

# George Abbot Bulletin



## Headteacher's Message

21 April 2023

All,

I do so hope that the Easter break gave each of you at least a moment's peace and rest from the daily activity of term time – hopefully the mornings saw a few less people to marshal out of the house on time to their day's undertakings.

You will know that there are two further NEU strike days upcoming. Thus far, we have managed to find capacity for 4 out of 7 year groups on each strike day and that pattern continues. I am trying to work on a fair rotation across Years 7-10.

### Thursday 27 April

Year 13 – attending school as normal and lessons when teachers are available, checking the Sixth Form Reception board for details of which lessons will be taught that day.

Year 12 – attending school as normal and lessons when teachers are available, checking the Sixth Form Reception board for details of which lessons will be taught that day.

Year 11 – attending school all day. Art and Graphics GCSE exams will continue as planned throughout the day.

Year 9 – attending school all day.

Year 10, 7 and 8 will be working from home.

### Tuesday 2 May

Year 13 – attending school as normal and lessons when teachers are available, checking the Sixth Form Reception board for details of which lessons will be taught that day. MFL A Level speaking exams will continue as planned throughout the day.

Year 12 – attending school as normal and lessons when teachers are available, checking the Sixth Form Reception board for details of which lessons will be taught that day.

Year 11 – attending school until 12pm. Online revision sessions will be delivered by Teams for students to access at home between 1pm and 3.15pm – these will be in Maths and English and delivered by senior colleagues. MFL GCSE speaking exams will continue as planned throughout the day.

Year 10 – attending school all day.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be working from home.

On both days, there will be a small additional number of invited students at school.

Before I close, a reminder that next week is RAG week – our superb Year 12 are organising activities in support of three charities. These are:

- Eikon - A Surrey-based mental health charity for children.
- Surrey Wildlife Trust
- Refuge - A UK charity supporting women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

The weeks events are planned as follows:

Monday	Mufti day for whole school - £1 contribution on WisePay required.
Tuesday	Bake Sale Competition for the lower school. Teacher vs Sixth Form dodgeball match.
Wednesday	Costume day for whole school - favourite film character - optional, no payment required.
Thursday	Stalls.
Friday	Music concert, AND Teacher vs Sixth Form football match.

The summer term is now with us – as a parent with young people in Year 11 and Year 13, I know how challenging this term will feel to all those of you with a young person to support through the coming weeks. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to prepare and support every student at school. For those reluctant to revise, the mantra must be short bursts every day – phones must be in another room entirely. Hold fast to that principle and feel free to blame me.

### Actions for parents/carers:

Please remind your child that it is mufti on Monday and if you are able, please make a donation via WisePay.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

## Sustainable GA

George Abbot's seriously sustainable, climate conscious, marvellously money-saving, bargain second hand clothes, uniform, prom dress, accessories and book bonanza! **Friday 28 April, 3.30pm-5.00pm in Elmslie Hall**



A total treasure trove of Vintage/Second Hand Fashion, Preloved Prom dresses, Second hand Uniform, GCSE and A-level revision guides and hugely discounted fiction books will be available in Elmslie Hall on Friday 28 April 2023. This will open for all students from 3:30pm and open also for parents/carers and the wider community from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Both cash and card payments available. Start your bank holiday weekend with a bargain in hand, feeling good about supporting sustainability and the circular economy!

Second hand clothes/Prom dress donations are still welcome up to Thursday 27 April- please leave them in the Elmslie Office in exchange for house points!

No Mow May is on its way! Long grass, peppered with flowers, is one of the rarest habitats in our well-tended gardens, yet it is incredibly beneficial for wildlife. Patches of long grass encourage different plant species to grow, help insects to thrive and create feeding opportunities for birds and small mammals.

So simply let nature move in! Set aside some lawn, leaving it to grow, and wait to see what arrives. The less pristine the lawn, the more promising it is for wildlife. You can raise the cutters on your mower to make some paths and leave the rest of the mowing until July or August after plants have flowered. It is also a great way of avoiding tools such as lawnmowers that are powered by fossil fuels! More information here; <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow>

### Leave your garden wild



Take a day off today and do nothing! Leave a wild spot in your garden by not mowing the lawn, or not weeding the paving – nature will love it!



