

George Abbot Bulletin

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

8 July 2022

All,

Another week of learning and much activity draws to a close at George Abbot: indeed, the drawing to a close of the academic year is almost upon us. This week, a few big thank you mentions and some reminders:

- Thank you to our amazing Year 13s, the PTA for providing refreshments as we gathered at school, Mr Robinson, Mr Brinsden, Mrs Keegan and Mrs Smith - the Year 13 Prom last Monday was civilised, elegant, full of friendship and strong bonds and marked the graduation of a superb cohort of young people.
- Thank you to all our new Year 6 students for a great start at George Abbot and to the Year 7 and SEN team for their brilliant work in welcoming our new Year 7s and their parents/carers during their Induction Days and Parents' Evening.
- Thank you to our Year 10s and our Year 12s for a positive, proactive and hardworking approach to your end of year exams and to all of the teaching staff who are currently engaged in marking exam papers. Both year groups have taken these exams very seriously - invigilators have commented on their positive attitude and good behaviour.
- Thank you to Team Computer Science for taking students to attend the TeenTech awards.
- Thank you to Team Exams as their annual marathon reaches the finish line - they are a tour de force.
- Thank you to Team Biology for a great Year 12 Field Trip and for organising a super set of wildlife investigation days with Surrey Wildlife Trust and our Year 7s.
- Thank you to Team Music who organised for Stomp to inspire our students - a pretty skilful and captivating bunch.
- Thank you for the herculean effort that was the Year 10 Ypres trip - the students were interested, engaged and so pleased to travel again. The staff team went above and beyond with a crazily early departure and wearily late return. Thank you to all of the parents for your support as you dropped off your sleepy teenagers and collected ones who were even more so.
- Thank you to students, parents/carers and staff who took part in the Clandon Park Run; special thanks to the PTA for all of your hard work and time in organising.
- Thank you to all of the staff and students who got stuck into a vibrant House quiz - the House point totals are ratcheting up for the end of year awards.

And so to the last 8.5 days of term...

- Monday 11 July - Year 8 George side, off timetable for their Wellbeing Walk.
- Tuesday 12 July - Year 8 Abbot side, off timetable for their Wellbeing Walk.
- Tuesday 12 July - Year 12 University of Surrey Trip.
- Wednesday 13 July - Sports Day - field events take place in the morning, with all students involved in watching, supporting and some competing from 1.30pm.
- Wednesday 13 July - Year 12 Alumni event and UCAS sign on.
- Thursday 14 July - Lesson Y Year 7 and 8 at GAbbotfest, Lesson Z Year 9 and 10 at GAbbotfest.
- Thursday 14 July - DoFE Gold depart for Snowdonia returning evening of Tuesday 19 July.
- Thursday 14 July - House Music - the final show of the school year - do buy a ticket and help us to celebrate the return of school life as we know it and the amazing talent of our students.

Nearly there!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



Notices

Whole School

⇒ **Sports Day Reminders—Wednesday 13 July**

- Students competing in a Sports Day event are expected to wear their normal PE kit along with their house shirt. Students not competing in an event are expected to wear their normal uniform along with their house shirt.
- Unfortunately, there will be no extra-curricular PE clubs on Tuesday 12 July as all staff will be involved in setting up Sports Day.
- Please could all parents/carers encourage students to check the team sheets which are located in the Sports Hall corridor and on the SLE, to ensure they know which events they are down to compete in.
- Due to the nature of the day it is highly recommended that students bring water bottles and sun cream.

⇒ **GAbbotFest—Thursday 14 July**

Our yearly school festival, where we come together to celebrate our community and raise money for local and national charities. The festival is made up of 'village fete' style stalls, live music, food and drink and games.

We are running a cashless festival where WisePay contributions are exchanged for tokens (50p a token) which will be issued to students on the morning of the Festival. Deadline for buying tokens is Monday 11 July. If you have any WisePay queries, please email finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. Please note, any unspent tokens will not be refunded as all money is being donated to charity.

⇒ **Surrey County Council SEND Transformation Surrey survey**

SCC is conducting a survey to inform the Additional Needs and Disabilities Partnership Self Evaluation. They welcome feedback from parents and carers via the following survey: <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/parentsvoices>

⇒ **Thursday 21 July - Early Closure of School**

On Thursday 21 July, the school will close at midday to signal the end of the academic year and beginning of the summer break. Please note USIC library **will not** be open for homework club on this day, and provision should be made for all students to make their way home at midday.

DEDICATED SCHOOL BUSES WILL COLLECT STUDENTS AT 12PM ON THURSDAY 21 JULY. NORMAL SERVICE WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, AS PER NORMAL TIMETABLES.

⇒ **Lost Property**

All unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be disposed of by the end of this term. Please ask your child to come and check the lost property in Raynham Office for any misplaced items.

