

# George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

23 June 2023

All,

GCSEs are complete! A Levels are almost complete, just one Further Maths paper to go on Monday afternoon. Our Year 11s and our Year 13s have been absolutely superb in their conduct and resilience throughout. I know that they will be experiencing significant relief that it is all over. However challenging this advice may be, nothing is gained through a prolonged post mortem of performance and possible marks gained per question. Now is the time to relax and enjoy some well deserved time away from study. The Proms are ahead; Year 11 on Wednesday 28 June and Year 13 on Monday 3 July. Guildford's formalwear retailers have been busy. Year 12 have two more days of their internal exam season and Year 10 have a further five days. Such an important period for both year groups to familiarise themselves with formal exam conditions, the non glamorous surrounding of the school gyms and only the sounds of purposeful pens traversing paper and the regular passing of trains. I especially would like to thank our exams team, Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Mainee as well as the 32 invigilators that have supported the exam season so professionally. I am immensely grateful for their partnership for our students at this pivotal time.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is important to update you on the pastoral structure for 2023-2024:

Year 7—Mrs Firth, Head of Year and Miss Fearn, Inclusion Manager.

Year 8—Mrs Frewin, Head of Year and Miss Brooker, Inclusion Manager.

Miss Brooker is joining us in September 2023 from another Surrey school where she is already a pastoral leader, so joins us with excellent experience and skill to steer our 2023-24 Year 8s up to Year 11.

Year 9—Mrs Tilley, Head of Year and Mr Harding, Inclusion Manager. Mrs Tilley will be saying goodbye to her Year 10 group and getting to know our new Year 9s. I know how much our Year 10 students and parents/carers will want to thank her for that she has done for the year group.

Year 10—Mrs Finnis, Head of Year and Mr Ratcliffe, Inclusion Manager.

Mr Ratcliffe has joined our staff during this last half term of the academic year and is well placed to support this year group as they commence their GCSEs. He has high standards and expects great things of this capable year group.

Year 11—Ms Murphy, Head of Year and Miss Northcote, Inclusion Manager.

As is our established practice, Ms Murphy assumes the Head of Year role for our Year 11s, bringing significant experience of guiding 15 and 16 year olds through this vital year of both examination and transition into their post-16 education.

Sixth Form leadership continues in our usual two year cycle:

Year 12—Mr Synge, Head of Year

Year 13—Mrs Keegan, Head of Year

Our Head of Sixth Form is Mr Brinsden and our Director of Sixth Form is Mrs Thorns.

This year, the Sixth Form are welcoming our first cohort of Surrey County Cricket Scholars. This is a superb new programme which offers 4 hours of Surrey County Cricket coaching and 2 hours of strength and conditioning coaching per week alongside a programme of competitive fixtures. If you have children in younger year groups who have a real talent for cricket, this is something I hope they will aspire to. We recruit from across Surrey via trials when students are in Year 11. Further details can be found here: <https://www.kiaoval.com/sixth-form-state-school-cricket-programme/>. I very much hope that some of our current Year 10s will be inspired to trial for this competitive programme.

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A reminder that students in Years 7-10 are now back in full summer uniform:

- Polo shirts
- Skirt or trousers
- Shoes
- If layers are required, only blazers should be worn

Please do book your tickets for Oliver, they go on sale to all on Monday 26 June at 8.00am. I know it is going to be a superb show.

Lastly, you will already be aware that the NEU has called two further days of strike action. These are Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. I will send details of arrangements in a dedicated Schoolcomms during next week.

Good luck to our A Level Further Mathematicians on Monday; so very nearly there!

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

<b>Notices</b>	<b>Week commencing 26 June = Week B</b> <b>Friday 30 June = INSET Day, school closed for students</b> <b>Week commencing 3 July = Week A</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<p>⇒ <b>Early School Closure for Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 27 June</b> School will be closing at 1.35pm on Tuesday 7 June 2023 for the Year 8 Parent Subject meetings.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Surrey Maths School</b> Surrey Maths School, a new specialist school for 16-19 year olds is opening in Guildford in September 2024 and will be accepting applications from gifted maths students this September. It joins a small network of maths schools across the country and will be part of Learning Partners Academy Trust. All students will study A-level maths and further maths and two other STEM based A-levels. Students at the school will also take the Surrey Maths Certificate which will provide group and individual problem-solving opportunities, prepared by the University of Surrey. The school will shortly be holding three open events for interested parties. Please see <a href="#">further details</a> and to register your interest.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Call for newspapers!</b> The Art department urgently need newspapers for a current printing project. If you have newspapers you would normally recycle, please ask students to take them to Ms McIntyre in PJ building.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing - groups and workshops for young people, parents and carers'</b> The CAMHS Mindworks website now has one page that everyone can access which has links to all current Surrey parent's groups and workshops relating to mental health and wellbeing. Workshops range from issues such as children's anxiety, low mood, transition, behaviour difficulties and much more. There is also a child's groups page that your child can access with links to groups and online workshops in Surrey.</p> <p>Parents Groups: <a href="#">Groups for parents/carers :: Mindworks Surrey (mindworks-surrey.org)</a></p> <p>Children's groups: <a href="#">Groups for children and young people :: Mindworks Surrey (mindworks-surrey.org)</a></p> <p>⇒ <b>Household Support Fund</b> The Household Support Fund is open for applications. Please <a href="#">click here</a> for more information.</p>

