

George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

19 May 2023

All,

To begin, an important administrative change;

Effective Monday 22 May 2023, the attendance email address will change for Years 7-11. Please email any student absence to attendance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Sixth Form absence should be reported to sixthformoffice@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Next, an opportunity for our leaving Year 13s or for any ex students who may be at home seeking work. We are looking for Learning Support Assistants to assist our younger year groups. This is great career development for school or university leavers; we are happy to take students on for a short period or for longer and have the flexibility to offer roles at various points through the academic year. Do bear this in mind and if you know of any young people who you think might be interested, ask them to get in touch; Mrs Richings (our SENCO) would be delighted to hear from them. Key skills will be communication, empathy, a calm approach and determination. We would also be delighted to receive expressions of interest from parents and carers, too. Emails should be sent to jrichings@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

We also have a vacancy for a Food and Nutrition Technician. This role is a key one in supporting successful practical work for our students. Key attributes will be attention to detail, organisation skills, teamwork, high standard to ensure a safe and hygienic work environment. If any parents/carers feel this role might be for them, then please contact my PA, Miss Jacobs: pjacobs@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk to find out more.

As we move into the last week of this half term, I am so thankful for all that is going on around school for our students. Today, our Year 12 held a culture day, celebrating the diversity of our community with delicious regional food brought in for all to share and enjoy. Our Music department continues with rehearsals for Oliver. Our PE department is busy with both girls and boys cricket fixtures and in preparing for the district relay events as the season of athletics emerges into the sunlight. Congratulations to our Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 boys' football teams who have all been crowned Guildford District Champions! Just Year 7 to go next week, fingers crossed. Our Year 7 and 8s have been busy in the sustainability art competition, the results of which can be seen later in this bulletin. These are just some of the many activities that we are know are central to every young person achieving their true potential.

With just 5 days to go until half term, I want to close with continued encouragement for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Exam season is well underway: for them, half term will need to include both rest and focused revision. Resilience is key.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



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Whole School

⇒ Aerosol abuse

We would like to share some information about misuse of solvents. Solvents cover a wide range of substances, many of which are accessible and inexpensive household substances. Abuse and inhalation of these items can be fatal - including immediately, through Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome (a form of a fatal heart attack).

Common symptoms may present like alcohol use, such as slurred speech, dizziness and inattentive behaviour.

There are many reasons why young people may abuse drugs, including gases and solvents. We address the pressures of drug misuse, dangers of substance taking and legal ramifications within our PSE curriculum. Additionally, we would encourage you to talk to your child about the dangers of experimenting with drugs.

[Attached is a leaflet](#) offering help and information to parents/carers about talking to your child about illegal substances.

⇒ Free School Meals

We have been advised by Surrey County Council that we are able to issue a £15 voucher to students eligible for Free School Meals to cover the half term holiday. This voucher will be issued next week and sent via Wonde. If you would prefer a printed copy to be posted to you, or have any queries regarding your vouchers please email LWilde@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. If your request is for a printed copy of your voucher, please specify the supermarket you would prefer the voucher to be for.

For those families who have yet to access their vouchers for previous school holidays or strike days, please note that these are still valid, and can be accessed via the emails sent out by Wonde. Please contact LWilde@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk if you would like any historic vouchers resent, confirming the email address these should be sent to - we are especially keen in the current economic climate to ensure all vouchers reach their intended recipients, so please do get in touch.

⇒ Reminder: Polo shirts

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.

