

George Abbot Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

24 February 2023

All,

This half term has started with determination: it has also begun with some tired, but happy faces as our school trips returned and long coach journeys took their toll. Accounts of all three travel odysseys are included herein; they all had a superb time. I'm so grateful to the staff who accompanied them and ensured all went well - the team involved have all said what a pleasure it was to take our students away.

We are well into the second half of the academic year, and for exam year groups, there are nine weeks before the exam season begins. Year 11 have an additional set of English Literature mock papers in March. We have decided that we can make good use of time by holding these on the two strike days later in March, 15th and 16th. I urge all Year 11 parents and carers to ensure that a serious revision plan is in place in the run-up to these dates.

Planning is well underway for next week's **NEU strike day on Thursday 2 March 2023**. Arrangements are:

- Year 12 and 13 will be in school attending lessons - we will let students know which teachers are present via the sixth form noticeboard in the morning. All students should attend school in these year groups.
- Year 11 will attend school from 1:30pm for lesson 4. I anticipate that a significant proportion of Year 11 teachers for lessons 1 to 3 will not be present at school. Therefore, some Year 11 students will be invited into school in the morning, if they have coursework to complete in the following subjects: PE, Graphics, DT, Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Food and Nutrition.
- Year 7 students will be in school all day: if any of their teachers are absent, they will complete an activity in either Maths, English, Science or History delivered by one of my senior team.
- Children of NHS and emergency service key workers will be invited to school to complete work set, alongside students who need particular support.
- Year 8, 9 and 10, not invited into school as part of the above group, will work at home. They will be set work via SatchelOne for each lesson.

Looking ahead to the strikes on 15 and 16 March, it is my intention to plan education for Year 11, 12 and 13 at school both days. Year 8 will be invited in on the 15 March and Year 10 will be invited in on 16 March. More details will follow nearer the time but I hope that this assists with planning at home, at least to some degree.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



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Whole School

⇒ **REMINDER: Early School Closure for Year 9 Parent Subject Consultations—
Monday 6 March 2023**

School will be closing at 1.35pm on Monday 6 March 2023 for the Year 9 Parent Subject 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 **Friday 3 March**. 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.

⇒ **Year 10 RE and Year 11 - 13 Progress Support Meetings – Wednesday 22 March 5.00pm – 7.00pm, online video appointments via SchoolCloud (Parents Evening System)**

We will be holding the above event on Wednesday 22 March. The aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for staff and parents to work together to support students whose progress is of concern in their exam subjects, as we approach a key point in both GCSE and A-Level courses. Please note that students are expected to attend the video appointment with their parent/carer.

Appointments are by **staff invitation only**. We will only contact parents with **appointments** if subject teachers have concern about how:

- Year 10 students are working in the final year of their Religious Education course
- Year 12 students are progressing in the first year of their exam courses
- Year 11 or Year 13 students are working in their final year of their courses.

We will notify you via email no later than Wednesday 15 March. You may also log in to SchoolCloud system **after** this date to view your appointments.

If you do not receive notification requesting your attendance but you have concerns about your son/daughter's progress at this stage, please remember that you are able to contact the subject teacher or Head of Department via email. Details of how to contact individual members of staff can be found on the school website at <http://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/contact-us>.

⇒ **The return of the George Abbot Vintage/Second Hand Clothes Sale**

It's happening again! We raised an incredible amount of money for our new water fountains through the second hand clothes sale organised by the Sixth Form last year and we were able to provide clothes following the sale to two local charities too.

We would welcome any donations of new/used clothes from February onwards (exact date of the sale to be confirmed) in the Elmslie Reception.

Whole School

⇒ Gardening and Outdoor Learning - donations appreciated

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following to support our commitment to outdoor learning and gardening in the school grounds.

- tree stumps
- small outdoor shed or box for tools
- gardening gloves
- potting table
- hand-held garden tools
- spades

If you have any of these items which you don't use and you would like to see them given a second lease of life, please leave them in the Elmslie reception for Ms Wallace-Jones.

⇒ Readathon

We are encouraging KS3 students to set their own reading target for our school Readathon - it may be reading 100 words or 100 pages or an hour a day - all by Monday 6 March. They can get sponsors or just bring a donation - all details are here: [Read for Good: motivating kids to love reading and helping disadvantaged children](#). Sponsor forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Gallery. Happy reading!

