

George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

8 September 2023

All,

It is a real pleasure to welcome you all to the new academic year at George Abbot. I truly hope that your children have experienced positive first days back.

Our Year 7s have been a delight, eager to be in the right place at the right time and to embrace all that secondary school brings—site maps firmly gripped. Year 12 have signed on, received their timetables and are most excited about their free lessons, I suspect! Our first cohort of SCCC Cricket Scholars have begun their course, fitness schedule planned and are poised at the crease. Our Year 13s have all collected their timetables and are contemplating this key year in their educational journeys. As my eldest heads off to university, I can say with recent experience, that what happens in Year 13 is nigh on miraculous. Suddenly, your children become the most competent and 'together' young people. They realise they can and focus descends in exactly the way we all pray it will. Have faith if your Year 13 is not quite there yet! Years 8-11 know the ropes and have come back to school with smiles and warm hellos to familiar faces as well as warm welcomes to our new staff. They all seem a great deal taller and are full of productive energy.

A quick introduction to our new staff follows:

Ms Barnard, Mrs Jain, Mr Kc, Mrs Dharmawardene, and Mr Ridgers join the Maths Department.

Miss Ewart joins the Science Department.

Mr O'Connor, Mr Healy, Miss Browne and Mr Campbell join the English Department.

Mr Aberneithie joins the DT Department.

Mrs Cuffe-Davies joins the IT Department.

Miss Goddard joins the History Department.

Mr Teale joins the PE Department, alongside Miss Brooker, our new Year 8 Inclusion Manager.

Ms Tornero Albertos joins the MFL Department.

Mr Latuske joins the RE Department.

We also have a number of staff who work behind the scenes - our most recent team members include:

Mrs Daniels - HSLW.

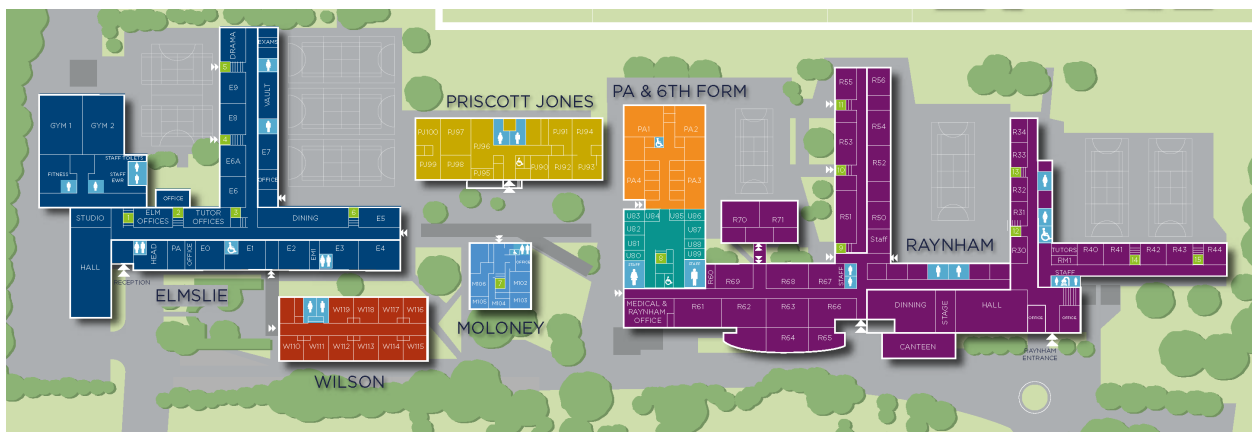
Mrs Cowan - Food Technician.

Mrs Cordery - Receptionist and SEND Administrator.

Miss Fish, Mrs Greenwood, Miss Cox, Miss Clifton and Miss Brookes - LSTAs.

The year has begun well, we are set for great things.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher





Parent Guide

Students at George Abbot will be issued house points, badges, logs and detentions via Satchel One this year. The best way for you to access this information is via the Satchel One app (many of you will have this downloaded already). The app will notify you when your son/daughter receives a house point log, badge or detention. **Satchel will be the main way of communicating detentions with parents and students (Satchel will also send an email notification of the detention).**

Password reset details can be found on the Satchel One login screen.

