

George Abbot Bulletin

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

20 May 2022

All,

Our Year 11s have made an excellent start to their exam season. They have been prompt and, I think, pleased to get their GCSEs underway. Our Year 13s begin their exam season next week. Today, we celebrate the end of their George Abbot journey together. Their leavers' video made me smile and brought tears to my eyes, as it did for many other staff and for lots of students too.

As Mrs Keegan, Mr Robinson and I gave our reflections on their c.1325 days at George Abbot School, we noted that some of that number had been lost to COVID-19, but that, in the face of extraordinary circumstances, they have actually gained much, too. They are masters of Teams and Zoom (as are the entire school population), but also many other qualities emerged. They have learnt to be resilient, to navigate a period of change and uncertainty; arguably, they are more ready to face the world than other cohorts might have been. It is fair to say, that I consider our Year 13s to be a spectacular year group. I shall miss their smiles, their fine manners and their huge contribution to making our school a happy place. I shall miss GALiga and I shall miss one of the strongest Student Leadership Teams we have seen, led so ably and proactively by Charlotte and Jack.

All of the George Abbot staff wish them happiness and contentment. Success will take strength and courage, which they have in abundance. But more than anything, they know that I urge them to be their own person, to be true to themselves, to always stand in their own shoes. They have star qualities and star potential. Good luck to our Year 13s as they embark on their final BTEC and A Level exams. They have got this!

In closing, a mention to our Year 12 Leadership Team who organised, with Ms Wallace-Jones, a marvelous second hand and vintage clothes sale last week. It was a huge success, raising over £700 and purchasing another water fountain. As hoped, I found some clothes with history and charm, indeed, one such piece of clothing appears in the Year 13 Leavers' video. Thank you to the kind donator and thank you to all who supported in providing a great selection of items and by making a purchase!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

Notices

Whole School

⇒ **Free School Meals—Half Term Provision**

Surrey County Council have confirmed that we are to issue a voucher for £15 to those eligible for Free School Meals to cover the May half term period. A link to Wonde will be sent out on Thursday 26 May. If you have any problems accessing the voucher, please email SJones@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. For those parents/carers who have previously requested a voucher to be posted, these will be sent w/c 23 May.

⇒ **REMINDER: Early school closure for Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings on Tuesday 7 June 2022**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 7 June for us to conduct the Year 10 Parent Subject meetings.

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 Monday 6 June.

Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.

⇒ **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/>. Please do forward to any friends or colleagues you think might be interested. Current opportunities include:

- Home School Link Worker
- Finance Administrator
- Senior Finance Officer

⇒ **Free Sanitary Products**

Students can access free sanitary products from the medical room. Please encourage your child to take whatever they need, whenever they need it.

⇒ **IMAG—Children's Business Fair Entrepreneur Workshop**

On Monday 23 May from 4.00pm-6.00pm, Christ's College are hosting an Entrepreneur workshop available to students in Years 7 and 8. This workshop aims to improve students understanding of how a simple business works in a fun interactive session. This opportunity is free of charge.

For more information, please visit:

<https://childrensbusinessfair.co.uk/>

Or to register your child's attendance at the Workshop, please visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TJuHZttxGW>

⇒ **Silent Disco for Years 7-9**

Matrix are hosting a Silent Disco on Monday 23 May at Merrow Methodist Church (GU1 2SH) from 3.15-4.45pm. It is open to all in Years 7-9.

The QR code at the bottom links straight to the sign up page for pre-booking, however, young people can still turn up on the day if they haven't registered.

The event is totally free and there will also be free toasties and drinks as well as video games, board games and table tennis.



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Year 10

⇒ RE GCSE external exam

A reminder that the second Year 10 GCSE RE external exam takes place on Thursday 26 May 2022 PM.

The paper will last 1 hour and 45 minutes. Students will be examined on the following units: Relationships & Families, Peace & Conflict, Crime & Punishment, Social Justice.

There are plenty of revision resources on Satchel One under the title 'RE GCSE Revision Resources' or please follow this link for the [SLE:Y10 GCSE Revision Resources HL](#). Please do encourage students to revise.

There is no requirement to purchase a revision guide, but if you wish to do so we would suggest: AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide Paperback – 1 Jan 2018 by Marianne Fleming (Author).

⇒ Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—**Wednesday 7 June 2022**

Please see important information attached regarding Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.

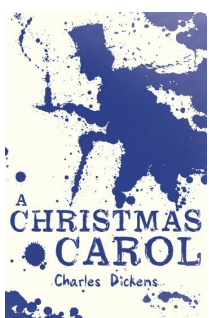
⇒ Year 10 English Literature

After half term, Year 10 students will be studying **either** Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol **or** Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde as part of their GCSE English Literature course. It is essential that students own a copy of the text so that they can highlight and make annotations throughout, whilst it is being studied in class. This will be very beneficial when they come to revise the text again in Year 11.

In addition, there is a CGP Text Guide also available for purchase and is highly recommended by English teachers. Both the text and guide are available for purchase via WisePay and we strongly recommend these are purchased by **27 May at the latest**, so that they can be issued to students straight after half term.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive their text and guide free of charge. If a student already has their own copy then this too will be acceptable.

