

George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

8 December 2023

All,

A big well done to Gracelyn T in Year 7 who won the KS3 entry of the Learning Partners Trust wide Christmas card competition!

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported GA6 students on their Pyjama Day by donating items for the North Guildford Food Bank. We counted:

- 71 Tins of fruit/veg/soup
- 65 Packets of biscuits/chocolate/shortbread
- 61 Jars of sauces
- 55 Tins of fish/meat
- 42 Savoury snacks (pringles, cheese straws)
- 40 Shampoo bottles
- 34 Boxes of biscuits
- 25 Bars of soap
- 17 Packets of pasta
- 17 Shower gels
- 13 Beverages (juice cartons, tea, coffee)
- 8 Laundry detergents
- 8 Dry packed goods
- 6 Deodorants

Thank you to 7FA and 11PG for decorating our Christmas trees this week as a reward for being the tutor groups with the most amount of house points!

A triumphant Christmas Fair! Thank you for your support. We raised roughly £2,500! Stands at the fair raised £677, bringing the combined total raised to £3,177.

The Christmas Raffle is still live until Friday 15 December and more prizes have been added. <https://raffall.com/georgeabbotschoolpta>. Tickets are £1 and all the money raised will go to the PTA.

Finally, a reminder that all of our community are warmly invited to join us for Christmas at the Cathedral on Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm - there will be readings, carols to listen to and carols to sing. Lots of children have been rehearsing and are looking forward to sharing this important part of the Christmas season with you. Please do come along - there is room for parents, grandparents, extended family, neighbours and friends. There is no entrance charge, though donations will be welcomed. Hope to see you there!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher





CHRISTMAS FEAST

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th
& Wednesday 13th December

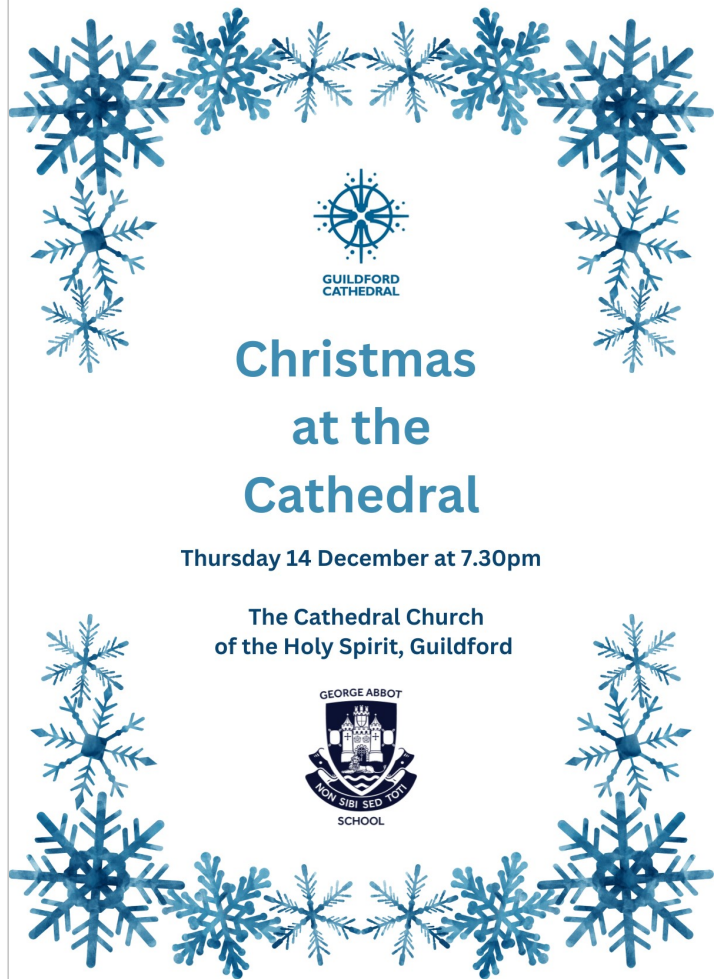
Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets
OR
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington

Both Served with Seasonal Vegetables,
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

£2.65 for Students & **£3.18 for staff**

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce
OR
Stained Glass Window Shortbread

AVAILABLE ALL CANTEENS



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Christmas at the Cathedral

Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford

GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

<h2>Notices</h2>	<p>Week commencing 11 December = Week B Week commencing 18 December = Week A Tuesday 19 December, 12.00pm = Christmas Holidays begin! Week commencing 1 January = Week A</p>
<h2>Whole School</h2>	<p>⇒ Consultation on our Admissions Policy 2025-26 George Abbot School is currently in consultation for our Admissions Policy for 2025-26 Admissions. Please see the following page of our website for more information: https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/</p> <p>⇒ Reminder of early school closure for Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 9 January Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 9 January for us to conduct the Year 10 Parent/Teacher consultation meetings. When the Progress Monitoring Subject Consultations 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.</p> <p>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 8 January. It is vital that we are forewarned of those who will be in attendance.</p> <p>If you notify us that your child will be remaining in school and your arrangements change, it is essential that 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 that they register in USIC at 2.15pm if you have notified us that your son/daughter is remaining in school.</p> <p>Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.</p>

Whole School

⇒ Christmas Community Fund

Christmas approaches fast. It is a financially challenging time of year for many of our families here at George Abbot. We would like to support them as best we can. We are therefore introducing a 'Christmas Community Fund'. If you feel you are able to contribute to the fund, however small the amount, we will ensure the monies raised go to those of our families who would benefit this Christmas. Please use the link to [WisePay](#) if you wish to contribute. If you have any questions, please contact the Home School Link team at: hslw@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you for your care and kindness, it is hugely appreciated.

