

George Abbot Bulletin

...the weekly round-up and preview for GAS parents and carers

Headteacher's Message

25 March 2022

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This week has seen one of the key highlights of the school calendar, Year 10 Interview Day, where dozens of members of our wider community give up their time to hold mock interviews with our students. A big thanks to the Careers Team and our volunteers for putting on this wonderful event. After a two year hiatus, it was extremely good to be able to organise this for our students, again. This is an opportunity for students to prepare a CV, interview for a job in a specific field, and receive personal feedback on how they did. This is a really significant facet of the development of our children into young adults and arms them with increased skill and confidence for the real world.



Year 12 attended the Farnborough based UCAS Discovery Exhibition. The excitement of the return of school trips on coaches aside (!), our Year 12s really benefitted from speaking to student representatives from places of further education to assist in the honing of their next step plans and for those on that route, their UCAS applications. Thank you to all of the Sixth Form staff involved in facilitating this event for our students.

A reminder that our Spring Concert tickets are on sale now and available via WisePay. Please do join us.

Lastly, we are really pleased to be offering a 'live' face-to-face evening careers event at George Abbot. Get into... The Services:

- Wednesday 27 April from 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Raynham Hall
- Students and parents/ carers welcome

We will have representatives from the British Army, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the Police, the Ambulance Service (tbc) and the Fire and Rescue Service. The format will consist of a 10-minute introductory talk from each of the Services' representatives followed by a chance for parents/carers and students to walk around and chat to them. More details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

A reminder that this weekend the clocks go forward one hour. Happy Mother's Day to all those readers to whom this applies!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL PRESENTS

Spring Festival:

A celebration of Music and Dance

THURSDAY 31 MARCH - 7 PM
RAYNHAM HALL, GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

Tickets:
Adults - £6
Child/Concession - £3
Tickets on sale via WisePay from
Monday 21 March



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Friday 1 April: School finishes at 12.00pm for the Easter Holidays

Please note, school buses will collect students at the earlier time of 12.00pm

Notices

Whole School

⇒ **CANCELLED: Sport Extra-curricular clubs**

All sports clubs will be cancelled next week (28 March-1 April) due to Year 11 GCSE PE practical moderations.

⇒ **Uniform Shop**

The George Abbot School Uniform Shop will close for the Easter holiday at the close of business on Tuesday 29 March. The shop will re-open at the start of the new term on Tuesday 19 April 3pm to 5pm. Appointments are not necessary on this date – please just drop in.

After this, the school shop will continue to be open by appointment. To book an appointment, please either call our office on 020 8687 1502 or email spsschoolshops@yahoo.com using the header 'GA APPOINTMENT'.

You are also welcome to order by emailing us using the header 'GA ORDER' – please include the items you need (including size), your child's name and a contact number so that we can call you to take payment. We will then advise of collection arrangements.

Thank you and have a lovely Easter break!

⇒ **Innovate: Canteens**

Our catering company, Innovate, are currently experiencing supply issues. This will therefore impact the choice of food on offer for students next week. Meals will differ from the menus published on our website. This is a Trust-wide issue, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

⇒ **Early school closure for Year 9 Parent Subject Meetings—Thursday 21 April 2022**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at **1.30pm on Thursday 21 April** for us to conduct the Year 9 Parent/Teacher consultation meetings.

When the Progress Monitoring Subject Consultations are for a year group other than their own, students are expected to complete work set independently at home during the afternoon. This work will be set via Satchel One and/or the SLE.

Provision has been made for students who are unable to go home at this time. If you wish for your son/daughter to remain supervised in school, please let us know by emailing curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk by close of school on **Wednesday 20 April**. It is important to note that supervised student places are more limited than in previous times due to COVID-19 restrictions, so it is vital that we are forewarned of those who will be in attendance.

If you notify us your child will be remaining in school and your arrangements change, it is essential you let us know of the change before 12.00pm on the day. Where we have been notified that a student will be remaining in school, if they fail to arrive and register at USIC, you will be contacted by a truancy call alert from our attendance system. Therefore, it is important they register in USIC at 2.15pm if you have notified us that your son/daughter is remaining in school. **Please be reminded school buses will run at the usual time.**

⇒ **Vacancies at George Abbot**

Please see the following page of the school website for further details on our current vacancies: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment/>.

