



Abbey College News

December 2017

A Message from our Principal

by Malcolm Wood

Dear friends of Abbey College,

As the end of 2017 approaches, it is a time to think about the good work that has been done at Abbey College.

To our students: Congratulations on all that you have learnt since September. This is an essential stage in your learning journey. Do your best and enjoy the learning process; you are becoming wiser and more capable. The famous Greek philosopher, Socrates, said that education is like building a fire, not filling a vessel. Students who see learning in this way will achieve great things. Like fire, understanding is active and can grow rapidly under the right conditions, whereas a vessel is passive and limited in capacity. Those who approach learning like filling a vessel, can only learn a fixed amount. Make the most of this opportunity by prioritising the areas you need to improve in. Have some fun but also work hard during the holidays. Make a study plan and set yourself targets you can achieve. Then give yourself little rewards when you achieve them.

To the parents and agents of our students: Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. I believe that young people can gain greatly from being a part of our friendly, dynamic learning community. Please communicate with us if you are happy with Abbey College or if there is anything you would like us to improve. In the first instance contact

welfare@abbeycollege.co.uk about boarding, or doas@abbeycollege.co.uk about learning, or leo@abbeycollege.co.uk about behaviour but when you think it is appropriate, you can also use principal@abbeycollege.co.uk to contact me.

To our staff: Thank you for the invaluable work you do by keeping our students safe and well; by setting a positive example; and by sharing your passion and 'building fires'. We are proud of the excellent academic results you help our students to achieve.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the friendliness with which I have been received during my first term here. I have particularly enjoyed getting to know the kind and enthusiastic staff and students of Abbey College and I am greatly appreciating living and working in such a beautiful natural setting.

Malcolm Wood, Principal

Activities and Trips

by Student Services

The Autumn term has gone in a blur and the Christmas holidays are on their way, which gives us time to reflect on what we've been up to so far.

Included trips are always a nice opportunity for everyone to go off together and we've been to some of our old favourites such as Birmingham and Oxford as well as a repeat trip by popular demand to Gloucester and the trampoline park. Our new destination this term was Weston Super Mare carnival, where despite the cold and a bit of rain we enjoyed a very unique night procession.

Alton Towers is always a popular optional trip and this year was no exception. Smaller visits to Morgan motors and the Malvern Ice quest have also been a lot of fun and now that the exams are almost over we have a weekend packed full of Christmas fun with the Victorian fayre in Worcester and the German market in Birmingham.

Also this weekend is the culmination of a busy term of sports with a football match against Kings College Saint Michaels, a chance to get revenge for their defeat of our valiant team at basketball. The football team have been bravely going up against the older adult teams in the Dyson Perrins soccer sixes league every Monday.

Finally we've had a few new clubs this term with the hugely talented Miss. Goddard bringing her yoga skills to Abbey College as well as Mr. Harding's Sports coaching club meaning that each term we have new skills to offer our students. In Wellbeing each week we have had a lot of fun with The Egg Drop challenge, the plastic bag fashion show, capture the flag, photo hunts, as well as hikes to the Malvern Hills and local nature reserve.



Student Achievements

by Mrs. Roberts, Director of Academic Studies

Merits

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded the most merits this term: Bekzod (30), Otabek (30), Rafayel (22) and Sahar (18). Jenny, Kevin, Arghavan, Arash, Timi, Hanna and Davlat also received between 10 and 15 merits, good work!

Hannah, William and Josh's Visit to Colwall School

Hannah, William and Josh did a fantastic presentation for students at a local school. They told the students all about school life in Ukraine and China and answered questions that the students had.

Maths Challenge

Well done to Jei Fie who won a gold medal in the UKMT Schools Maths Challenge and has been invited to progress to the next stages of the competition.

University Applications

Our A Level and Foundation students are currently completing their university applications through UCAS. Jei Fie and Mohammad Jad have applied to Oxford and Cambridge.



The Abbey Show

This year's Abbey Show was a great success, we welcomed former students to celebrate with us as we enjoyed a fantastic variety of acts by students and teachers.

There was some excellent singing and dancing, music by our talented musicians on the piano and guitar and even some fire hula hooping by one of our teachers!

Thank you to everyone who participated and came to watch!



Abbey College in Prague

by Debbie Hughes, Academic Registrar



We welcomed 20 students on our Medical Foundation course in Prague this term located at Charles University. Students are working hard to prepare for their Medicine/Dentistry Exams in June. We are looking forward to meeting the further new intake of students in January.



Social Media

by Isobel and Beth, Marketing



The Abbey College Photo Competition launched in September and there have been some fantastic entries from our students.

The winners so far have been:

- Month 1: Rafayel
- Month 2: Bekzod
- Month 3: Thu Thuy

You are all very welcome to follow us on social media, our accounts are as follows:

- Facebook: @AbbeyCollegeMalvern
- Twitter: @AbbeyMalvern
- Instagram: @AbbeyMalvern





International Visits

By Isobel and Beth, Marketing

Our marketing team often travel to different countries to meet education councilors, students and parents.

This term we have been to: Abuja, Almaty, Astana, Barcelona, Beijing, Hanoi, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Lagos, Madrid, Milan, Prague, Rome, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Tehran

Next term we have already booked trips to: Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Chelyabinsk, Dubai, Krasnodar, Malaga, Milan, Moscow, Prague, Rostov-on-Don, Tehran and Tyumen

Please do contact us if you would like to meet us when we are near you!

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With best wishes for the holidays from Abbey College!



Thank you to our students for the excellent photos displayed throughout this newsletter!

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