If you require a parent code, please contact:

curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

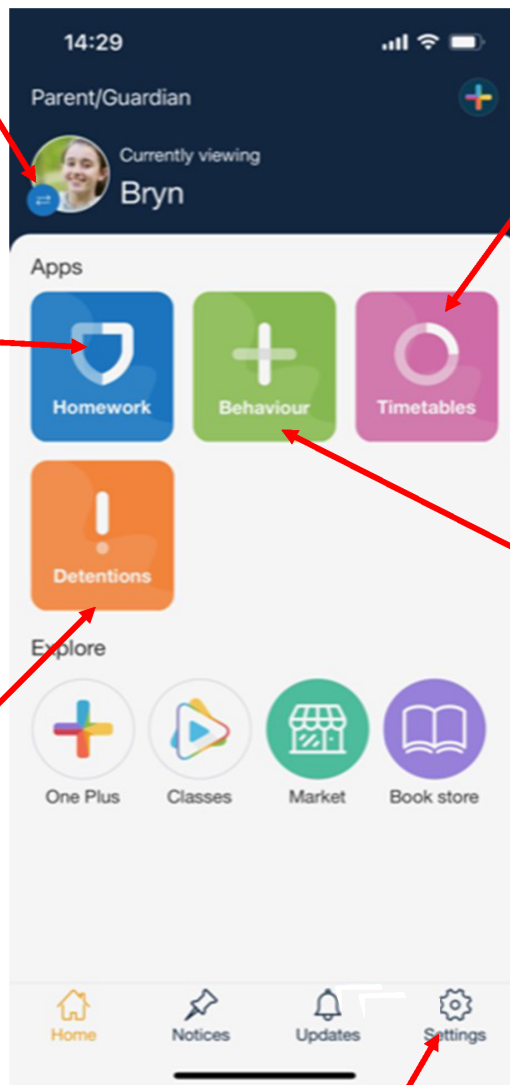
The main functions of the app we will be using are signposted below:

Web Browser login link:
www.satchelone.com/login

Click this button to cycle between children at George Abbot

Click this button to check your son/daughter's homework

Click this button to check your son/daughter's detentions. If a detention is scheduled, it will appear here with details of reason, time, location and staff member running the detention



Click this button to check your son/daughter's timetable

Click this button to check your son/daughter's behaviour record. Here you will find a record of house points, logs and badges. Badges are new this year and will be awarded for exceptional performance.

Click this button to update your settings and change your notification preferences

There are 3 types of badge:

- Monthly learning/character badges
- Subject Badges
- Outstanding contribution badge

Whole School

⇒ Year 7-13 Parent/Carer Tutor Meetings—**Wednesday 20 September**

Appointments to speak with your child's form tutor will be offered on Wednesday 20 September 2023, between 4.00pm– 8.00pm. Please note, form tutors will be available for 3 hours during this time as indicated by their availability in SchoolCloud, the parents evening system. This is to allow form tutors the option of travelling home to carry out their appointments rather than remaining in school. Appointments will run via a video call from within SchoolCloud and will be 5 minutes (Year 7-11) or 7 minutes (Years 12-13) in length.

For more information, please see the documents below.

[Years 7-11](#)

[Year 12 and 13](#)

⇒ Bus Passes for 2023/24 Academic Year

Bus passes for the next academic year need to be collected from Elmslie Reception by Friday 16 September. Students must carry their photocards with them as well as their bus passes. Replacements can be organised by visiting this [webpage](#).

⇒ Free School Meals

The Free School Meal allowance has increased from £2.55 to £2.65 for this academic year, for all eligible students.

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please visit our website <http://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/pupil-premium> for an application form. This application form will be used to assess eligibility for both Free School Meals and Pupil Premium (more information is provided on the link above). Please make use of this opportunity, as students in receipt of 'Free School Meals' may be entitled to additional forms of support. As we operate a cashless system, students who claim Free School Meals obtain a lunch in the same way as their peers and are not identifiable.

⇒ Prayer Room

Students who wish to pray may visit R45 during second and third break each day.

⇒ Progress Monitoring Dates 2023/24

Please [click here to view](#) the Progress Monitoring Meeting dates for the 2023-24 academic year.

⇒ 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:

- Visual Arts Technician
- Spanish Language Assistant

⇒ 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

⇒ Relationships and Sex Education (Year 7-11)

As a part of your child's education at George Abbot we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

Whole School

From the start of the Autumn term, students will be taking part in lessons throughout the academic year which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. Students will have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

Year 7 – students learn about puberty and caring for changing bodies, they will recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy relationships, including mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex, and friendship.

Year 8 – students identify the importance of digital criticality for personal safety, including conduct for themselves and others online. Students also have lessons promoting self-esteem and navigating relationships and friendships.

Year 9 – students' lessons are on; relationship values and the law, peer pressure, domestic violence, grooming, sexually explicit content, and sexual harassment. There is also a scheme of work focused on extremism. FGM and honour based violence is also taught.

Year 10 – lessons encompass positive relationships (including sexual relationships), contraception, sexually transmitted infections, consent, pregnancy choices and issues, and sexual wellbeing.

