

George Abbot Bulletin

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

17 June 2022



All,

What a glorious (if slightly too warm) end to the week it has been - the field has been a riot of colour as students have enjoyed the move to polo shirts in combination with beautiful sunny days. This week, some more information about House events in the run up to the end of the year. Our House system is an important part of our community. It offers competition, identity, a chance for students to be part of a community that spans the age range as well as their core year group and it offers an opportunity for student leadership, reward and enjoyment. For all of those reasons, we believe in it - not to mention the opportunity to abandon a tie and shirt for a few brief weeks of the year in polo shirt season.

July is our official Community Month and I am really grateful to all of the staff and parents who will help to facilitate the events that will help to make July a memorable and happy run up to the end of the academic year for our students. It begins with the legendary Clandon Park Run on Saturday 2 July. More details follow in this bulletin, but please do encourage your child to participate—perhaps our readers will too?

Monday 4 July, Lesson Z, all KS3 classes will be taking part in a **House Quiz**. This will take place in their lessons and our Heads of House will be coordinating.

Thursday 7 July, Lesson Z, will be a Year 10 (Abbot) PE based House competition, taking place in their usual PE lesson - it will be a cricket and rounders competition.

Monday 11 July, George half of Year 8 will be undertaking "The Wellbeing walk". They will be accompanied by school staff and hopefully, will enjoy some fresh air and time with their friends in support of their wellbeing.

Tuesday 12 July, Abbot half doing their "Wellbeing Walks". More details on timings and clothings for Year 8 parents and carers is attached.

Tuesday 12 July, lesson W, will be the other half of **Year 10 (George) PE based House competition**, taking place in their usual PE lesson.

Also on **Tuesday 12 July**, we have a non-House, but still Community event for our **Year 12s who will visit Surrey University** as part of their Next Steps programme.

Wednesday 13 July, Sports Day, lessons W-Y field events and lesson Z, whole school watching of and support for the track events.

Also, during **Wednesday 13 July**, Year 12 students will be involved in **Next Steps** activities, including **UCAS sign on**.

Thursday 14 July, Gabbotfest. This will take place over two lessons: Lesson Y- Year 7 and Year 8 to access the stalls and lesson Z- Year 9 and 10 will access the stalls. Stallholders will set up from 11.30am on the Year 7 playground.

A fitting conclusion to activities on **Thursday 14 July sees House Music** taking place at 7.00pm in Raynham Hall. Information about ticket sales will follow. Please reserve the date!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

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Year Group	Event	Dates
10	Formal Internal Exams	Monday 27 June—Tuesday 5 July
11	Formal GCSE Exam period	Monday 16 May—Wednesday 29 June
12	Formal Internal Exams	Wednesday 22 June—Friday 24 June* Wednesday 6 July—Monday 11 July
13	Formal A Level Exam period	Monday 16 May—Wednesday 29 June

* Please note this is an INSET Day for all other year groups, except for Year 12 undertaking the formal assessments and Year 13 taking public examinations.

Notices

Whole School

⇒ **PE Extra Curricular Club CANCELLED—Tuesday 21 June**

PE Extra Curricular clubs will be cancelled on Tuesday 21 June due to Gabbot Sprints.

⇒ **WisePay lunch account balances**

If students have a balance on their lunch account and are not returning to George Abbot in September 2022 there are several options:

- Transfer balance to a sibling returning in September 2022.
- Offer the balance as a donation to the school.
- Request a refund: we will either refund back to the card used to pay on WisePay, or if the card has expired bank details will be requested.

Please email your preferred option to: finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk with student details.

If we have not received a response by Friday 29 July 2022, we will donate any balances to the School Support Fund. Refunds and balances will be transferred in September 2022.

⇒ **Gabbot Fest—Sustainability GA Leaders stand— donations needed!**

Please donate any **new miscellaneous items**, such as books, pencil cases, stationery, that you may have lying around your house for our Gabbot Fest event. Donations can be dropped off in Elmslie Reception foyer. Thank you!

⇒ **Community Resources and Events**

[Thrive at the Hive | Surrey Information Point](#)

[GUkraine - Guildford Help for Ukrainians](#)

[Family Learning Parent Support courses](#)

[Specsavers Surrey Youth Games \(activesurrey.com\)](#) - Saturday 18 July

Year 12

⇒ **Virtual Parents Information Evening—Monday 11 July**

The Sixth Form team will deliver a session to parents/carers on how to best support students with post-18 options. Further information to follow.

Year 11

⇒ **Sixth Form Induction Day—Thursday 30 June**

Students wishing to attend the Sixth Form at George Abbot in September are invited to attend an Induction Day on Thursday 30 June. Further details and individual timetables for the day will be sent to student's school email addresses in the w/c 20 June.

Year 10

⇒ **Year 10 Formal Internal Exams**

A schedule is available on the following page of the website:
<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/>.

Year 9	<p>⇒ Year 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio final school booster and the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination-catch up session</p> <p>The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is visiting George Abbot School on Monday 18 July 2022 to give the above vaccinations to any children who missed their vaccination last time they were in school.</p> <p>If you have not yet completed a consent form previously and still wish your child to attend this session, please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Thursday 14 July 2022. If you have any enquiries regarding immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation team directly. Tel: 01483 794887 Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net Please note, the school are unable to accept telephone or email consent from you.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Year 8 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination catch up session</p> <p>The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is visiting George Abbot School on Monday 18 July 2022 to give the above vaccinations to any children who missed their vaccination last time they were in school.</p> <p>If you have not yet completed a consent form previously and still wish your child to attend this session, please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Thursday 14 July 2022. If you have any enquiries regarding immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation team directly. Tel: 01483 794887 Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net Please note, the school are unable to accept telephone or email consent from you.</p>

The Kelly's Clandon Park Run is back!

