

George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

9 June 2023

All,

This week marks the start of the last half term of the academic year. It is a busy one but also an enjoyable one, when polo shirts, the school field, Sports Day, GabbotFest, Oliver, House Sports and year group activities all feature. It is also the time when planning for 2023-24 is well underway. As a reminder, for purposes of family organisation, term dates for next year are:

| George Abbot School Term Dates 2023 – 24 | |
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| Autumn Term 2023 | Monday 4 September – Wednesday 20 December |
| INSET Day | Monday 4 September (School closed for students) |
| Start of Term | Tuesday 5 September – Year 7 return & external Year 12 sign on day Wednesday 6 September – Years 8-11 return, 8.30am & Year 12 sign on day Thursday 7 September – Year 13 sign on day Monday 11 September – all Sixth Form students return |
| Half Term Week | Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October |
| INSET Day | Monday 30 October (School closed for students) |
| End of term | Tuesday 19 December – 12 noon (Students finish) |
| INSET Day | Wednesday 20 December (School closed for students) |
| Spring Term 2024 | Wednesday 3 January – Thursday 28 March |
| INSET Day | Wednesday 3 January (School closed for students) |
| Start of Term | Thursday 4 January – 8.30am (Students return) |
| Half Term Week | Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February |
| INSET Day | Monday 19 February (School closed for students) |
| End of Term | Thursday 28 March – 12 noon (Students finish) |
| Summer Term 2024 | Monday 15 April – Monday 22 July |
| Start of Term | Monday 15 April – 8.30am (Students return) |
| Half Term Week | Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May |
| INSET Day | Friday 28 June (School closed for students) – please note, Year 10 and Year 12 students may be undertaking Internal Assessments on this day |
| End of Term | Friday 19 July – 12 noon (Students finish) |
| INSET Day | Monday 22 July (School closed for students) |

As part of our annual review, we would like your feedback on the various online platforms that we use at school. School budgets are ever tighter and so, it is important that we invest in systems that are valued and useful for us all. The following link will take you to 7 questions about systems such as SatchelOne, SimsApp, SOCs, SLE, Google Classroom, Sparx. I would really appreciate your time in giving your feedback on what is most useful to you and your children.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ycRTNrZ8cv>

You will know that music is important at our school (and indeed, to me, a music graduate). The rehearsals for Oliver are well underway, and as our Year 11 and Year 13 students emerge from their exams, lots of them segue into the rehearsal schedule as it builds to a crescendo ready for the show. Please do book your tickets when they become available in the next few weeks, and come along to support the many children, from Year 7-13, who are involved. They are a star cast, as ever, at George Abbot. If your child is involved, you will have received a copy of the rehearsal schedule, please do keep it to hand on the fridge door (or similar!).

A reminder that Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings are taking place on Tuesday 27 June 2023, so school will close at 1.35pm. That is followed by our INSET day on Friday 30 June. Key dates ahead:

- w/c 12 June—Year 7 Assessment Week
- w/c 19 June—Year 10 and Year 12 Internal Assessments
- 27 June—Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings
- 28 June—Year 11 Prom
- 30 June—INSET day
- 3 July—Year 13 Prom
- w/c 10 July—House Week
- 12 July—Sports Day
- 13 July—GabbotFest
- 17 July—Sports Awards
- 20 July—last day of term, 12.00pm

Wishing you a warm and restful weekend.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

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Whole School

⇒ **Early School Closure for Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 27 June**
School will be closing at 1.35pm on Tuesday 7 June 2023 for the Year 8 Parent Subject meetings.

When the meetings 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 Monday 26 June. 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.**

⇒ **Individual Health Care Plans and Medical Information**

Please can we remind you that it is your responsibility to keep the school informed of any change to your child's medical requirements which necessitates an update to their Individual Health Care Plan. Please contact the Medical Room (medical@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) or telephone 01483 888051 to arrange this. Could we also remind you to notify us should you change your child's GP during their time at George Abbot so our records are accurate.

⇒ **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
- SEND Administrator

Vacancies in our Trust Schools:

- Kings College—[Teaching Assistant](#) and [Sports Hub roles](#)

⇒ **School Uniform Shop**

Upcoming opening times:

- Tuesday 13 June 3pm to 4.45pm

⇒ **Inspire your House to victory!**

The Summer Term house competition is well underway. Students have been asked to suggest a House Motto to inspire and motivate their fellow house mates to perform at their best. This term sees the culmination of the house competitions including the annual sports day; and the top of the leadership table is still all to play for. Please encourage your child to get involved and give us their wise words to lead them on. Submission forms have been sent via SatchelOne. Closing date: 12 June.

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/>.