Year 11 – Students will receive RSE content in form times and a program of professional speakers from outside agencies is currently being planned, topics which may include the law surrounding consent and sexual harassment.

PSHE education is taught in curriculum time through Years 7 – 10, and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Students in all years, including Year 11, will also have sessions delivered during tutor times that promote personal wellbeing, character development and supplement our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. The school has a written policy on sex and relationship education and if you would like to discuss or view the Schemes of Work with the Head of PSE, a meeting can be arranged on request.

If you would like to know more or talk to your child about relationships and sex, the FPA (Family Planning Association) can help make these conversations easier. FPA is a UK-registered sexual health charity providing straightforward information and support on sexual health, relationships and sex to everyone in the UK. <https://www.fpa.org.uk/>
If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Evans-Dix, Head of PSHE,
levansdix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Year 11

⇒ 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 2023. 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 2024. 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 the text and guide are available for purchase via WisePay and we advise that these are purchased by 8 September at the latest so that they can be issued to students at the start of the next academic year.

On Wisepay please search for:

Y11 Macbeth 23/24 - £5.82

Y11 Macbeth text guide - £3.38

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive their texts free of charge. Any questions, please email cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

Year 11



Year 10

⇒ **“How to get excellent GCSE results” Evening**

Year 10: How to get excellent GCSE results evening is next Thursday 14 September in Elmslie Hall, 6-7pm. This will also be an opportunity to meet Mr Ratcliffe the new Inclusion Manager for Year 10. We do hope all parents/carers can attend.

⇒ **A Christmas Carol Text and Study Guide**

This academic year 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 the 8 September at the latest so that they can be issued to students at the start of the next academic year. On Wisepay please search for:

Y10 A Christmas Carol 23/24 - £3.22

Y10 A Christmas Carol CGP GCSE Study Guide - £3.38

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 cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.



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Year 7

⇒ **School Photographs—Wednesday 13 September**

Year 7 will be having their school photographs taken on Wednesday 13 September. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform on this day (shirt and tie), even if they have PE timetabled. Appropriate activities will take place in your child's PE lesson, therefore, they do not need to bring their PE kit to change in to.

Extra Curricular

This year, students will be asked to sign in to any extra curricular club they attend across the school by scanning a QR code similar to the one on the poster below. These posters can be found in and around each subject area within the school. As a result, we will be able to accurately record which students are on school site after the school day has finished as well as tracking attendance for rewards and incentives, such as sports flashes. We will use the sports-specific SOCS in order to track and publish sports team's fixtures and results.

Subject specific timetables like the ones published below as well as year group specific timetables will be made available on the school website from the w/c Monday 11 September: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/extra-curricular/> - do encourage your child to get involved and to be part of the many opportunities at George Abbot School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Filmer: jfilmer@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. See below for this term's programme:



Extra Curricular Sport



	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
2nd Break	Year 7 Badminton	SH	AJR	Year 8 Badminton	SH	BRI	Year 9 Badminton	SH	CRM	Year 10 Badminton	SH	SGB
A f t e r S c h o o l	Year 7 Boys Basketball	Gym	External Coach	Year 7 Boys Rugby	Field	VJB / MT	Gymnastics (All years)	Gym	CEF / JZH	Year 7 Girls Basketball	SH / Gym	External Coach
				Year 7-10 Girls Rugby						Year 7/8 Volleyball	SH	VJB
				Year 7/8 Girls Netball	Courts	External Coach / MA / CRM / JN	Year 9/10 Volleyball	Gym	JN	Year 9/10/11 Girls Netball	Courts	External Coach / CEF / MA / CRM
				Year 7/8/9 Girls Football	Astro	External Coach / AJR	Year 7/8 Boys Football	Field	AJR / SGB / Coach	Year Boys 8 -11 Rugby	Field	External Coach (2) / TLR / BRI
				Year 9/10 Boys Football	Field	External Coach / JNF / BRI / TLR				Y10/11 Girls Football	Astro	SGB
			Y10/11/6th Boys Fitness Suite	FS	JZH				Year 7-9 Cheerleading	Gym	External Coach	
									Y10/11/6th Girls Fitness Suite	FS	CXC	