⇒ 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
- Teacher of Computer Science

Vacancies in our Trust Schools:

- Kings College—[Senior Science Technician](#)
- Kings College—[Teaching Assistant](#)

⇒ School Uniform Shop

Upcoming opening times:

- Please note the school shop will not open w/c 22 May or over Half Term break
- Monday 5 June 3pm to 4.45pm
- Thursday 8 June 3pm to 4.45pm
- Tuesday 13 June 3pm to 4.45pm

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>⇒ Tennis Balls Summer sports are back and students are enjoying playing tennis in lessons and break times. In the past we have received used tennis balls, which would have otherwise been thrown away, from local clubs. If there is anyone who would be able to kindly donate their unwanted tennis balls to school, we would be very grateful.</p> <p>Please email: jlawrence@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you in anticipation.</p> <p>⇒ Computer Games/Consoles The Computer Science department are looking to start a computer games club, using gaming consoles. We would like to ask for donations of consoles, if your child has recently upgraded their games console to the latest version, and therefore has no further use for their old one. We are particularly looking at PS4 or XBOX One (or higher) consoles, with controllers, as these are still usable and can play most next gen games.</p> <p>If you are able to help, please email jhunter@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk to discuss any offer you can make. Many thanks in anticipation.</p>
<p>Year 13</p>	<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>Year 11</p>	<p>⇒ Well Done! The first week of GCSE exams is over and our Year 11 students have stood up to the challenge admirably. Thank you to all the parents, carers, extended family and friends who have made this happen - we never underestimate the little things that happen outside of school that make such a difference to the resilience of our students. Please bear in mind that your Year 11 child will continue to feel the pressure for the next month or so, and that even when they seem short-tempered, some TLC and a relaxation in domestic chores is often welcome. Favourite snacks in the fridge and clean laundry done for them are often gratefully received!</p> <p>If your child is not coping please always seek support, both from school and from the wider network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childline: 0800 1111 • Mindworks Surrey: www.mindworks-surrey.org / 0800 915 4644 • Surrey Children's Services: 0300 470 9100 and their out-of-hours number 01483 517898 • 999 in case of emergencies <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>During the exam season, this may offer helpful insight and advice: https://www.childrensociety.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</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 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 final exam is on 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>
<p>Year 8</p>	<p>⇒ 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.</p>
<p>Year 7</p>	<p>⇒ Science Assessments The Year 7 end of year science assessment will take place on Monday 12 June, during normal science lessons. 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 7. 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 8.</p>

Careers

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

- Sustainability & Art Workshop

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

- Fashion Retail
- Apprenticeship webinars

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

- Virtual Get into Veterinary Conference

Careers Education and Guidance provision survey

Please spare a couple of minutes to complete this quick Careers Education and Guidance provision survey. The programme that we follow here at George Abbot School can be found by [clicking here](#) and also the link to the quick questionnaire is below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=e9pf-JcRHUWtnM5YspbX4vM5y4_VejpPI9RPy5dE1ghUOTRBM0xXNDdMMzZZRVZZMUK2MUZYOU9XVC4u

The Wellbeing Hub

George Abbot has a subscription to The Wellbeing Hub. The Wellbeing Hub is an interactive hub for the school community. For parents, it offers weekly podcasts, live Q & As with subject specialists, support for parents managing adolescent issues, parenting courses and a self-care area, amongst other content.

Access to the Wellbeing Hub is strictly limited to the families of George Abbot students. [Attached](#) is the QR code which will enable you to sign up to the free subscription, and the line up for the Summer Term. Previous podcasts on other themed content is still available on The Wellbeing Hub. We hope that you find it a useful resource. Any questions please email hub@teentips.co.uk or smurphy@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

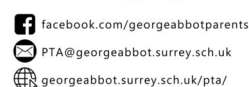


PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 12 June at 6pm in The Gallery. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please do contact pta@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk if you cannot make the meeting but would like to make any suggestions for events, or have any questions for the PTA.

We are currently looking to build up our stock of **uniform** - please drop off your bagged clean, previously loved uniform to Elmslie Reception marked for the attention of the PTA.