⇒ Parent's prayer group

Christian parents and carers of children at George Abbot meet to pray, arrange cakes for termly staff meetings and contribute to support young carers in the school twice a year. If you are interested in being on the email list for this group, please contact helenwmum23@gmail.com.

⇒ School Uniform Shop

Upcoming opening times:

- Wednesday 1 March 3pm to 4.45pm
- Tuesday 7 March 3pm to 4.45pm
- Tuesday 14 March 3pm to 4.45pm
- Wednesday 22 March 3pm to 4.45pm
- Monday 27 March 3pm to 4.45pm

Year 13

⇒ Exam Reminders

Timetables for the Summer 2023 exam series can be found on the following page of the website: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/>.

Year 11

⇒ English Literature Mock

A reminder that students should be revising the following content for the English Literature mocks they will be sitting on 15 and 16 March.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the nineteenth century novel (Macbeth and either A Christmas Carol or Jekyll and Hyde)

Paper 2: Modern texts and Poetry (An Inspector Calls, the Poetry Anthology and Unseen Poetry)

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⇒ Year 11 Leavers 2022-23

Reminder of payment deadlines:

Year 11 Hoodies - 1 March 2023

Year 11 Prom - 2 May 2023

Year 10

⇒ Preparation for the Year 10 RE Assessment – w/c 27 February

The RE assessment paper will be 50 minutes – this is an excellent opportunity to revise two topics which will also come up in student's GCSE exam in May. The following units will be examined:

- Relationships and Families (Theme A)
- Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice (Theme F)

Students can use the [attached revision calendar](#) to make sure they have revised all topics for the assessment. They will find revision resources on the SLE and can use these and their class notes to revise. [Relationships and families](#) [Social justice](#)
Exam questions can be found here: [Themes \(read document in folder\)](#)

In addition, the following videos on YouTube are an excellent revision resource:
Relationships and Families:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph07qxdS6zQ&list=PL4dFxRzoWJRkEVHdi_NkOxrgHQ4THPtZb&index=29

Human Rights and Social Justice:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDXBe9FiOH4&list=PL4dFxRzoWJRkEVHdi_NkOxrgHQ4THPtZb&index=31

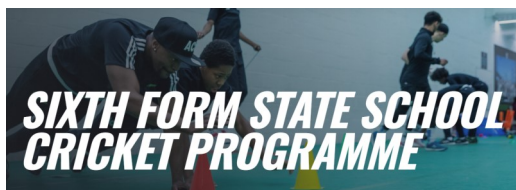
There is no requirement to purchase a revision guide, but if you wish to do so we would suggest:

- AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide Paperback – 1 Jan 2018 by Marianne Fleming, Nagapriya and Peter Smith

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs King:

vking@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

⇒ Sixth Form Cricket Programme



We are looking forward to our first cohort of cricketers starting this programme in September 2023, in partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club. This is an amazing opportunity for young people to experience studying, playing, and understanding all aspects of the world of cricket and help to provide an excellent opportunity to help employment and further education prospects. SCCC will be delivering a Zoom presentation on Monday 27 February at 7.30pm to provide more information and details around the new SCCC State School Sixth Form Programme for September 2024 applications.

Please use the [link](#) to join:

Meeting ID: 860 3690 2159

Passcode: 081594

You can also find out more about the programme here - [SCCC Sixth Form Cricket Programme](#).

Year 9

⇒ Year 9 Parent Subject Consultations—Monday 6 March 2023

Please see important information [attached](#) regarding Year 9 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments..

⇒ Subject Choices

The online options form which is accessed via the SIMS App will be available from next Friday 3 March. Further instructions on how your child should complete the online form will follow next week. We would suggest that you sit with your child when they make their choices and submit their form. Please make sure that your child is able to log in to the SIMS App. If they are unable to access the SIMS App, please email simsapp@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk for assistance as soon as possible.

Business Studies

Business Studies was missing from the [Curriculum Booklet](#) contents page however information regarding the Business Studies course is on page 24 of the booklet and as you will be aware from previous correspondence including the letter containing the subject presentations, that Business Studies is a subject choice we offer at George Abbot. If during their 1:1 interview, any student has not chosen Business Studies in the belief that it was not being offered, and wishes to now choose the subject, they have the opportunity to choose it when they submit their final choices on the online options form.

