

# George Abbot Bulletin

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

15 July 2022

All,

In this final bulletin of the year, I am pleased to let the pictures speak for themselves. Year 8 Wellbeing Walks, Sports Day, GAbbotFest...glorious sunshine and a very happy school. Thank you to George Abbot students for making our school so full of life, enthusiasm and friendship. Thank you to George Abbot staff for everything they have done to teach superb lessons, bring learning to life and care for our young people so skilfully. Thank you to every reader for your support and partnership and for entrusting us with your children. We wish you an exceedingly good summer and look forward to welcoming your children back in September.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher



## Whole School

⇒ **CANCELLED: PE Extra-Curricular**

Please note, all after school PE extra curricular clubs will be cancelled next week.

⇒ **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.**

⇒ **Return to School—September 2022**

**Friday 2 September**—Year 7 return at 11.00am.

**Friday 2 September**—Year 12 and 13 Signing On Day, please meet in the common room at the times indicated below:

Year 12	Year 13
Surnames A-F at 9am Surnames G-L at 10.30am Surnames M-R at 12pm Surnames S-Z at 1.30pm	Surnames A-I at 2pm Surnames J-Q at 2.30pm Surnames R-Z at 3pm

**Monday 5 September**—Years 7-11 return

**Wednesday 7 September**—Year 12 and 13 lessons begin

⇒ **Parent/Carer Information Evenings Dates September/October 2022**

Parents/carers in each year group are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening in the first few weeks of the new term. All events run from 6-7pm, in Raynham Hall. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

- Wednesday 5 October - **Year 7 Parent Information Evening**
- Wednesday 28 September - **Year 8 Parent Information Evening**
- Monday 12 September - **Year 9 Parent Information Evening**
- Wednesday 21 September - **Year 10 Parent Information Evening**
- Wednesday 7 September - **Year 11 Parent Information Evening**
- Monday 5 September - **Year 12 Parent Information Evening**
- Tuesday 6 September - **Year 13 Parent Information Evening**

⇒ **Bus Passes for 2022/23 Academic Year**

Bus passes for the next academic year can be collected from Elmslie Reception at break times or after school from Monday 18 July.

⇒ **Uniform Shop—Summer opening hours**

Until the end of term, the George Abbot School Uniform Shop continues to open by appointment. If you wish to order by email, pay by phone and collect from the shop an appointment isn't necessary – please email us using the header 'GA ORDER' and we will get back to you.

Over the summer holidays the shop will as usual, open by appointment only, for the main purpose of kitting out all new Year 7 joiners.

We will also be offering short appointments for parents of existing students wishing to top-up on uniform before the start of the new school year. These appointments are towards the end of the holidays, primarily from Wednesday 24 August to Thursday 1 September (excluding 27, 28 and 29) but we can usually find an earlier slot if necessary.

## Whole School

To book a short appointment: Email us at [spsschoolshops@yahoo.com](mailto:spsschoolshops@yahoo.com) using the header 'GA TOP UP APPOINTMENT'. Please suggest several dates that work for you, state your preference for a morning, middle of the day or afternoon appointment and make sure to include your child's name and a contact number. If you have more than one child who needs top up uniform, please tell us at this stage. Top up appointments cannot be used for kitting out a new Year 7 child.

When coming for a top-up appointment it is always helpful if you can make a list of what you will need along with the current sizes your child has.

When term starts again the school shop will open at the following times:

- Monday 5 September from 3pm to 5pm
- Wednesday 7 September from 3pm to 5pm
- Thursday 8 September from 3pm to 5pm

If you need to see at later than 5pm, please email us to request this. From w/c 12 September the shop will open by appointment again and we will continue to take orders by email.

### ⇒ **Free School Meals**

Free School Meal vouchers will be emailed to those eligible today, Friday 15 July, to cover the summer holiday period, unless you have requested they be posted to you.

### ⇒ **A message from the PTA**

As we come to the end of our first school year as the new committee for the PTA, we are thrilled with the amount of money we have raised and are excited to spend it on things from the school wish list, in the new term. We are pleased to announce the recent Clandon Park Run raised £1914.90! We are always looking for extra help so look out for us next term in the bulletin. Have a great summer!

