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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. As you will be aware, the examinations are in full bloom for Year 11-13s. Hence, the focus for the rest of the school has been on the introduction of the new

behaviour system which is duly centred on improving attitudes towards learning and positive rewards.

A letter was sent out this week to all parents / carers along with a leaflet explaining the proposed behaviour and reward system that is currently being piloted. It is important to note that both students and parents unanimously asked that we move back to **Go4Schools** to track and report on behaviour and rewards. I would encourage parents and carers to visit the site and take a look at how your son or daughter is performing.

Students will receive **'house points'** for positive behaviour, effort and work in lessons. We have asked that teaching staff reward at least three students per lesson to encourage a positive attitude to learning.

More interestingly, students asked for a simple **postcard** home as a special reward. The postcards have been linked to the following four simple expectations:

- ⇒ **B**e polite
- ⇒ **E**quipped for the lesson – e.g. food for a catering lesson, kit for PE, calculator in maths, homework.
- ⇒ **S**ticking at and completing the task
- ⇒ **T**olerant

These reasonable expectations were completely created by the students.

Mrs Moss will be contacting parents for feedback before the end of term to obtain your views on how the system is working. We do hope you feel this is a positive step forward for the school.

Behaviour and Reward System

Learning Ethos

Focus of the week

Be Polite

This week's BEST focus: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r_parentsurvey-behaviour2

As of Thursday 9th June, 83 postcards were awarded to students, and will be sent home to parents today. It is particularly special to receive one of these.

A reminder for all parents/carers: please complete the survey below. We have put a lot of time and effort into listening to what the students wanted

and we would be grateful for your views:

[https://](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r_parentsurvey-behaviour2)

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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!



Sports News

Michael Lardner has qualified for this year's nationals. All his hard work has paid off and he has reached the target he set himself this season.

Michael has qualified in his main event, 200m Back, and is ranked about 10th so may hopefully make the final; Michael is currently about 2 seconds off a podium finish - so you never know,. It's whatever happens on the day!

His race will take place on August 5th in Sheffield and will be streamed live from there that day. The heats are in the mornings so if he makes the final they will held the same evening.

Year 12 Information

All Year 12 students are invited to a UCAS Application Starter Day on Wednesday 15th June during periods 3-5. This meeting will include how to apply, write Personal Statement draft and how to re-search Universities.

Year 8 Professional Day

On Thursday 16th June your child will be meeting people from a wide range of sectors and businesses and, through asking questions, gathering information about various occupations.

Not only will they be finding out about different jobs, this type of activity helps develop essential work skills such as communication, interview techniques and confidence, all vital for a successful career.

We hope your child enjoys the morning and would ask if they would kindly complete the following survey after the event: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FC5XMNT>

Key Dates

Monday 13th June	Year 9 Parents' Evening. 4:30pm—7:30pm
Wednesday 15th June	Year 12 UCAS Application Starter Day
Thursday 16th June	Year 8 'Meet the Professional' Day
Friday 17th June	Careers Friday



ASCA Music Festival 2016.

Saturday June 11th at Abbey College
in the South Hall

Over 90 children will be performing from Abbey College and surrounding schools in 2 concerts starting at 2:30pm and 4:30pm.

All welcome. Come along and see what we do!

Tickets are available through our **new** website or on the door.

Please check out www.ascamusic.org.uk for details of the concert and our music provision.

Doodling Competition - Winners

The doodling competition has come to a close and the entries have been judged.

Our judge, a year 13 student, has made the selection of:

Boys 1st prize - Lewis Glenny, CBH

Boys runner up - Bailey Musk, CAR

Girls 1st prize - Ellisa Jeakins, CSC

Girls runner up - Ellen Newton, WJH

Prizes will be given out next week.

Well done!