⇒ **Guildford/Freiburg Private Exchange**

A male year 9 student (here year 10) at our partner school in Freiburg is looking for a host family to arrange a private exchange. It would be wonderful if we could find a family within the school community who is open to setting up a private German Exchange. For more information please contact Mrs Martinez-Wallas:

nmartinezwallas@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

⇒ **Accommodation for Foreign Language Assistants**

In November our new German and Spanish foreign language assistants will be starting with us, and they will require accommodation from the beginning of Nov 2022 - until the end of April 2023. They will be expecting to pay for this. If you are able to offer a room/rooms, then please contact Mrs Martinez-Wallas. Many thanks in advance.

nmartinezwallas@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

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Whole School

⇒ Help during the summer holidays

If your family will need a foodbank referral during the school holidays, please contact Joanna Tutty (jtutty@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) by Monday 18 July.

⇒ Vacancies

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

- Food and Nutrition Technician
- Design Technology Technician
- Premises Team supervisor

⇒ 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.

⇒ Helping your child with Maths homework—Sparx

We are delighted to let you know that from September 2022 students will be completing their maths homework with Sparx Maths. Sparx is an exciting online platform that offers every student a personalised maths homework.

To enable all students to login and get started before the end of this year, they will be set some practice homework over the next few weeks. This should allow us to sort any issues that may arise before the next academic year.

For more information, please see the attached letter from Mrs McAuliffe or view the informational video [here](#). There are also some top tips on how to support your child with homework, which you can access by clicking [here](#).

⇒ Library books

As we near the close of the academic year, could I please ask for your support in our request for the return of all outstanding library books and Year 11 and Year 13 students' textbooks too. Earlier this term all students were informed of their outstanding books.

Once a student's library account is clear we are more than happy for them to borrow up to four books to read during the summer holidays; so please encourage them to come to either The Gallery or USIC to make their selection. Equally, students also have access to Wheelers, the online library we subscribe to. Students need to download the Wheelers app and log in using their firstname.surname and the password is Gabbot.

⇒ Surrey Arts Concert

South West Surrey Youth Orchestra and Surrey County Youth Orchestra invite you to the Surrey Arts Concert held on Sunday 10 July at 3pm, at the Princes Hall in Aldershot. They have a varied programme including Mr Bojangles, the Radetzky March, Elgar's Enigma Variations, and a joint rendition of the Theme from Star Wars!

They are offering free tickets to students from George Abbot School (when adult tickets are purchased) so that these students can see some of the Surrey Arts ensembles in action. Parents/carers should quote code **SurreyArts10** for free tickets for their children. <https://www.princeshall.com/event/131801/summer-concert>

Year 8

⇒ Class Reader - Autumn Term

At George Abbot School, we pride ourselves in offering an exciting, broad and diverse curriculum. This academic year, the English team is delighted to be teaching Angie Thomas' award-winning, contemporary modern classic *The Hate U Give*. Classified as a Young Adult novel, the novel has some mature thematic elements and moderate, colloquial language choices. The text deals with our relevant cultural climate and, as per the National Curriculum, encourages socio-cultural, emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth. We anticipate that students will find this text to be both engaging and relevant and hope that it will allow opportunities for wider discussions at home and at school. If you have any queries then please email the KS3 English Co-ordinator, Miss Gardiner cgardiner@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

GABBOT FEST 2022



GET YOUR
TOKENS ON
WISE PAY. ALL
PROCEEDS TO
CHARITY



George Abbot
Charity and Community Day

Thursday 14th July 2022

Year 7 and 8 Lesson Y, Year 9 and Year 10 Lesson Z

Stalls, Music, Inflatables, Games and More!

**SUPPORTING: THE RED CROSS, OAKLEAF AND
ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH UK AND MORE!**

GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL
presents...

HOUSE MUSIC The Finals



Thursday 14 July 2022
7pm – Raynham Hall



Tickets £4, available on WisePay!

Careers

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

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

- Rawlinson & Hunter: AAT Student Accountant

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

- Careers in Law Work Experience headlined by the University of Law—27 & 28 July

IMAG: Reaching for the Stars Lecture for Year 9 and 10 students—Monday 11 July, 4.00-5.00pm

This lecture is being delivered by Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock of Imperial College London. Dr Aderin-Pocock is a space scientist, science communicator and presenter of the BBC's *The Sky at Night*. She completed a PhD in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 1994, after an undergraduate degree in Physics also at Imperial. She is Managing Director of Science Innovation Ltd, through which she organises public engagement activities which show school children and adults the wonders of space. Dr Aderin-Pocock is passionate about increasing the number of girls who consider STEM A-Levels and careers and by sharing her story and experiences seeks to excite and show girls the huge contribution they can make in these fields.

All of the information for this event is in the letter which link to is included below. All of the events are also listed on the IMAG website: www.imag.education/events.

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Focus on: Year 13 prom!

An absolutely fantastic evening was had by all in attendance at our Year 13 Leavers Prom last Monday night at the Burford Bridge Hotel in Dorking. The students were an absolute credit to the school. The highlight of the night was our own Year 13 band getting everyone on the dance floor, including Mr Robinson, who even got to sing Mr Brightside by The Killers!

Thank you to all those parents and carers who helped wave students off at the start of the evening and enjoyed some refreshments provided by our brilliant PTA. We hear the parent party continued well into the evening once the students had left!



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