### ⇒ **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.

### ⇒ **Help in the holidays**

Zero Guildford, community fridge open to all:

<https://www.zerocarbondguildford.org/>

The Hive Park Barn Community Fridge/Foodbank, Monday to Friday 10.00am-3.00pm. Telephone: 01483 444150 or visit: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26240/Community-fridge>

Salvation Army drop in service for any family who is struggling:

Community Food Store and Coffee Stop dates: 10.30am-1.00pm

Wednesday 13 July, Wednesday 10 August, Wednesday 7 September

## Year 13

### ⇒ **Exam results webinars for parents and carers**

The Anna Freud Centre is offering free webinars to all parents and carers of children in Year 11 and Year 13 receiving their exam results this summer. Waiting on exam results can be a stressful time and can be a period of anxiety for both teenagers and their family worrying about the future. Their webinars will provide parents and carers with strategies to support young people who are waiting on their results. The webinar will also include tips for parents and carers to manage their own wellbeing during this time. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. For more information, please [click here](#).

### ⇒ **University Clearing**

If your child has applied to university, you may want to make yourself aware of UCAS Clearing. Clearing is the process that universities use to fill their courses and vast numbers of students use it for a variety of reasons:

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## Year 13

- They did not apply to UCAS before the deadline for applying and now wish to do so
- They did not get the results that you were hoping for on results day
- Their results are higher than they expected, and they now want to look at universities / courses requiring higher tariffs
- They no-longer wish to go to the university or study the course that they chose and want to make a different choice.

For information on Clearing please go to [ucas.com](https://ucas.com) and search for Clearing. You will then need to scroll down until you get to the Information section.

## Year 12

### ⇒ A-Level English Literature Texts

In Year 13, as part of the A Level English Literature Course, students will be studying the texts shown below. The teaching of these texts begins immediately in September 2022. These texts are an integral part of the A Level examination and students must have their own copies so that they can annotate and use again for revision in the summer of 2023.

Both texts are available for purchase via the school's Wisepay system now. Please purchase as soon as possible, we would like to issue before the end of term so that students can pre-read over the summer. Any questions, please email [cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrev.sch.uk](mailto:cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrev.sch.uk).



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## Year 10

### ⇒ GCSE English Literature Texts

In Year 11, as part of the GCSE English Literature Course, students will be studying the Shakespeare play 'Macbeth'. The teaching of this text begins immediately in September 2022. This text is an integral part of the GCSE examination and students must have their own copy so that they can annotate and use again for revision in the summer of 2023. In addition to the play 'Macbeth' there is a CGP Text Guide available as an optional extra as shown above, this is highly recommended by English teachers.

Both texts are available for purchase via the school's WisePay system now. Please purchase before we break for the summer term so that they can be issued at the beginning of next term. Students in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive their texts free of charge. Any questions, please email [cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk).



## 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](mailto:cgardiner@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

**⇒ Food and Nutrition Exercise Books**

Please could all Year 8 students keep their existing food exercise books for the next academic year. Please note, students will be on a rotation when they return in September and so may not start with Food and Nutrition on their timetables in September.

## Wellbeing over the summer holidays

As we approach the final week of term, it is a good time to reflect upon the school year so far and look forward to a well-deserved break for all. It is important to identify that, for most, the holidays are a time to unwind, have adventures and form lasting memories; but for some households the holidays can also mean a lack of routine, focus and support that so many in our school community rely upon.

In March, students in Years 8 and 10 took part in a Health Related Behaviours Survey from Public Health England. There were many positive points to draw from students' views: overall students are not worried about bullying at school; students feel they have autonomy to make decisions about their own health and were positive about their next steps continuing on from full-time education. There were some areas, though, that are a cause for concern and that we'd encourage open dialogue about with your child. These are: self-esteem; online safety and mental wellbeing.

Whilst over 90% of students identified that they have been taught how to stay safe online, around 30% admitted not following advice given for keeping themselves physically and emotionally safe online. Within the survey, students identified that issues causing them the most worry were about the mental wellbeing of friends and family - and of their own mental health, too. We know, for example, that nationally rates of self-harm have increased.

With this in mind, this week's assembly focus was on wellbeing in the school holidays and all students have been given a card, in Form Time, with contact details for relevant support services. Students have been encouraged to seek support should they have any concerns about their own wellbeing or that of others. It is imperative that our young people have set boundaries for healthy friendships, including online, and that they find the time to turn off technology and, hopefully, enjoy the nice weather over the summer holiday.

For your reference, below are a list of services you can access should you have worries or concerns over the school holidays for your wellbeing or that of your child's.

