

George Abbot Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

5 May 2023

All,

A big thank you to Ms Wallace-Jones, the brilliant Year 12 organisers and the Year 8 sustainability champions for a fabulous second hand clothes sale. As ever, the George Abbot community supplied some seriously good quality clothing. I greatly enjoyed finding five fabulous items of clothing and noted this emotion shining from the face of lots of students, parents/carers and staff who came along to support the event. A really important contribution to a culture of 'recycle and reuse'; sustainability in action.

This week also saw the annual District Sports event and Gabbot retained its athletic edge amongst the group of state and private schools. A special mention to our Year 10 and Year 11 boys who retained their Gold medal record for a second year. With a 300m and a 1500m district record smashed by a further two students, it was another day when the PE staff, students involved and I were extremely proud.

For those parents and carers of exam year group students, we fully appreciate how difficult it can be to know how to support your child through the next few weeks. The following top 5 tips may be useful:

1. Try to ensure your child is **up and awake by 8am** every weekday during study leave and when they do not have an exam. Morning exams are at 8.30am so being prepared to study and focus at that time of day is really important.
2. Ask your child to **share their revision timetable** with you. They should block out time when they will be 'phone free' or when they need silence to do a mock paper, turning off the internet at those times may be helpful so they can concentrate. Checking their timetable is realistic and includes time to eat, sleep, and the revision is chunked into manageable slots. If the timetable can then be displayed for the whole family to see, then everyone knows what the day looks like. (We have blank copies of revision timetables that your child can print off)
3. Ask your child if they would like you to **test them**. All students have revision cards that are used to recall key knowledge. You can help them by using their cards to test them as often as possible.
4. Encourage your child to **access all the available resources**. Lessons are running right up until 3.15pm on Friday 12 May and it is very important that they attend. Staff are then offering revision sessions throughout study leave.
5. **Build in a treat**. For example, their favourite meal once a week, go for a walk together to take a break in the fresh air; small things can make a big difference to wellbeing.

As exam season gets underway, confirmation to Year 11 that they may wear their house polo shirts (i.e. summer uniform) instead of a shirt and tie and that, if the weather is inclement, an under layer is a good idea. Hoodies/coats have to be removed to align with JCQ exam venue rules.

For the wider school population in Years 7-10, house polo shirts can be worn instead of a shirt and tie on the return to school immediately after May half term, so, for all of June and July. The school field will also be open to enjoy at break times from Tuesday 9 May.

Sending best wishes to you all over the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

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Notices	<p style="text-align: right;">Week commencing 8 May = Week B Week commencing 15 May = Week A</p>
Whole School	<p>⇒ Incident at Guildford Library We have been made aware of a recent incident, at Guildford Library, whereby a student was approached by two older men who then proceeded to steal her mobile telephone. Please do speak to your child about personal safety and encourage them to talk to a trusted adult if they feel at risk of harm or experience a similar incident. The following resource could be used to support your discussion: https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/personal-safety-how-to-stay-safe</p> <p>⇒ Compass 625 service We have been made aware of some roadworks coming up that will impact on the Compass 625 school bus service. Kings Road, Shalford will be closed from Tuesday 9 May for approximately 1 week (24-hour road closure) to allow for the installation of a new pedestrian crossing. As a result the Compass 625 bus will divert between Shalford and Chilworth via Bramley and Wonersh, missing out Kings Road/Christmas Hill in Shalford. The bus stops affected will have notices put in place to forewarn passengers, and let them know where to catch their bus from. Students who use this bus should already be aware of this, as Compass have instructed their drivers to let regular passengers on the 625 service know.</p> <p>⇒ School Uniform Shop Upcoming opening times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 9 May 3pm to 4.45pm <p>⇒ Textiles Contributions Visual Arts are committed to continuing to offer an exciting and varied curriculum but due to rising costs of materials and resources, we are asking for a voluntary financial contribution from parents/carers. Please see the attached letters below. Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13</p>
Year 13	<p>⇒ 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/.</p>
Year 12	<p>⇒ Parent Subject Meetings—Monday 15 May 2023 Booking opens for appointments on Monday 8 May. Please see instructions attached.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ 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/.</p> <p>As we head towards exam season, this may offer helpful insight and advice: https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/talking-children-about-stress</p> <p>⇒ Free online evening revision sessions before key exams Tute Education, Surrey Online School's provision partner, are offering a free revision timetable of livestream lessons to help students with last-minute revision and exam preparation. For more information, please click here.</p> <p>⇒ Year 11 Leavers Assembly - Friday 12 May The Leavers Assembly will take place during the afternoon at school. Students will be in their usual lessons until 2pm and should be mindful that poor behaviour during the day may lead to non-attendance at the Leavers Assembly and potentially the Prom. Students may wear mufti to school and should bring a clean, white, school shirt to sign AFTER the assembly. Please remind your child that any shirt signed with inappropriate symbols or language will be confiscated. Pre-ordered Hoodies and Yearbooks will also be distributed after the assembly.</p>