Community Governor Vacancy

Our Local Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

We want you

We are currently looking for a new Community Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to spare

For this Community Governor position, however, you cannot have a child at the school. We will advertise for Parent Governors when a position becomes available.

Applications from people with the following skills would be welcome:

- Commercialisation of services & revenue generation
- Contract management and procurement
- Understanding of accounting and finance

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in:

- setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement.
- monitoring progress towards meeting these targets
- supporting and challenging the performance of the headteacher
- deciding policy and future development plans

As well as attending some daytime and evening meetings, governors are asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail. They are expected to attend training and commit time to the role, more details of which can be found [here](#) on the website.

If you are interested please apply with a brief description about yourself and why you would like to join the governing body to Lauren Huse, Clerk to Governors (ClerkGA@gepacademies.com). CV's welcome as supplementary information. **Application Deadline: Wednesday 22 March 2023, 12 noon.**

Focus on: overseas school trips return!

Paris

Quelle Surprise! that we all managed to arrive on time for such an early start of 3.30am on Friday morning. We did in fact leave so promptly that we departed Dover on an earlier ferry despite all the media warnings. In Paris we packed in a multitude of sights and experiences into three days with remarkable ease. The students were amazing, joyful and resilient, visiting the Eiffel Tower, Musee D'Orsay, Musee de L'Orangerie, Musee Rodin, Versailles and the Pompidou Center. Thank you to all the staff and students for making this such a successful trip.

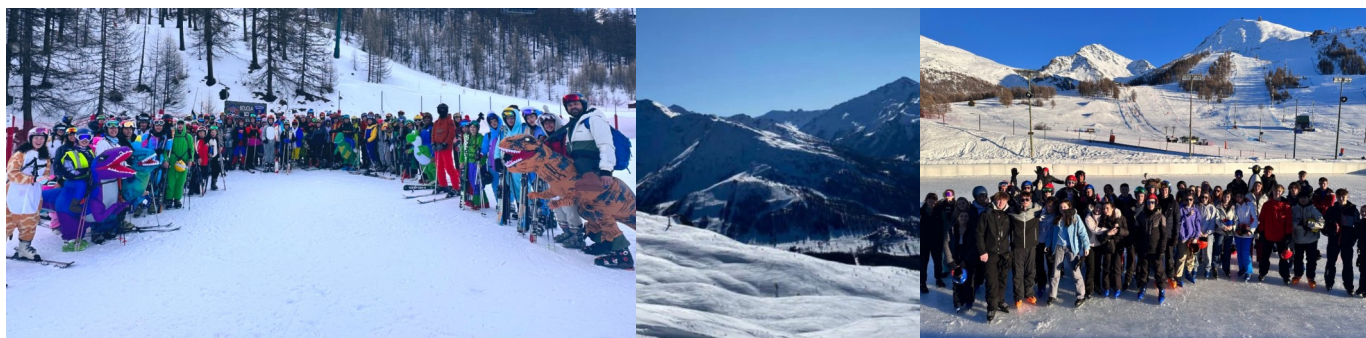
Mrs Cook



Sestriere, Italy

During half term we took 90 students from Year 8-13 to the Winter Olympic resort of Sestriere, Italy on the Ski trip. It had been a long time coming after a break of 3 years!! It was a fantastic week with lots of progress and enjoyment from beginner groups right through to the advanced skiers. Our local instructors were impressed with how the students took on the challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and a smile on their faces everyday. We also took part in activities in the town including ice skating, pizza night and a disco. It was a pleasure to take such a great group away and a big thanks to the team of 12 teachers who worked relentlessly to ensure the students enjoyed the experience.