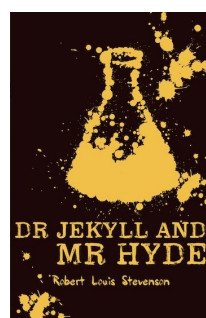
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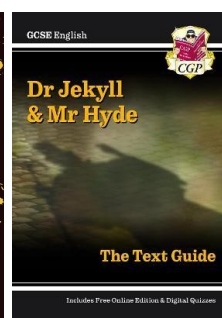
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Year 9

⇒ Maths Exam

The Year 9 summer Maths exam will take place in Maths lessons on Tuesday 21 June.

Students must have a ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil and eraser, some classes will also need a calculator.

Please encourage your child to look at SatchelOne and speak to their teacher who can advise where practice can be found to aid revision and the topics that will be covered.

Year 9	<p>⇒ Science Exam The Year 9 summer Science exams will take place in Science lessons starting Friday 17 June and finishing Thursday 23 June.</p> <p>Students will take the Physics exam in their first science lesson during this period, Chemistry in the second science lesson and Biology in the third science lesson.</p> <p>Exams will test everything covered this year. The science Heads of Department will send out further information to all Year 9 students in due course, via show my homework (SatchelOne).</p> <p>This exam, together with the science exam that Year 9 students took earlier this year, will be used to decide on setting for Year 10, and to decide who is offered a place on the treble science GCSE course.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Author Visit Children's author Ally Sherrick, will be visiting a group of Year 7 and 8 students on Wednesday 8 June to discuss her books and creative writing.</p> <p>Waterstones Guildford will be selling copies of her books and there's the opportunity to purchase the books and get them signed.</p> <p>For a signed copies, please make a payment to the school by 5 June 2022, via WisePay. Each paperback book costs £6.99.</p>
Year 7	<p>Please fill out the following form once ordered, and return to Ms Cassidy: ncassidy@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</p>



Careers

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

- BAE Systems Summer Skills Event—27-29 July
- Dyson Institute Virtual Open Days—30 May & 1 June Engineering Degree Apprenticeships

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

- Christopher Robin Day Nurseries Childcare Early Years Educator - Level 3 Apprenticeship

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

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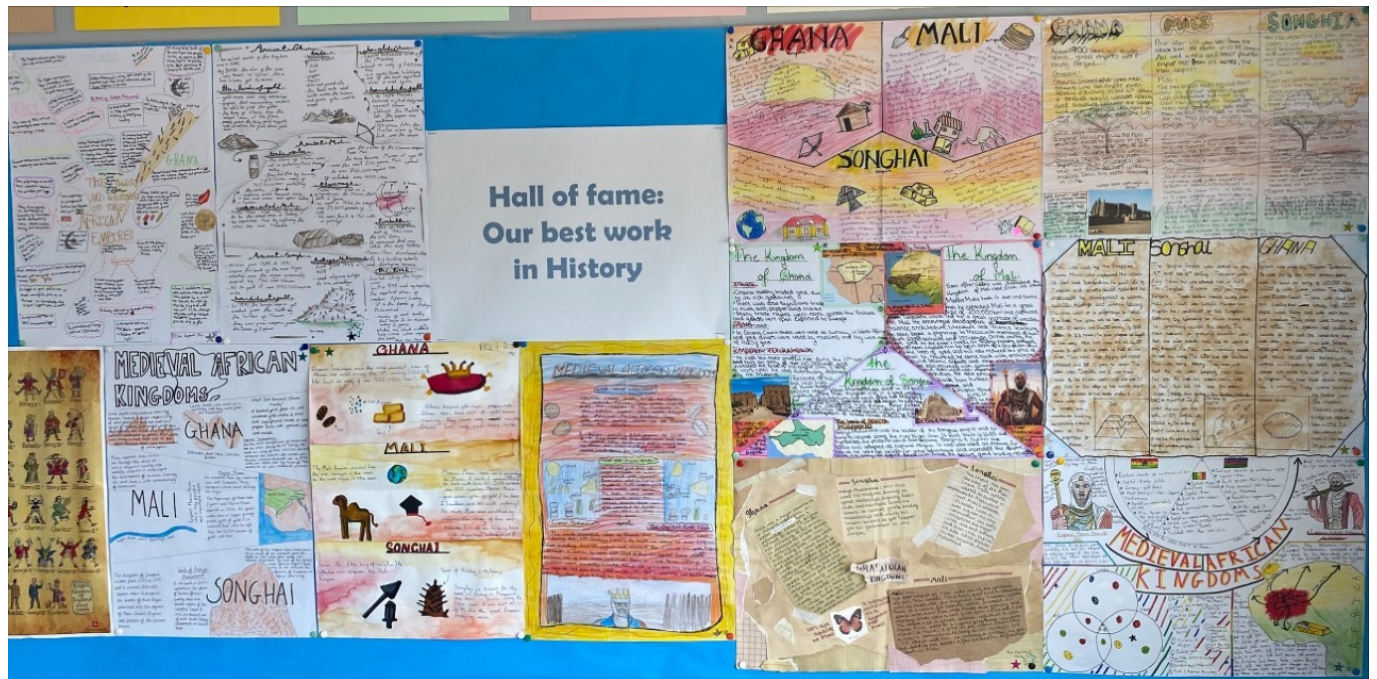
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Focus on: amazing Year 7 History homework!

Recently, our Year 7 historians have been learning about Medieval African kingdoms. As part of their homework task, they have produced the wonderful resources below. Miss Lewis and Mrs O'Connor want to say well done in particular to: Maddy S, Will B, Ana-Maria H, Marko D, Holly D, Daniel H, Anisa B, Viola D S-M, Sophie C, Evie B and Jess J.



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