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<p>Whole School</p>	<p>Please do forward to any friends or colleagues you think might be interested. Current opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher of Psychology (part-time) • SEN Administrator • Attendance Officer <p>⇒ Lettings We have a wide range of indoor and outdoor facilities here at George Abbot School that are available for organisations or clubs to hire. They include a 3G astropitch, playgrounds which are set up as netball/tennis courts, drama studio, classrooms and a conference room. Currently the astropitch is only available late Friday evening and during the day at weekends. If you know of an organisation or club who might be interested in our facilities, please share this with them, more detail can be found on the school website https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/lettings/ which also includes the relevant contact details.</p> <p>⇒ WisePay 14 March 2022 was the deadline the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) had imposed on all companies to implement Strong Customer Authentication (SCA) for e-commerce transactions. Strong Customer Authentication is an additional method of verification for online payments. Following this, WisePay have issued the attached answers to frequently asked questions since the change which we hope will help if you are having issues.</p>
<p>Year 13</p>	<p>⇒ FAO: students studying Art and Design A Level This year there will be no exam in Art and Design for Year 13. They will therefore be marked 100% on their coursework.</p> <p>A level Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics and Photography deadline for completing coursework is Monday 25 April 2022.</p> <p>All students are advised to use their lunchtimes and after school sessions to meet these deadlines. Please encourage your child to follow the advice and guidance of the teachers as to the best ways to meet the Assessment Objectives.</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>⇒ FAO: students studying MFL GCSEs Please see letter attached regarding your child's final languages speaking exam.</p> <p>⇒ FAO: students studying Art and Design GCSE This year there will be no exam in Art and Design for Year 13. They will therefore be marked 100% on their coursework.</p> <p>The following deadlines apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 GCSE Fine Art deadline for completing coursework is Friday 22 April 2022. • All other practical subjects including GCSE Graphics, Textiles and Photography deadline is Monday 25 April 2022. <p>All students are advised to use their lunchtimes and after school sessions to meet these deadlines. Please encourage your child to follow the advice and guidance of the teachers as to the best ways to meet the Assessment Objectives.</p>
<p>Year 9</p>	<p>⇒ Year 10 Curriculum Choices - deadline Monday 28 March 2022 A reminder that the deadline for your child to submit their curriculum choices via the SimsApp is at 8am on Monday 28 March 2022. Thank you to all the students who have already submitted their choices.</p> <p>⇒ Year 9 Parent Subject Consultations—Thursday 21 April 2022 Please see important information attached regarding Year 9 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Return to home page</p>

Focus on...

Support our students!

On Saturday 26 March 2022, Guildford High Street will be hosting the Children's Business Fair, giving an opportunity for young people to sell their home-made products. Three of our Year 7 student entrepreneurs will be running stalls at the event, so please go and support if you can!

Nell and Esther will be selling home-made bird houses and fat ball feed at their 'Home Tweet Home' stall. All proceeds from the fat balls will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee, supporting people in the Ukraine. Additionally, Charlotte will be running her 'Kaflo Crystals' stall with her sister. Well done girls, we are so proud of you!

For more information on the event, please see the following link: <https://childrensbusinessfair.co.uk/>



Congratulations Elspeth!

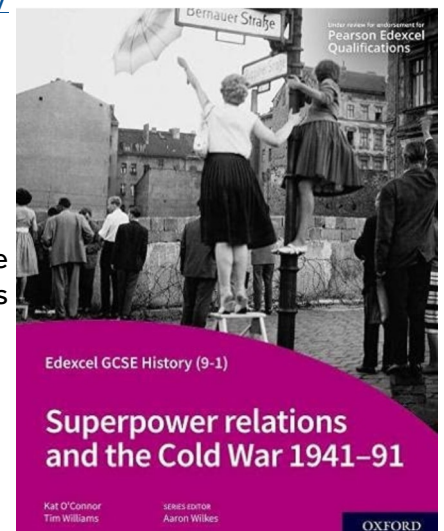
One of our Year 12 students, Elspeth, has been working for the charity 'Caring Matters Now'. They work to support families with children who have Congenital Melanocytic Naevi (CMN) – a genetic condition, consisting of birthmarks covering up to 80% of the body. Elspeth is training to become a young ambassador for the charity and has recently been invited to attend a leadership course in London. The programme aims to provide young people affected by CMN a platform to develop key skills such as leadership, innovation, communication, teamwork, public speaking and media engagement. She is the first teenager to have reached Level 2 of the training. Congratulations Elspeth, this is an amazing achievement and we are so excited to see where this opportunity takes you!



More information about the charity can be found here: <https://www.caringmattersnow.co.uk/>

Well done Mrs O'Connor!

Our super Head of History, Mrs O'Connor, has been involved in writing the new Pearson Edexcel Cold War GCSE textbook. Congratulations Mrs O'Connor and well done on all your hard work!



Careers

Careers opportunities: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers-opportunities/>

- Pinsent Masons Legal School Summer Work Experience Programme

Apprenticeship opportunities: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/apprenticeship-opportunities/>

Virtual Work Experience opportunities: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/virtual-work-experience/>

Get into... The Services

- Wednesday 27 April from 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Raynham Hall
- Students and parents/ carers welcome

Tickets for the event are free and available from Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-into-the-services-careers-event-tickets-304685892707>

If you have any further questions, please email Ella Nash
enash@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk or Helen Rose
hrose@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

Get in to...



The Services

Join us for our latest careers evening with talks from representatives of the:

British Army

Police

Royal Air Force

Royal Navy and the Royal Marines

South East Coast Ambulance Service tbc

Surrey Fire and Rescue

... followed by a chance to chat to the people who do the job.

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