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| <p>Year 12</p> | <p>⇒ Year 12 Assessments A reminder that Year 12 Assessments commence on Monday 19 June. Seated timetables have been sent to students and parents/carers via Schoolcomms this week.</p> <p>⇒ Exam Access Arrangements - extra time, use of a computer etc Most students have not provided evidence of their exam needs and therefore we have not been able to apply for these access arrangements for external exams. The upcoming Y12 mocks are a good opportunity to collect that evidence. Please encourage your child, if they use extra time, to provide the evidence to Ms Barratt. If they find that they did not use it, this also needs to be reported too. If students have any queries, they should visit Ms Barratt in USIC.</p> |
| <p>Year 11</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/. 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>⇒ 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 ¾ 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. 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>⇒ Year 10 Assessments and Exam Access Arrangements A reminder that Year 10 Assessments commence on Monday 19 June. Seated timetables have been sent to students and parents/carers via Schoolcomms this week.</p> <p>We encourage students to use their granted exam access arrangements during their forthcoming internal assessments to ensure they have a positive assessment experience. Feedback the use of arrangements will be provided to the exam access arrangement team. This will be used to formulate access requirements for internal assessments in Year 11 and their GCSEs next summer. We wish them the best of luck in their assessments!</p> <p>⇒ RE complete! The RE department would like to say a huge well done to Year 10 students on completion of their GCSE RE exam. We are incredibly proud of students and their efforts over the last few months. Good job Year 10!</p> |

Year 8

⇒ **Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 27 June 2023**

Please see important information [attached](#) regarding Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.

⇒ **iDEA**

In Year 7 and 8, we have started to introduce a digital programme, called iDEA.

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA) is an international programme aiming to help address the digital skills gap. The programme provides free digital skills education in the form of engaging online modules (badges). The iDEA curriculum has been curated to help inspire people all over the world to become Digital Citizens, Workers, Makers, Entrepreneurs and Gamers to enhance their employability; and to help them become economically active.

Year 7

iDEA is a digital and enterprise equivalent of The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Participants take on a series of challenges and badges that earn them points which aggregate towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award.

iDEA's different learning categories (Citizen, Worker, Maker, Entrepreneur and Gamer) cover topics as diverse as cyber security, cloud computing and e-safety; and animation, growth hacking, customer relationship management and web development. All the digital badges are short modules which can be completed anywhere while online.

During ICT lessons in the coming weeks, every student will register onto the iDEA platform, on which, they will be able to access the resources and activities both in school and at home.

We hope that you will encourage your child to work through the activities in their own time, as the skills they will develop will be of great benefit to them in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the iDEA programme, please contact myself on jhunter@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

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.



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to Register



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.



NCS information Events

Whether you're looking to make a difference in the world, you're an aspiring entrepreneur or you're wanting to gain new skills for life, our NCS experiences are for you.

Now your 15–17 year old has the same opportunity to embark on an exciting new adventure where they can make friends, build their confidence, and develop and strengthen their skills for work and life.

Want to find out more? We will be hosting a series of NCS information sessions.

Wednesday 21st June

[NCS-parental-information-evening: Registration](#)

Monday 26th June

[NCS-parental-information-evening: Registration](#)



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Careers

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

- TWM Solicitors Legal Assistant
- Activate Learning Courses

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

- Army Apprenticeships

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

- Forage Work Experience programs

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-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=e9pf-JcRHUWtnM5YspbX4vM5y4_VejpPI9RPy5dE1ghUOTRBM0xXNDdMMzZZRVZZMuk2MUZYOU9XVC4u)

[JcRHUWtnM5YspbX4vM5y4_VejpPI9RPy5dE1ghUOTRBM0xXNDdMMzZZRVZZMuk2MUZYOU9XVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=e9pf-JcRHUWtnM5YspbX4vM5y4_VejpPI9RPy5dE1ghUOTRBM0xXNDdMMzZZRVZZMuk2MUZYOU9XVC4u)

Sustainable GA: Wilder School Nature Competition

There's not long left to log your Actions for Nature at home, and help George Abbot win a £300 grant towards outdoor learning equipment and tools through [Surrey Wildlife Trust's Wilder Schools](#) project.

Taking Action for Nature doesn't have to be tricky or expensive, with lots of creative options be found here; <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions>

Once an action has been completed, you can log it, along with a photo, using this simple survey; <https://arcg.is/ajOir>

Once complete, you can view your actions, and those from other Wilder Schools communities, on this map; <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3e810dd25d544ab0a8d8c40c62774e86>



**Surrey
Wildlife Trust**



Cathedral Chorister Opportunity

Guildford Cathedral are holding a special evening on Tuesday 27 June from 6.30pm – 8.30pm for girls aged 9 – 18 years who want to find out what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister. It will be an informal and fun open evening to experience a friendly team of musicians who enjoy singing together.

Registration for the evening needs to take place by Friday 23 June at 12 noon – please visit our website: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/675>

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.



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PTA@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk
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AGES 11-18

Come along and join in with some Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, Netball, games + much more for £2 per session!

For more info email juniors@surreysportspark.co.uk

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Bring your kids to the...

FREE Family Zone!

Saturday 17 June

9am - 4pm

Surrey Sports Park
GU2 7AD

SURREY YOUTH GAMES



Try some free, fun activities for the whole family at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2023

- Climbing
- Soft archery
- Skateboarding
- Football skills
- Martial arts
- Circus skills
- Arts & crafts

plus more!