

George Abbot Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

5 January 2024



All,

Being the adults leading teenagers to adulthood is certainly full of variety, the odd disagreement and much pride, whether that be at home or school. It was really good, as ever, to see our students back at school yesterday, to hear their animated voices in corridors, to see their positive connections with their peer group and their teachers. I hope that the Christmas break allowed you a little time for some conversation with them - hearing their thoughts and observing how their thinking is changing, opinions and principles for life are forming is fascinating stuff. The ages of 11-18 see huge change - ideas sparking, bigger picture thinking, knowledge and understanding of their place in the world, increasing confidence in who they are, what they can already do and what they want to do better. All of that alongside getting taller daily and costing a small fortune in wardrobe requirements. Just occasionally there will be those moments when you suddenly understand something new about them that helps you to remember that parenting is difficult but that you are actually doing a great job. We have similar moments of being certain that they have definitely mastered something, here, in our role as educators - a privilege.

As we start the new term, thank you for continuing to be an exceptional parent body, supporting your children, challenging them to get involved and to reach higher. Thank you for working with us in so many ways - valuing education, encouraging your children to reflect when things go both right and wrong, contributing to school events and making sure they are here every day, ready to work and learn and progress in a multitude of ways.

This term is an important academic one and some important dates for the diary include:

- w/c 8 January—Year 13 Assessment continue
- 9 January—Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings
- 24 January—Year 11 Parent Subject Meetings
- 1 February—Year 13 Parent Subject Meetings
- w/c 12 February—Half Term
- 19 February—INSET day
- 22 February—Year 7 Parent Subject Meetings

Wishing you all a peaceful and contented 2024 - may it contain friendship and I truly hope, some joy, too.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

Uniform Reminders:

- Nike Air Force (or similar) trainers are not allowed at school.
- Only Navy V-Neck jumpers are allowed with blazers. Black and round neck jumpers should not be worn.
- PE tops and bottoms must be school branded
- If you are unsure, please just ask. We are also able to provide financial help.

Notices	<p style="text-align: right;">Week commencing 8 January = Week B Week commencing 15 January = Week A</p>
Whole School	<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>⇒ Early school closure: Year 11 Parent Subject Meetings—Wednesday 24 January Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Wednesday 24 January for us to conduct the Year 11 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 Tuesday 23 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> <p>⇒ Early school closure: 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.</p> <p>⇒ Term dates for 2024/25 These can now be found on the following page of our website: https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/term-dates/</p> <p>⇒ Keeping your child safe online Please click here to view the latest newsletter with useful information and tips on how to keep your child safe online.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ Year 11 Parent Subject Meetings—Wednesday 24 January 2024 For more information on how to book appointments, please click here.</p>
Year 10	<p>⇒ Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 9 January 2024 For more information on how to book appointments, please click here.</p>
Year 9	<p>⇒ Year 10 Curriculum for 2024-26 Reminder: please ensure you have read the communication attached here for more information regarding the options process for Year 9 students.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Mrs Hillicks (née Brooker) Year 8 Inclusion Manager Congratulations to Mrs Hillicks who got married during October half term. She can now be contacted via her new email address vhillicks@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.</p>

Careers

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

- Activate Learning Taster Sessions

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

- British Army Apprenticeships

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

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If, YES then come along to hear Dr Rachael Craven, Consultant Anaesthetist, speak about her work as a doctor and as part of:



Monday 22 January 2024
from 3:30 - 4:30pm
ECR

This talk is open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

To book a seat please email:
ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk or come and see us, in person, inUSIC.

We look forward to hearing from you!

In memory of...Mrs Jean Tombs

Mrs Tombs sadly passed away on Monday 11 December, aged 85. She was a former Head of Music at George Abbot both in the original girls' school and then in the joint school, retiring in 1993.

A parent in our community who knew her well commented that:
"she was a wonderful lady, passionate about music and a very talented pianist".

She will always be remembered as an essential element of our rich George Abbot musical life.



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