Upcoming event: **Quiz Night on Saturday 15 July** at school. More details to follow soon, please save the date in your diaries now!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We urgently need volunteers to help at upcoming events - if you can help out, even for half an hour, at any of the below events, please send us an email: pta@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

- **Wednesday 21 June, 5pm-6pm:** Year 6 Parents evening - selling refreshments & second-hand uniform
- **Monday 3 July, 6.30pm-7pm:** Year 13 prom, selling refreshments
- **Tuesday 4-Friday 7 July, 6pm-7.15pm/7.45pm-8.45pm:** Oliver production, selling refreshments
- **Saturday 15 July, timings to be confirmed:** Quiz Night

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Sustainable GA: Wilder School Nature Competition



George Abbot has been working with Surrey Wildlife Trust this year as part of their Wilder Schools Project, with a key aim of encouraging practical actions beyond our school grounds to help nature thrive. If we can demonstrate that our wider school community has taken the most actions, George Abbot could win a £300 grant towards outdoor learning equipment and tools for our school grounds. As one of eleven schools taking part, we are in with a great chance to win this competition – so the more families that take Action for Nature, the greater our chances will be!

[Here you will see a list of actions](#) students can complete, with links to activity sheets and online resources to help support your family this half term. Once an action has been completed, you can add it to the below online map, along with a photo.

It's not hard or expensive to help our wildlife, actions can be as simple as a litter pick. If you're lucky enough to have a garden, it could be feeding the birds, planting pollinator friendly plants or going chemical-free. There are lots of things you could still do to help nature – and there are helpful links below to inspire you.

If you have already completed your actions earlier in the year, they still count! You can record your actions and upload a photo using this simple survey: <https://arcg.is/ajOir>

Once complete, you can view your action on a map here: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3e810dd25d544ab0a8d8c40c62774e86>



Surrey
Wildlife Trust

Surrey Wildlife Trust will collate the actions and announce the winners at the end of June.

We hope you have fun getting outside and helping nature! If you do, why not sign up to [The Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild](#) challenge, which encourages you to get outside and do something in nature every day in June – its proven to improve your health and wellbeing as well as connect you to nature!

Focus on: Sustainability Art Competition

Our Year 12 students taking part in our Sustainability Enrichment programme recently carried out an Art competition for Year 7 and 8 based on climate change, They were inundated with entries and are please to share below the winners and runners up for each year group. Congratulations to our winners and all who took part!

For Year 7, the winner was Sherine Y. Runners up: Daisy S, Chloe T and Lily T.

For Year 8 the winner was Lada M. Runners up: Zoe P, Evie B and Nell M.



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MAY HALF TERM 2023
May 31st - June 2nd
GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

ANDREW LAWRENCE SKILLS CAMP



ELITE GUEST COACHES!



• MAY 31ST + 1ST JUNE 2023
8-12 YEARS OLDS.
13:45-16:45
£30 PER DAY. £55 FOR BOTH.

• 2ND JUNE 2023
11-18 YEARS OLDS
13:45-16:45
£30 PER DAY
AGE 11-12? £80 FOR ALL THREE DAYS!

SCAN ME



OR REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO
Andrewlawrencecoaching@gmail.com



WANT TO TRY OUT GIRLS RUGBY?

INTRO INTO RUGBY CAMP

MAY HALF TERM

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY
10:00-15:00

GUILDFORDIANS RFC
Stoke Park, London Road,
Guildford, GU1 1TU



A camp specifically targeting girls that have never played rugby before.

Targeting girls aged 8-18 (School years 4 – 12)

NO COST INVOLVED

Pre sign up is required.
Early drop off and late pick up options available.

An opportunity to spend a day trying out a new sport, in a safe and confident environment.

Coached by Ella Amory – Harlequins and Belgium International Player

Email girls_chairman@gRFC.co.uk to register.



GUILDFORD SAINTS FC
www.guildfordsaints.org

SQUAD GIRLS FOOTBALL U12 - U14



GSFC SQUAD GIRLS

GSFC are running 14 weeks of fun, social, recreational football sessions for teenage girls aged 12-14 years. Increase fitness levels, learn new skills. All abilities, suitable for beginners.

Venue
Kings College School, Guildford GU2 8DU

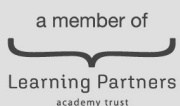
Sessions
Thursdays 7-8pm

Dates
1st June - 31st August 2023

Cost
£3 per session

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

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