[www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)

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Notices	Week commencing 24 April = Week B Week commencing 1 May = Week A
Whole School	<p>⇒ <b>Emergency Alert from the Government—Sunday 23 April, 3.00pm</b> A reminder that this Sunday 23 April at 3.00pm, phones and tablets in the UK will be sent an emergency alert from the government. The system has been put in place to warn people about floods or other life threatening situations. This link would be particularly helpful to share with your child in advance of the practice alert on Sunday: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65026368">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65026368</a></p> <p>⇒ <b>School Uniform Shop</b> Upcoming opening times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 26 April 3pm to 4.45pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 3 May 3pm to 4.45pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 9 May 3pm to 4.45pm</li> </ul> <p>⇒ <b>Warmth Matters</b> Warmth Matters is a project aimed at sharing tips on energy efficiency and keeping warm as well as helping you save money on your energy bills. Please <a href="#">click here</a> for more information.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Free online guides for parents/carers: understanding your child/teenager</b> Please see the link below for more information: <a href="https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/142475?source=Newsletter&amp;guid=56642735-BCF5-4313-BBCA-0C1767E3606A">https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/142475?source=Newsletter&amp;guid=56642735-BCF5-4313-BBCA-0C1767E3606A</a></p>
Year 13	<p>⇒ <b>Exam Reminders</b> <b>Timetables</b> for the Summer 2023 exam series can be found on the following page of the website: <a href="https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/">https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/</a>.</p>
Year 12	<p>⇒ <b>Parent Subject Meetings—Monday 15 May 2023</b> Booking opens for appointments on Monday 8 May. Please see instructions <a href="#">attached</a>.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ <b>Exam Reminders</b> <b>Timetables</b> for the Summer 2023 exam series can be found on the following page of the website: <a href="https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/">https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/</a>.</p> <p>As we head towards exam season, this may offer helpful insight and advice: <a href="https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/talking-children-about-stress">https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/talking-children-about-stress</a></p> <p>⇒ <b>Year 11 Leavers 2022-23</b> Reminder of payment deadline: Year 11 Prom—2 May 2023</p>
Year 10	<p>⇒ <b>RE GCSE revision calendar</b> Please see <a href="#">attached revision calendar</a> to help Year 10 students plan their revision for their RE GCSE exams in May. The exams are on 15 May (paper 1) and 23 May (paper 2). The revision calendar covers all topics students need to revise for both exams and contains links to the revision resources on the SLE.</p> <p>⇒ <b>A Christmas Carol Text and Study Guide</b> Next term Year 10 students will be studying 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens which is part of their GCSE English Literature course. It is strongly recommended that students own a copy of the text so that they can highlight and make annotations 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 advise that these are purchased by 5 May at the latest so that they can be issued to students at the start of study of this text. 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. Any queries please email <a href="mailto:cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a></p>

## Year 10

### ⇒ English Language

As part of their English Language GCSE, all students will complete a component called the 'Spoken Language Endorsement' which requires students to research a topic of their choice, prepare a short presentation and deliver this during their English lessons. These presentations will take place during week commencing 1 May and also week commencing 8 May.

Our main plea to you, as parents/carers, is to support and encourage your child to prepare well at home. The most successful presentations are where the student feels well researched and well practised- maybe you could act as an audience for them and ask a few questions at the end!

For further information please go to AQA's website at this link: [Spoken Language Endorsement: student record form \(aqa.org.uk\)](https://www.aqa.org.uk/spoken-language-endorsement/student-record-form)

Also, all students have received a lesson outlining the requirements of the component this week. There is a copy of this lesson on Show My Homework.

### ⇒ Careers

Here at George Abbot we employ the services of Gaynor Eke, from Careers Management Consultants, an independent careers advisor who gives advice and guidance on a student's next options after finishing their GCSE's. This can include giving advice and information on subject choices / A-Levels / BTEC's and other vocational courses as well as sixth-forms, colleges and apprenticeships.