Mr Isherwood



Iceland

The Geography department have returned from the biannual A Level field trip to Iceland after revelling in the wonder of some of the world's most inspiring physical landscapes. All 33 students were outstanding and contributed to the successful running of the trip. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their exemplary conduct and positive attitude throughout, even when faced with a -3°C snow storm and 50+mph winds on our way to the Solheimajokull glacier, Iceland's fastest retreating glacier. Other highlights included Skogafoss and Gullfoss waterfalls, Strokkur geyser and the Reykjavik Lava show. We were also incredibly fortunate to see the Northern Lights on our third night with a short but beautiful aurora. Geography at it's very best! The department is already looking ahead to our next visit in 2025! Visit our Twitter page for more amazing photos: [@gabbot_news](https://twitter.com/gabbot_news)

Mr Mudie



PAID INTERN PROGRAMME

Would you like to be PAID £900 to spend 3 weeks in a secondary school and gain an insight into teaching?



3 week programme - 26th June - 14th July 2023

Based in Guildford and surrounding area

To register your interest and find out more information please get in touch:

01483 888048

adminsctt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

www.georgeabbottraining.co.uk



Christ's College Guildford

Future Choices Event

Tuesday 28th March 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm



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Careers

George Abbot School and George Abbot SCITT are proud to offer undergraduates in STEM-related subjects and languages, the opportunity to experience teaching before they commit to it as a career.

Interns will be PAID £900 to spend 3 weeks in a secondary school and gain an insight into teaching? They will gain valuable classroom experience, develop new skills, gain insight into the teaching profession and be paid to do so!

What will the programme include?

- A greater understanding of the role of a teacher
- A mentor's support in school
- Observing and supporting lessons
- Preparing and teaching lesson components
- Providing support to individual pupils
- Running an enrichment club
- Supporting the wider life of the school potentially including school trips
- Ongoing support in exploring teaching as a profession
- The programme will be predominantly based at George Abbot School in Guildford, but you will have opportunities to visit other local schools

Criteria

- Currently an undergraduate
- Studying maths, physics, chemistry, computing or languages
- Available from 26 June – 14 July 2023 inclusive

Next steps:

To register your interest and find out more information please get in touch: phone: 01483 888048, email: adminsctt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk or visit our website: www.georgeabbottraining.co.uk

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

- Get into Medicine Conference, Medic Mentor, 25 February 2023

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

- SKANSKA Construction and Development
- BAE Systems
- Met Police
- Jaguar Land Rover
- Careers within the UK Government/Civil Service with Defence Nuclear Enterprise

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

Extra-Curricular Sport and Performing Arts—Spring Term 2

	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
2 nd Break	Year 7 Badminton	SH	SB	Year 8 Badminton	SH	CRM	Year 9 Badminton	SH	JLL	Year 10 Badminton	SH	AJR
A f t e r S c h o o l	Year 7 Surrey Cricket (Invite only)	SH	External Coach	Year 9/10 Hockey	Astro	BRI	Year 7/8/9 Girls Football	Astro	PLJ / External Coach	Year 7/8 Hockey	Astro	BRI
				K33 Volleyball	SH	JN	Year 9 Boys Football	Field	SGB / External Coach			
				Year 7/8 Girls Netball	Courts	CRM / CEF / LM	Gymnastics (All years)	Gym	JZH	Year 9/10/11/6th Girls Netball	Courts	JLL / JN / LM
				Year 7/8 Boys Football	Field	AJR / SGB / External Coach						
				Y11 GCSE PE PEP	SHL	JNF / PLJ	Y11 GCSE PE PEP	SHL	JNF / CRM / AJR	Year 7 - 9 Rugby	Astro	External Coach (2)
			Y10/11/6th Girls Fitness Suite	FS	JZH	K33/4 Girls Basketball	SH	JLL	Y10/11/6th Boys Fitness Suite	FS	CXC	

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher
Tutor					Senior Choir	MRH	Upper Acapella	KLP		
2 nd Break	Year 7 Drama	CTM	Year 7 Dance	VBN	K33 Choir	MWP	Year 8 Dance	VBN		
A f t e r S c h o o l	Guitar Club	AWH	Musical	All Staff	Concert Orchestra	MWP	Senior Strings	MWP	Concert Band	LED
			Contemporary Dance	VBN/SZC	Big Band	LED	Brass Band	MRH	Year 8 Drama	CTM
			Year 9 Drama	SZM	Dance Live	VBN/SZC/ELS	Funk	LED		
			Musical (invite only)	CTM/KLP	Chamber Choir	MRH				
			Jazz Company	VBN/SZC						
						Junior and Senior Company	VBN/SZC			

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