- UK Safer Internet Centre <https://saferinternet.org.uk/> which provides guidance and support for parents.
- Mindworks Surrey <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/> 0800 915 4644 (a 24 hour mental health crisis helpline) Provides support to young people of all ages, including what to do when they are worried about a friend or family member, as well as support and advice for parents.
- CYP Haven: [www.cyphaven.net/home/guildford](http://www.cyphaven.net/home/guildford) a mental health crisis drop in centre based in Guildford
- Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 0800 1111
- Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/> 116 123

In case of an emergency, or if you/your child/a family member feels unsafe or at risk of harm then contact:

- Emergency Services: 999
- Non-emergency police: 101
- Surrey Children's Services: 0300 470 9100 and their out-of-hours number 01483 517898

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

- Virtual Library—Careers Talks
- Get into Medicine Conference—Saturday 23 July
- Careers in Aerospace—Friday 22 July
- Working with Channel 4

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

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

# Summer Book Bingo

Every square counts = 2 house points	FIRST PRIZE: £20 voucher RUNNERS UP: 3 x £10 vouchers
Every line means points = entry into the prize draw	
More lines = more entries into the prize draw	

A mystery	An audio book (Wheelers)	Read outside	Some poetry
Comic or graphic novel	Short story	A book that makes you laugh	A newspaper article
The book of a film	A book from a series	An old favourite book	A book with a number in the title
Your choice	A recipe	A book set in another world	A bestseller

## HOW DO I PLAY?

First, print your [Bingo Card](#) or pick one up from the Gallery. Then fill in each square with the title of the book you read and/or the activity you completed over the summer—each book title can only be used once. Get your parent/carer to sign. Bring your bingo card into the Gallery in September to enter once you complete a square, row, diagonal, or column. Complete one square and get 2 house points; complete one line and you enter the grand prize draw. The more lines you complete, the more house points and entries into the prize draw you get. Visit <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/reading-hub/> for inspiration of what to read or click the links below:

<https://www.waterstones.com/category/childrens-teenage/teen-and-young-adult>

<https://www.waterstones.com/books/bestsellers/sort/bestselling/category/3142>

<https://www.waterstones.com/books/bestsellers/sort/bestselling/category/3147>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/graphic-novels-for-young-adults-aged-12-16-in-ks3-ks4/>

## Reminder: Wheelers eLibrary

Students can borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our exciting new eBook and audiobook library, found here: <https://georgeabbot.eplatform.co> We have age rated the books, which means children will only be able to read books that are appropriate for their age. There are also settings that can be customised to enable children who suffer with reading difficulties to enjoy reading without specialised equipment or books – we will be working with those children affected to setup their preferences. The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, or through the free App on tablets or smartphones.

To download the App, search “ePlatform” in the App store and download. Click on the app and you will then need to search for the library which will be **George Abbot School**. Once you start typing, it will bring up the school on the list.

Click the 3 little lines in the top left corner and select sign in. Enter the username and password assigned and, as above, search for a book to read. Using the App, the books will be temporarily downloaded to the device so children will not need internet connections once the book has been loaned to read, great for travelling abroad!

Username: firstname.secondname (no gaps)

Password: Gabbot



If you have any questions, please email [ncassidy@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ncassidy@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

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## Focus on: Artwork at Guildford Station

The artwork below, by our very talented GCSE and A-Level Art, Textiles and Photography students, is currently on display in the Guildford Station Waiting Room.

All of the images have been created by students as a personal response to the theme 'Urban Jungle'. The students have been encouraged to think about the contrast between the man-made and natural environment and have explored these ideas through various photographic genres including still life, landscape, documentary and street photography. They have experimented with their images digitally to create their own individual outcomes to the theme 'Urban Jungle'. The selection of Textiles artwork was created by A Level students for a project on screen-printed fabrics based on Intricate Detail, and a number of fashion garments which were produced for Personal Investigations. Four GCSE students screen-printed lengths based on the following themes: Art Deco, Asian Imagery, World War 11 evacuation, and Day of the Dead Celebrations.

Artwork by Issi SM, Catherine G, Jasper K, Hannah W, Krish P and Dan H-G. Well done all!



## Next Steps Activities

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our lovely Year 12s took part in a variety of next steps activities. They attended the University of Surrey, heard from a range of external speakers and signed up to UCAS Apply. A particular highlight was welcoming back a number of George Abbot Alumni who shared their advice to the Year 12s. A huge thankyou to Ms Smith for organising the events and all the ex-students and staff who helped over the two days.



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