<p>Year 11</p>	<p>⇒ GCSE exams - uniform A reminder that full school uniform is required for students sitting their GCSE exams. House shirts may be worn with a blazer if preferred to a shirt and tie. On colder mornings, an under layer should be worn, as hoodies and coats are not permitted to be worn in the exam venues and students will be asked to remove them. Students may wear the George Abbot $\frac{3}{4}$ zip sports top as an extra layer.</p> <p>⇒ Year 11 Pink Book Forms Students have been issued a pink book form by USIC library. This form details any book titles that are on your child's George Abbot library account and need returning. If there are additional books out that do not appear on this form, please return these too. Books should be returned to USIC library, your child's library account will be cleared, and the pink form will be signed. This form then needs to be handed to Miss Murphy, Head of Year 11, in return for your Prom ticket. Lost books must be paid for via Wisepay. How to pay for a book via Wisepay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log in to Wisepay • Go to General Payments • Select Library Lost Book Payment • Complete the details. <p>The cost of the book should be on the pink form. Once this has been actioned, your child should visit USIC so that the book can be removed from the account and the pink form signed. Please visit USIC to discuss any queries.</p> <p>⇒ Year 11 Prom Prom is on Wednesday 28 June at Pine Ridge Golf Club, Frimley from 7pm - 10pm. Dress Code: Formal. Snack buffet provided. Students should make their own way to the venue and aim to arrive from 7pm onwards. Please bear in mind that due to the size of the year group, traffic will be heavy on surrounding roads. Parents/carers will have a designated area outside the venue where they are welcome to watch students arrive and take photos until approx 8pm, after which we request that the area be cleared. Please arrange onward transport for your child promptly at or before 10pm.</p> <p>Only Year 11 students and George Abbot staff will be allowed inside the venue. Year 11 Prom is strictly alcohol free, and students that appear intoxicated will be denied entry. Prom is a ticketed event, on sale only through WisePay. All right of admission are reserved.</p>
<p>Year 10</p>	<p>⇒ RE GCSE revision calendar Please see attached revision calendar 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>Year 9</p>	<p>⇒ Science Assessments The Year 9 end of year science assessment will take place during the w/c 22 May. Students will take the Biology assessment in their first science lesson of this week, the Chemistry assessment in their second science lesson and the Physics assessment in their third science lesson. Students should have a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator for the assessments. The assessments will be on all the topics covered in that subject during Year 9. Full details will be sent out by the heads of department at least 2 weeks before the exams via Show My Homework (SatchelOne).</p> <p>These assessments will form a significant part of the evidence that we use to determine which students would be able to study the GCSE treble science course in Year 10 and Year 11.</p>

Year 8

⇒ Science Assessments

The Year 8 end of year science assessment will take place during the w/c 22 May. Students will take a 60 minute assessment which will contain a Biology, a Chemistry and a Physics section. Students should have a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator for the assessment. The assessment will be on the topics covered in the first half of Year 8. Full details will be sent out by the heads of department at least 2 weeks before the assessment via Show My Homework (SatchelOne). This assessment will form a significant part of the evidence that we use to determine which science sets students will be in, in Year 9.

Careers

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

- Speakers for Schools British Army Taster Sessions
- STEM Military Open Day
- Graduate Careers Live TV programme

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

- Degree Apprenticeship Opportunity - Lighting Design
- Circana Apprenticeships

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

- JCA London Fashion Academy
- Virtual Get into Midwifery Conference
- Virtual Get into Nursing Conference
- Aviation and Aerospace Virtual Work Experience

National Citizen Service (NCS)

You may have already heard about NCS (National Citizen Service) – over 750,000 young people have taken part. This year, NCS is better than ever with brand new away from home experiences.

