

George Abbot Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

7 June 2024

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Thank you to all parents and carers for being on top of the uniform shift to House polo shorts this half term. As ever at this time of year, the field is now an array of brightness as our students enjoy the green space at break times.

Thank you to all of you who completed the last parent survey snapshot of the year. The feedback of those who completed it was:

- 82% of parents/carers feel that George Abbot supports your child's personal development
- 83% of parents/carers feel that any concerns raised have been dealt with effectively
- 77% of parents/carers feel that George Abbot communicates effectively with you
- 92% of parents/carers feel that George Abbot offers effective pastoral support
- 93% of parents/carers would recommend us to another parent/carer

I am so grateful for the last statistic in the list above. We genuinely want to deliver the best possible education for your child and are really encouraged by this feedback - thank you.

In relation to communication, a feedback % that we definitely want to improve, we are currently looking at the school reports that you receive, all of our online platforms that provide you with information and our programme of parent/carer events to see how we can support you in feeling more connected with the school and better informed. It is likely that we will make changes to parent information platforms in the new school year and we will update you more on this over the coming weeks. We have organised an event for **all parents/carers of Year 8 and Year 9 students on Monday 15 July** in Elmslie Hall. This event will focus on online safety, safeguarding and mental health and we hope as many parents as possible will try to join us. We think that it is important to organise more face-to-face events like this and are currently planning them for the year ahead. We hope they will be welcomed as part of an active partnership with you all.

Next a plug for the whole school musical; this year it is **Phantom of the Opera** - an ambitious choice. The cast and crew are moving into a more intensive rehearsal phase and we are anticipating a cracker of a show. Please keep the dates in your diary and look out for the release of tickets in the next few weeks. We have 4 performance evenings and I would urge you all to come and be uplifted by the energy and skill of our George Abbot students. Events such as these are vital for our students' sense of belonging, community, confidence and personal development. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who are supporting them with attending rehearsals, providing costumes and practising parts. **Community in action.**

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



Reminder: PTA meeting—12 June

A reminder that the next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 June at 6.00pm in ECR. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

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Notices

Week commencing 10 June = Week B
Week commencing 17 June = Week A

Whole School

⇒ **Early closure for Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 25 June**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.35pm on Tuesday 25 June for us to conduct the Year 8 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. 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 24 June. It is vital that we are forewarned of those who will be in attendance.

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. **Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.**

⇒ **Bus passes for September 2024**

Surrey County Council bus passes for next academic year can be collected from Reception at break times from Monday 10 June.

⇒ **Thank you from The Meath**

Our 'Wear Purple' mufti day in March allowed us to raise £952 for The Meath Epilepsy charity based in Godalming. Thank you for allowing us to raise this amount of money to help the charity continue to provide the very best services possible for adults who live with complex epilepsy and disabilities.

⇒ **WisePay Security update**

We have received the following communication from WisePay:

In line with the security updates to online payments WisePay will require parents and staff to change their log in passwords every 90 days. This will come into effect from June 2024. When logging in, parents will receive a reminder on their WisePay home page, this will state that the password will need to be changed within 10 days of its expiry. If the password isn't changed within that time, they will receive a log in failure notice which will contain a link to reset their password. A communication will be posted on the parent log in page advising of this new security feature and there is a guide available [here](#) for parents and staff.

⇒ **Request from the Physics department**

The Physics department need some small battery powered radios and some remote control cars that are in good working order. If you have any at the back of a cupboard awaiting to be taken to a charity shop, we would be pleased to receive them. Please take them to reception or ask your child to bring them to Mr Rowe in the science staffroom. With many thanks for your support.

⇒ **Win £1000 of book tokens for our library!**

National Book Tokens are giving schools across the UK the chance to win £1000 worth of tokens for their library. To nominate our school, please [click here](#). The more entries, the more chances of winning!

Sixth Form

⇒ **TA vacancies at Shalford Infants**

Shalford Infants have a TA vacancy. This position would be perfect for students who are interested in becoming teachers in the future who may like to try working in school setting before undertaking their training. For more information, please see the link below: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/shalford-surrey>

Year 9

⇒ Year 8 and 9 Parent Information Evening

We are delighted to welcome parents/carers of Year 8 and 9 students to school for a 'wellbeing' information evening. At this event parents/carers will hear important information from the Pastoral Teams and Senior Leadership Team about online safety, safeguarding and mental health, alongside general information for the new school year from September. There is no need for students to attend.