Gaynor is now currently seeing Year 10 students and this will continue into next term as they enter Year 11. The students have been informed via an assembly and form tutor time that they will each have a 1:1 appointment which lasts approximately 30 minutes and will be during lesson time. They will be advised of their appointment time the day before and will be handed an appointment slip as a reminder.

If you would like your son/daughter to have an appointment sooner, rather than later, please do email me at [enash@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:enash@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

## Year 9

### ⇒ Exam access arrangements (EAA) e.g. extra time in exams

If you have a child in Year 9 who currently has exam access arrangements (EAA) such as extra time in their exams, a reader, a scribe or use of a computer, then the formal process of applying for their GCSE exams begins in the summer term.

The reason it is this early is because students take their RE GCSE exam in the summer term of Year 10 and all EAA must be in place the term before ie spring term 2024.

The process is that all of these students will meet individually with Ms Barratt, the specialist assessor, who will discuss their learning issues and current EAA with them. Testing will take place to provide proof that the student qualifies for the particular EAA. Finally teacher evidence is sought to establish which subjects a student should have their EAA in for their GCSEs.

A reminder that if your son or daughter has the arrangement of using a computer for exams this must be their normal way of working in school ie they must be bringing in a laptop and using it in lessons. In formal exams they will be doing their work on WORD-PAD so it is important that they make themselves familiar with this (or its equivalent). It has no spellcheck or page breaks.

If you have any concerns about this process, please contact either Ms Barratt directly ([Bbarratt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Bbarratt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)) or Mrs Richings, the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), or Mrs Donaldson (Deputy SENCo for Year 9).

# Extra Curricular Sport - Summer



	Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
Break 2							Y9 Rounders Batting Practice	SH	JLL
After School	Year 9/10 Athletics	Field	JLL, CEF, SJ				Year 7/8 Athletics	Field	AJR, PLJ, JN
	Girls Cricket	SH	CRM	Year 9/10 Cricket	SH	AJR	Year 7/8 Cricket	SH	BRI
	Year 7 Rounders	Field	JN	Year 9/10 Rounders	Field	JLL, CEF	Year 8 Rounders	SH	CRM
	Year 8 Tennis	Courts	SGB	Year 7 Tennis	Courts	SGB	Year 9/10 Tennis	Courts	SJ
	Y12 BTEC Sport Unit 1 Revision	SHL	PLJ	Y11 GCSE PE Revision	SHL	JNF/CRM	Y11 Sport Studies Coursework Catch-up	SHL	JNF
	Y13 A-level PE Revision	SH CON	BRI						
	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Fitness Suite	FS	JZH				Year 10/11/6 <sup>th</sup> Boys Fitness Suite	FS	CXC

# Extra Curricular Music (Summer)



	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	
Tutor					Senior Choir	MRH	Upper Acapella	KLP			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	Year 7 Drama	CTM	Year 7 Dance	VBN	Concert Orchestra	MWP	Year 8 Dance	VBN			
After School	Guitar Club	AWH	Musical	All Staff	Big Band	LED	Senior Strings	MWP	Concert Band	LED	
			Contemporary Dance	VBN/SZC	Jazz Company	VBN/SZC	Brass Band	MRH	Year 8 Drama	CTM	
			Year 9 Drama	SZM	Junior and Senior Company	VBN/SZC	Funk	LED			
								Chamber Choir	MRH		
			School Musical		School Musical		School Musical				

## Careers

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

- CareerMag for parents/carers
- Virtual Library Talks
- Explore University of Surrey

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

- Specsavers Apprenticeships

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

- Small Piece Trust


# PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 24 April at 6.00pm in The Gallery. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. We'll be officially appointing new committee members and planning future events.

Parents/carers can also contact [pta@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) if they can't make the meeting but would like to make any suggestions for events, or have any questions for the PTA.



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# MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP



## DATES

Tuesday 30th May 9am-3pm  
Wednesday 31st May 9am-3pm

## PRICES

- Two days £65
- Single day £35
- Early drop off £5

Ages 6-11  
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