⇒ Lost property

We have over 50 winter coats and blazers in Raynham Office lost property. If your child has misplaced theirs, please ensure they report to Raynham Office for collection before the winter break.

⇒ Secondhand Uniform sales

Many thanks to all parents who attended the last uniform sale, all your contributions to the school are greatly appreciated. The next sale is on Monday 18th December 3.30pm - 4pm, and then every other Monday after Christmas starting again on the 8th January. If you are unable to make a uniform sale but require second-hand items, please email office@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk with your requirements (including sizes) and we will do our best to assist. We are able to take cash & card, and there is also a link on Wisepay for donations. All parents attending sales please come to reception no earlier than 3.30pm and a polite reminder to park offsite and walk in via the pedestrian gate. If you have any unwanted uniform at home that you would be happy to donate, please bring this to reception. Many thanks in advance for your support.

⇒ Wool and knitting needles—thank you!

Thank you to those in our community for the generous donations of wool and knitting needles. Our Knitting Club members are truly grateful!

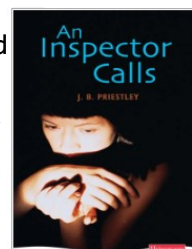
Year 10

⇒ Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—**Tuesday 9 January 2024**

For more information on how to book appointments, please [click here](#).

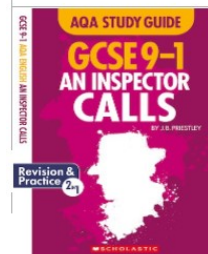
⇒ English Literature—Spring Term

Next term Year 10 students will be studying the second of their GCSE English Literature texts 'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley. 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 an AQA Study Guide also available for purchase and is highly recommended by English teachers. Both the text and guide are no longer available for purchase via Wisepay but are available from most booksellers and a list is shown below, including current prices. Please purchase the editions shown below, ready for students to bring to school week commencing 1 January.



ISBN - 978043523285

Amazon - £9.99
Waterstones - £9.99



ISBN - 9781407182629

MBE Books £3.50
Amazon - £6.50

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.

Year 9

⇒ Year 10 Curriculum for 2024-26

Please see the separate Schoolcomms email sent on 7 December 2023 for more information regarding the options process for Year 9 students.

Sports Round-Up

In Cricket, our U15 boys won their preliminary round for the Surrey indoor cricket competition. We qualified for the regional finals next term.

The Year 12 sports leaders hosted the Guildford District primary schools football competition last Thursday evening. 12 schools competed and Holy Trinity were crowned champions! Well done to our leaders on hosting such a successful event.

In Rugby, our Sixth Form team beat St Peters on Wednesday 26-15 and remain unbeaten so far this season! The Year 7 team played at GRFC against 5 other schools, they won 2 out of the 4 games they played. Well done, the PE team are very proud of what you have achieved.

Our U16 girls football have made it through to the County Cup quarter-finals after defeating Claremont Fan Court School 10-2. The Year 8 girls had a friendly fixture vs. Howard of Effingham and got their first victory of the season, winning 6-0.

Two of our Year 7 Netball teams went over to Guildford County to play in the district first Versatility Netball tournament. Both teams played well with one team finishing 3rd and the other 4th. Our Year 9 girls travelled over to The Royal School on a dark, cold night. After a slow start, they found their rhythm and came away with a convincing win!

In Volleyball, our Year 10 team went over to Howard of Effingham to play in a friendly volleyball match. The boys played really well, considering it was, for many, their first competitive game of Volleyball. They managed one loss and one win. Our Year 8 girls visited St Peters to play in a friendly volleyball tournament. They had a great time, showing great teamwork and determination. No final scoring were kept due to the nature of the tournament but the girls did not lose a game. Well done.

A big couple of weeks for Basketball. The Year 7 girls visited Bishop David Brown for their first-ever Woking Basketball Tournament. The competition was tough and many of the girls have only been playing basketball since September. They finished a respectable 3rd place, putting them in a good position for the second round in January. The Year 8 girls also attended the tournament and after being victorious last year, narrowly missed out on a win again this year. George Abbot hosted the Year 10 district basketball tournament, and it was great to have 5 schools represented. The girls played really well against some strong competition, including many club players holding on to a 3rd place finish. Our Sixth Form girls basketball team played their first game of the season against Guildford County School. It was an impressive squad with lots of experience. The girls played extremely well and came away with the win. They are looking forward to their next game in the new year. Our Year 10 girls finished off the week of the Woking Basketball tournaments in style. They all played amazingly and finished 2nd, which was the highest-placed Gabbot team of the week.



Careers

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

- Get into Medicine

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

- Proctor and Gamble Degree Apprenticeship Evening
- Morgan Stanley Degree Apprenticeship
- Accenture Technology & Consulting Apprenticeships
- BDO Apprenticeships

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

FLOW and SLOW * STRETCH and STRENGTHEN * RELAX and REVITALISE



YOGA FLOW

Tues 11.45-12.15 Queen Elizabeth Park Centre

Wed 11.15-12.15 Compton Village Hall

Thurs 7-8pm George Abbot School

YIN YOGA in the Yurt

Thurs 10-11.15am

Suitable for all levels inc. beginners

Tel: 01483 506841

email: wendygtaylor@gmail.com for info and booking

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WEEKLY CLASS TIMETABLE

Day:	Time:	Location:
Monday	11.30am	Spectrum Leisure Centre
Tuesday	10am	Queen Elizabeth Park Centre
Tues & Wed	7pm	George Abbot School
Wednesday	10am	Compton Village Hall
Friday	11am	Queen Elizabeth Park Centre

Contact number:

Instructor email:

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