## Whole School

⇒ **School Uniform Shop**

Upcoming opening times:

- Please note that the school shop will not open w/c 24 June
- Monday 3 July 3.00pm to 4.30pm
- Thursday 6 July 3.00pm to 4.00pm

## Careers

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

- RSCH Taste of Medicine Day

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

- Christopher Robin Apprenticeship

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

- Merrist Wood Holiday Club

## Oxford University 93% Club outreach event

The 93% club is a national organisation with branches in the majority of top UK universities, and aims to help state school students both to apply to high-level universities and provide a community of people at university with people from similar backgrounds. The 93% club Oxford puts on events throughout the year for students from state-educated backgrounds and also aims to widen access to Oxford and demystify the application process. You can find out more about the national organisation here: <https://www.93percent.club/>.

93% club Oxford are organizing an event for state school students that might be interested in applying in the next few years. The event is going to be an online call with a few Oxford students from state school backgrounds, involving a talk about Oxford and the application process, an insight into the student experience, and time for students to ask any questions they have about Oxford or university applications in general. For more information and to sign up to hear more, please encourage your child to fill out [this form](#).

## PTA

### PTA Quiz Night - Saturday 15 July

You do not have to be the competitive type of person to enjoy an evening out at the PTA Quiz Night on Saturday 15 July! Enjoy a fish/vegetarian supper, and a drink and chat with friends and family; with the added bonus of raising money for the school to support all of the students who attend George Abbot. You might also be in with a chance of becoming the latest PTA Quiz Night Champions, too!

Tickets are priced at £17.50 each (including the supper). Please see [attached letter](#), with full details of this event.



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PTA Presents:



15<sup>th</sup> July 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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*George Abbot School presents...*

## LIONEL BART'S



**Tickets:**  
**Adult: £14**  
**Concessions: £7**

**Performances:**  
**4-7 July 2023**  
**from 7.00pm**

Book, Music and Lyrics  
by Lionel Bart

Orchestral arrangements  
by William David Brohn



**Pre-release for cast and band: 8.00am on Monday 19 June**

**Main release: 8.00am on Monday 26 June**

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

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## Focus on: German trips and Gabbit sprints!

On 8 June, fifteen of our Year 10 and Year 12 German students visited the Goethe Institut in London for a careers event. The day involved attending talks, workshops and quizzes, interacting with German businesses, including Lidl and Lufthansa, and taking their German beyond the classroom. Everyone who attended made a good effort to speak German with the staff and exhibitors, and gained an insight into how language skills can help them in a wide range of careers.



On Monday 12 June, a group of Year 9 and 10 German students were invited to Bushy Hill Primary to teach mini German lessons. George Abbot students independently planned and delivered lessons based on numbers, animals, food, and sports to both Year 6 classes. Mr Houlgate and Mr Wearn were very impressed with their maturity, enthusiasm and resilience and were impressed

with their adaptability, making small changes to their plans as they grew in confidence. Feedback from Bushy Hill staff and students was very positive. Well done all!



On Tuesday, George Abbot hosted Guildford County, St. Peters, Christs College, Kings College, Howard of Effingham and Woolmer Hill at our annual Athletics event, Gabbit Sprints. It turned out to be a fantastic afternoon, despite the wet weather in the morning. Students from all schools displayed high levels of athletic performance, which is brilliant for the Guildford District.

George Abbot placed very well in the standings, winning both the Year 8 and Year 9 combined competition. Year 8 boys and girls, Year 9 boys and girls and Year 10 boys all won their relevant competitions.

A really successful afternoon with some fantastic individual performances on show. Thank you to Team PE for organising the event.

## Roll on Sports Day!



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