a copper brooch, or a copper pendant; seeing is believing!!!

Mindfulness 10am-12pm

Heard of Mindfulness? This is a short introduction to the practice of mindfulness techniques to reduce stress and improve your wellbeing!

Windows 10 10am-12pm

Do you have a new computer with Windows 10 but can't figure it out? This 2 hour session will help you understand the basics.

Yoga 12.30pm-2.30pm

Learn some basic yoga postures and breathing techniques plus a little meditation in this relaxing class.

Come on your own or bring a friend!

£10 per person

For more information or to book a place, contact the Adult Learning office on 01487 811338 or email: acl@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk. Enrolment forms can be downloaded via our website

Please book by 24th June.

Office opening times: Monday to Thursday 10am — 2pm (term time)

Payments are not cashed until the course is confirmed.

Celebration Of Music

By the ASCA Musicians

Saturday June 11th 2016

At The Abbey College

Starting at 2:30pm

Performances from children age 4 – 17 from across the Abbey Cluster group.

Tickets on sale soon. Details from:

sarah.carr@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

ASCA Music Singing Workshops

Tuesday 31st May

And

Friday 3rd June

9:45am – 12:30pm

Abbey College South Hall

The songs learned will be performed at the ASCA music celebration on June 11th.

Anyone interested please contact:

Sarah.carr@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

All ages welcome.

Sports News



Year 9 girls had a rounder's fixture last night and beat Longsands in an excellent victory, especially as two year 7 girls played for them.

Year 11

All year 11 have revision sessions ALL day on Friday 27th May and every day up to 16th June.



Students redesign the Behaviour and reward system.



Students felt that these were simple and would replace the ASPIRE system.

Furthermore, they sought students' approval for their system that stops the use of red and yellow cards and replaces it with a system where students had the opportunity to correct their behaviour and fix errors with their individual teacher, making the school a happier place.

This week, Elisia, Megan, Morgan, Liz and Tupney bravely presented in assembly, the work and findings from a group of over 80 students, who since Easter, have been discussing the behaviour and reward system.

These students fed back on the rewards that students wanted and the system that they have designed to try and make sure that no-one gets missed out. They sought the school's opinions on changing the expectations for the best – as their positive expectations are to:

Be polite,
Equipped for the learning,
Sticking at and completing the task
and
Tolerance.



Behind the scenes a group including Molly, Caitlin, Tawnee and Dylan had been visiting form groups and seeking their views prior to the assembly. This is the culmination of 6 weeks work and shows that our students should not be underestimated, as they have tackled this whole process with maturity.

It has been a pleasure to work with them all.

Mrs Moss, Deputy Headteacher.