Year 8

The event will take place in Elmslie Hall on Monday 15 July: George-side parents/carers to attend from 5.30pm; Abbot-side parents/carers to attend from 6.30pm. Each session will run for around 45 minutes. If for any reason you are unable to attend your child's scheduled session, please email the relevant Inclusion Manager or Head of Year.

⇒ Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—**Tuesday 25 June 2024**

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

Refugee Week

At George Abbot, we are pairing our termly literacy theme with the National Refugee Week which runs from Monday 17 to Sunday 23 June. Students in Years 7-9 will be tasked to take part in two competitions and we encourage you, as parents and carers at home, to assist your child in honing their creative energy into one or both of these opportunities. Winners in each competition will be rewarded in the form of £10 book voucher tokens. The theme of Refugee Week this year is 'Our Home.'

- **Competition 1:** there will be four poems linked to the theme of 'Our Home' displayed in The Gallery. Students will be asked to choose a powerful line from any of these poems and use it as the inspiration for a poem, drawing or piece of writing.
- **Competition 2:** using a book that students have chosen from The Gallery, students will be asked to pick a quote from anywhere in the text that fits with the theme of 'Our Home'. Students will then be asked to explain why this quote was particularly powerful to them.



Templates for the two competitions will be distributed in form time on Monday 17 June and will also be available on Satchel and in The Gallery. We look forward to seeing entries submitted to form tutors by Friday 21 June.

Careers

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

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

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

IMAG events

- The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale—Wednesday 26 June
The RGS invites you to a lecture and discussion session with Dr Marilyn Corrie. Dr Corrie is a Lecturer in Medieval Literature at University College London and will be speaking on Geoffrey Chaucer's 'The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale', the treatment of women in 14th century England and the role played by ecclesiastical authorities in fomenting misogynistic attitudes. 'The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale' is a key set text within the A Level in English Literature offered at RGS Guildford and this event will, therefore, be of particular interest to students in the current Lower Sixth studying the course and GCSE students contemplating pursuing the subject in the future. For more information, please visit: <https://www.imag.education/events>

International Women in Engineering Day

To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day we meet McLaren Formula 1 apprentice engineer Lola Jones. Find out what it is like to make parts for a Formula 1 car and how Lola got her dream role through an apprenticeship. This session includes an interview and live Q&A session. For years 5-8. To register, please [click here](#).

Supporting the School

Amazon Wishlist

The George Abbot community is continuously generous, and for that, we are always grateful. Whilst many of you donate to the School via our monetary platforms, we understand that sometimes it can be nice to see an immediate impact with a gesture. With this in mind, we are sharing a carefully curated Amazon Wishlist with you. If you would like to purchase one of the items selected by our many departments, please choose something from the [link here](#). Items will be shipped directly to the school and distributed to be used in the classrooms with students. If you have any questions about an item, and which department it will be used in, please contact: finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. **We would like to say a big thank you to those who have purchased items so far. We have had over £1000 worth of equipment and resources donated to school and we are truly grateful!**

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Focus on: Music in our community

Before half term, the GA Chamber Choir performed at Guildford Cathedral for Evensong. Well done all, and thank you to Mr Hartley for organizing. Singing with a professional choir is a really formative experience to develop high level performance skills for all our talented young singers.

Open Night for Girls Choristers—Guildford Cathedral

Guildford Cathedral are holding a special evening on Tuesday 25 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 Monday 24 June at 12 noon – please visit our website: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/795>



Focus on: Celebrating Football Talent

We are delighted that one of our students, Samuel L, was selected to represent the Slovak National U17 team in the recent U17 European Championship in Cyprus. In his trademark style, Samuel played with flair, serious skill and energy. We are so proud of him.



Pre-loved clothes sale - Friday 5 July

Our rescheduled pre-loved clothes sale is due to take place on Friday 5 July in the Gyms from 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Please keep the date in your diary to come and have a browse. We still need your donations, which can be delivered to Reception and will be very gratefully received.



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20 June 2024 (year 11 only) 4.00 - 5.30pm

REHEARSALS TUESDAY & FRIDAY

4.00 to 6.00pm from September

PERFORMANCES MARCH 2025

@ THE YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

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