This is your teen's chance to get out into the world, get some new skills, make friends AND have fun. NCS away from home experiences will help your teen to **Live It**, **Boss It**, or **Change It** over five-days and four-nights – the choice of theme is theirs!

LIVE IT

This 5-day adventure away from home gives young people the life hacks they didn't know they needed, teaches survival skills, and tests limits with adrenaline-filled outdoor activities.

BOSS IT

This experience takes place at University accommodation and is for young people keen to start their career goals or own business. It gives tools, know-how, and inspiration needed to take control and be successful.

CHANGE IT

This theme gives young people the change to change their community, or even the world, for the better. They'll explore the issues facing society today, discover their purpose, and turn passions into projects that make a difference.

What are the benefits of NCS away from home experiences?

It's only £95 for the entire experience, including accommodation, transport and food (bursaries are also available).

NCS enhances CVs and college applications.

NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit personal statements.

NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work.

NCS provides new skills and helps people develop independence.

NCS allows your teen a chance to stay away from home.

It's an exciting opportunity and not one to be missed. Your teen can only do NCS away from home experiences when they are 16 or 17 year olds, so if they're looking for a new challenge or a chance to get out the house and make a difference, visit wearencs.com and register today, places are limited. For more information, please [click here](#).

Focus on: Gabbot Got Talent!

Our latest House Competition encouraged students to send us their videos to showcase their many skills, hobbies and talents. George Abbot's Got Talent - yes it certainly does!



We received many entries from all year groups and across all categories. It was a joy to see what skillful students we have, and delightful to see so many talents we often don't get to witness in school.

Congratulations to all those that entered, those that did will have received house points this week.

There was a lot of deliberation, but eventually the overall winner was agreed to be Elsa T in Year 7 with her contemporary dance rendition called Soldier. A mesmerizing and creative performance that impressed our judges. Elsa also wins 4 tickets to see a semifinal performance of ITV's Britain's Got Talent.

Do keep up the good work everyone, and we look forward to hopefully seeing more of our students' talents at future George Abbot events.

District Sports

On Wednesday 3 May, George Abbot School participated in District Sports. Students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 all represented the school brilliantly and were able to finish on the podium for all year groups in both male and female competitions, making us the best placed mixed comprehensive school overall. The standout group however, were the Y10/11 boys as they were able to retain their title for the second year in a row! District records were smashed by Emily M from Y9 in 300m and Jacob B from Y8 in 1500m. We look forward to the upcoming County Relays and Gabbot Sprints in the near future. Thank you to our PE department staff for supporting students at this event.



Youth Team Trials U13 23-24 Season



Wednesday 17th May
Surrey Sports Park
6:00-7:30pm

Pleased to announce next season open trials for the new U13s team at Godalming Town FC

For players going into Year 8 in September 2023

Age group: U13's
Season 23/24

Scan or click book now to book a trial place for the U13s.

To arrange a trial for our 23/24 established U14s squad (year 9) please contact us: gftcyouthsection@gmail.com



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OPEN TRIALS FOR GIRLS

3* England accredited football club seeking new players to join our teams for 23-24 season and beyond.

Weekly training sessions with pro coaches.
Sunday league football

Trials

Monday 5th & Monday 12th June 2023

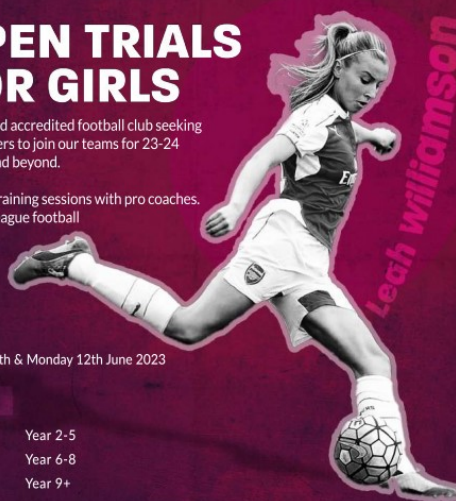
Sessions

5-6pm	Year 2-5
6-7pm	Year 6-8
8-9pm	Year 9+

Venue

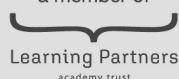
Kings College School, Guildford GU2 8DU

To register for the sessions or for more information, please contact: dawn.davies11@btinternet.com



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