Extra Curricular Performing Arts



	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher	Club	Teacher
Tutor 8.15-8.45	KS3 Boys' Choir	MRH (PA2)	Y7 Mini-Musical rehearsals (Falcon and Martlet)		Y7 Mini-Musical rehearsals (Gryphon)		Y7 Mini-Musical rehearsals (Wyvern)		Y7 Mini-Musical rehearsals (Phoenix)	
	GAMC	LED (PA4)	Senior Choir	MRH (PA2)					From October half term: KS3 Boys' Dance company	
2nd Break	Year 7 Drama	CTM/AFH (DS)	Year 7 Dance Company	VBN/SZC (PA1)	Boomwhackers!	VKC (PA4) Break 1	Year 8 Dance	VBN (PA1)	Brass Band	MRH (PA2)
	Year 9 Dance Company	VBN/SZC (PA1)			Year 7 Musical Drama Rehearsals	CTM/AFH (DS)				
A f t e r S c h o o l			Senior Strings	MWP (PA4)	Concert Orchestra	MWP (PA4)	Young Actors' Company	AFH/CTM (ES)	Concert Band	LED (PA1)
			Contemporary Dance	SZC (R70)	Big Band	LED (PA3)	Jazz Dance Company	VBN/SZC (PA1)	Boomwhackers!	VKC (PA4)
			Year 9 & 10 Drama	SZM (DS)	Dance Live Rehearsals	VBN/SZC (PA1)	Junior Dance Senior Dance	VBN (PA1) SZC (R71)		
			Musical Theatre Club	VBN/LED (PA1)	Senior Actors' Company	AFH/CTM (ES)	Chamber Choir	MRH (PA2)		



ALTITUDE CHEERLEADING

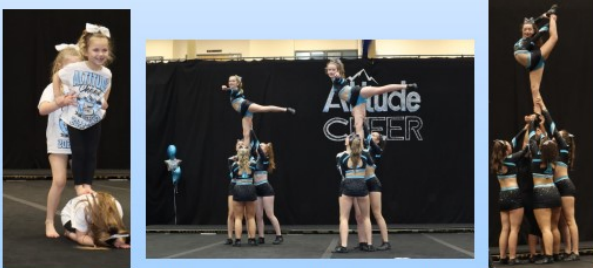
BRAND NEW CHEERLEADING CLASSES IN GUILDFORD!

Altitude Cheer are really excited to be opening up classes in a second location at George Abbot School from September!

Mondays 5:30pm-7pm (School Years 2-6)

Thursdays 5:30pm-7pm (School Years 7-11)

Cheerleading is a combination of gymnastics skills, acrobatics and dance. It is a great team sport which helps to improve confidence as well as general fitness and is also a great way to make new friends!



For more information and to sign up please email:

altitudeguildford@gmail.com

Follow us on Social Media-

Instagram: Altitude Cheer

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**The Salvation Army
Guildford Corps**

OPEN DAY

ALL WELCOME

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND MEET US
AND FIND OUT WHAT WE DO IN YOUR AREA**

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 12-4PM
**The Salvation Army, Woodbridge Road,
Guildford GU1 4QQ**

- **FREE ENTRY**
- **PIZZA VAN**
- **REFRESHMENTS** (provided by S.A. Response Vehicle)
- **BOUNCY CASTLE**
- **CHILDREN'S GAMES/ACTIVITIES**
- **STALLS**
- **LIVE MUSIC (BRASS BAND AN OTHER GROUPS)**
- **S.A. HISTORY & INFORMATION STAND.**

The Salvation Army Guildford Corps, Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU1 4QQ Tel: 01483 506763 Email: guildford@salvationarmy.org.uk Web: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/guildford Registered Charity No.214779 General: Lyndon Buckingham, Territorial Commander for the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland; Commissioner Anthony Cotterill

Salvation Army are looking for teddies or cuddly toys that need re-homing. They are happy to receive these Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning between 9am-12.30pm to: Salvation Army, Woodbridge Rd, Guildford, GU1 4QQ).

PTA

PTA Meeting

Our first meeting of the new school year will be held online (Teams) next Wednesday evening, 13 September at 6.00pm. All are welcome to attend, and we'd especially like to hear from any new Year 7 parents/carers who would like to get involved. We'll be discussing upcoming events and plans for this term and beyond.

If you'd like to join the meeting, or have any questions or suggestions for the PTA, please email PTA@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Quiz Night

Our first event this term will be a Quiz Night (see attached for more info) on Saturday 14 October. Tickets will go on sale very soon so book the date and look out for further information! Any questions regarding this event, please contact gabbotptaevents@gmail.com



PTA Presents:



14 October 2023

£17.50 a ticket, which includes a meal.

Doors open at 7pm with quiz starting at 7:30pm
Teams of up to 10 players.

Fish or veggie burger and chips dinner and a bar onsite selling wines, beers and soft drinks.

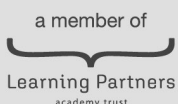


Enjoy a chat, lots of fun
and bring your thinking hats!!

If you need any info please contact
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