Join us on Saturday 2 July for a 5k or 10k run in the sun, around the beautiful grounds of Clandon Park. For the first time, the entire event will take place within the park and also in the summer, so there are even more reasons to take part! And if you need a further nudge, we've added a **discount** code below exclusively for George Abbot students, parents and staff:

GA10K will take the 10K entry donation to £15
GA5K will take the 5K entry donation to £10

Once you've completed your run, you'll be able to enjoy food, drink and performances back at the event village, including dance shows and music from our own students.

All money raised will go directly to the school to help with this year's fundraising theme of 'Back To Basics'. That means sports kit, food equipment, art supplies and more could all see improvements thanks to your donations.

For more information and to sign up, please follow the link below:

<https://charity.kellystorage.co.uk/e/kellys-clandon-park-run-8267>

Please do help us spread the word by sharing the event with friends and family too!

We hope to see you there!

The PTA



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Kelly's Clandon Park Run
Saturday 2nd July 2022

Clandon Park, GU4 7RH *Scan me for more info!*

Raising funds for :




Sign up today: charity.kellystorage.co.uk

Careers

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

- London Job Show—24 and 25 June

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

- Pearson Apprenticeships (Childcare and Education, Digital and ICT, Health and Science, Transport and Logistics)
- RAF Apprenticeships

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

- Get into...Dentistry with Medic Mentor—25 June

Going on holiday?

Take a Wheelers online E-library book with you!

Download the Wheeler's app on your phone

LOGIN:

2) Username: Firstname.secondname (no gaps)

3) Student password: Gabbot

4) Browse and borrow!



Focus on: Biology Challenge success!

Well done to those who recently participated in the Biology Challenge 2022. Over 41,000 students from 550 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. Particular "congratulations" goes to those Year 10 students who managed to achieve an award!

Student name	Medal
Amelia B	Gold
James T	Silver
Daniel C	Silver
Toby B	Silver
Ollie H	Silver
Lauren F	Silver
Sam H-S	Bronze
Amber K	Bronze
Ben L	Bronze
Holly E	Bronze
Electra M	Bronze
Leah JvR	Bronze
Eddie H	Bronze
Ben S	Bronze
Thomas M	Bronze
Ben C	Bronze
Sean M	Bronze
Ellie T	Bronze
Samuel S	Bronze

Student name	Medal
Dan H-S	Highly Commended
Layla G	Highly Commended
Samuel B	Highly Commended
Ethan P	Highly Commended
Krish P	Highly Commended
Ewan C	Highly Commended
Jasmine C	Highly Commended
Jake C	Highly Commended
Joseph W	Highly Commended
Safiyya H	Highly Commended
Vincent W	Highly Commended
Issi SM	Highly Commended
Christian M-B	Highly Commended
Jemima H	Highly Commended
Evelyn A	Highly Commended
Jaime S	Highly Commended
Will Z	Highly Commended
Mia L	Highly Commended
Daisy M	Highly Commended
Hannah O	Highly Commended
Lauren T	Highly Commended
Mateus S	Highly Commended

Student name	Medal
Alex O	Commended
Charlie B	Commended
Emily P	Commended
Minnie W	Commended
Jonny B	Commended
Sam P	Commended
Noah O	Commended
Catherine G	Commended
Ben S	Commended
Lily C	Commended
Maia B	Commended
Lewis C	Commended
Tom L	Commended
Emma T	Commended
Katie N	Commended
Jingkai L	Commended
Megan B	Commended
Alex D	Commended



Focus on: Bronze DofE expedition complete!

A big well done to the 127 Year 9 and 10 students who successfully completed their assessment expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award last weekend. It was fantastic to finally get back out walking in Wiltshire after a three-year break due to COVID-19 and we were very lucky with the weather!

Lots of members of our school community played important roles in making it happen. Thank yous must go to:

- The staff members and volunteers who gave up their time to walk and track teams, drive minibuses and manage checkpoints, all while offering vital guidance and support to our students.
- The Year 12 students working on their Gold Award, who gave up their time to walk and manage checkpoints while brushing up on their navigation skills ahead of their expedition in July.
- The staff members who kindly covered lessons in school.



Focus on: Sixth Form inspiration!

Andrew Lewin, an ex-student, visited us this week to present to some of our Year 12s. Andrew left us last year with 4 A* at A level and was lucky enough to be accepted on to the prestigious Dyson apprenticeship degree programme. The four year Dyson engineering programme uses the degree apprenticeship model of delivery, which combines an academic course of study and a work-based element of learning. In March 2016, James Dyson created a programme to produce engineers who were work-ready, to inspire those who wanted get hands on with real engineering challenges, who have a passion for solving problems and a fascination for how things work. The Dyson Institute first welcomed undergraduates in September 2017 and there are now 150 Undergraduates across four years. Andrew was chosen from a pool of 700 applicants and is now successfully based in Wiltshire, where he studies for his degree alongside 40 other very lucky candidates. Andrew follows in the footsteps of his sister Suzie who is now in her 4th year at Dyson. Andrew spoke to 60 Year 12 students in the common room at the start of our Year 12 Next Steps provision. Thank you for coming to inspire our Year 12s!



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