

George Abbot Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

18 October 2024

It is hard to believe that we have nearly arrived at the end of the first half term. The last two weeks have been busy and school life has been full of variety. Some highlights to mention:

- Our Form Reps have been appointed across Years 7-11 and I am enjoying meeting them, handing out the important Form Rep badges and talking to them about their role at school. I need to understand exactly what it is like to be a student at our school and we want to make sure that the experience here is a great one.
- Year 12 are in the interview and selection process for Head Students and the other vital GA6 leadership positions - the strength of that team is an important element of our whole school culture.
- The whole school had the opportunity to take part in our Community Week with many interesting and hopefully joy bringing activities to watch and cheer on - these included a Cricket Scholar v staff cricket match, sixth form v staff netball match, staff talent show, Science Festival for Year 7, global community cultural dance, food and music fair, staff v student football match - memories were formed!
- Thank you to all of the Year 7 parents and carers who attended the PTA welcome event - our sixth form jazz group provided some musical vibes and I hope it was enjoyed by all - thank you to the PTA for all of the work they are currently doing to invigorate our opportunities for parents and carers to be involved. Upcoming events feature at the end of this bulletin.
- Year 11 and Year 13 have been immersed in their assessment weeks. They demonstrated real maturity in their preparation and determination and can now relax (a little!).
- Year 8 enjoyed a trip to Hamilton the musical up in the West End.
- Year 9 have begun to think about their options for Year 10. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended the online briefing.
- Over three challenging days, 45 of our Year 12 students showcased remarkable resilience, grit, and determination as they navigated the Ex-moor terrain with full kits, planned and executed their trip, and conducted their own research projects - well done to them all. We will begin the recruitment process for our current Year 11 students in the coming weeks, so please look out for those comms.
- Our chamber choir sang evensong at Guildford Cathedral last Friday - a moment of peace and tranquillity at the end of a busy week.

Looking ahead to the final week of this half term we have:

- George Abbot Cross Country on Monday.
- The hotly anticipated Year 7 mini musicals to sell out audiences on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The Careers Fair, taking place on Wednesday 23 October, where we will be welcoming 40 different companies and organisations to school. Our Year 9 and Year 11 students, will be attending during lesson time on Wednesday. Students in Year 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 are invited to attend during break times or free study periods. Please encourage your child to make the most of this opportunity by coming along to chat to our exhibitors.
- Our GA6 Open Evening, this Thursday from 6.00 - 8.30pm. Booking is needed, so if any of our Year 11 families have missed this, do please email us on: admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk including which 4 subject information sessions you would like to attend.

A reminder that Friday 25 October is an INSET day. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4 November.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

George Abbot School
CAREERS FAIR
Wednesday
23/10/2024
10:30 AM - 14:00 PM
Companies from a variety of
industries and sectors
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Whole School

⇒ RSE Parent Survey

At George Abbot, we strive to deliver a robust, thoughtful and engaging RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Curriculum in PSHE lessons. Government guidance (2019) requires that all schools in England consult with parents/carers about their provision of RSE in schools, and we are interested to know your prior knowledge, understanding and satisfaction with the RSE Curriculum in George Abbot School. Please take 5 minutes to complete [this survey](#) letting us know your views.

⇒ Free School Meals

We have been advised by Surrey County Council that we are able to issue a £15 voucher to students eligible for Free School Meals to cover the October Half Term. This voucher will be issued by email via Wonde. If you would prefer a printed copy to be posted to you or have any queries regarding your vouchers, please email Bernice Evans (bevans@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk). If your request is for a printed copy of your voucher, please specify the supermarket you would like the voucher to be for.

⇒ Young Carer Team at George Abbot

The Young Carer Team at George Abbot is run by Carmel Batcheler looking after years 7 and 8 and Karen Leverton looking after years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Since the start of term we have been busy getting to know all our young carers:

- We have given assemblies to all year groups 7 - 11 and will hopefully be meeting sixth formers after half term.
- We have endeavoured to meet all the students personally during tutor time.
- We have given a briefing to the whole staff community highlighting the roles and responsibilities that our young carers take on.
- We have attended online training provided by Action for Carers Surrey.
- We have break time clubs set up for years 7 and 8 - a place to hang out, chill and chat, play games, etc.
- Drop ins with Karen Leverton in Moloney Building are available between 8am - 8.25am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13.
- We are looking into entertainment treats for all year groups 7-11 for Christmas.

A young carer is defined in section 96 of the Children and Families Act 2014 as:

"A person under 18 who provides care for another person of any age. That can be a parent or sibling, grandparent or friend. It can include help for a physical or mental illness, frailty in old age, a disability or because of substance dependency."

If any parents/carers think their child might be a young carer and is not already known to the school then please do get in touch. Of if you have any questions please contact:

Year 7&8 - cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 - kleverton@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Action for Carers Surrey is a registered charity based in Burpham: they are able to offer lots of support to families with young carers. Parents/carers just need to register online. The offer includes regular newsletters; an annual invitation to family fun day; drop ins to youth clubs at various venues and so much more. Please call 01483 568269 or email syc@actionforcarers.org.uk.

⇒ Dropping off forgotten items

A reminder that we kindly ask that you refrain from dropping off forgotten items at the reception for students during school hours. We are unable to get messages to students to come and collect them.

⇒ **Charity Fundraising**

We are collecting for the North Guildford Food Bank, for distribution to local families in need in the run up to Christmas. If you are able to support, please ask your child to bring the following donations, up to the Sixth Form after half term and we will drop to the food bank, early December. Any questions please ask Miss Smith in the Sixth Form. Items needed:

- Bags for Life
- Christmas Biscuits (sharing tins/boxes)
- Tinned Meat
- Gift Toiletries
- Laundry detergent
- Dried Flavoured Noodles
- Tinned Pasta
- Tinned Vegetables

They will accept any other items but these are the main things they have asked for.

⇒ **Secondhand uniform sales**

Please note, we will be running secondhand uniform sales on the following dates this academic year:

- Thursday 24 October 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 19 December 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 13 February 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 3 April - 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 22 May 3.30pm-4pm
- Thursday 17 July 3.30pm-4pm

Please report to Reception on arrival.

⇒ **George Abbot Cross Country**

Our cross-country event is happening on Monday 21 October from 3:30pm. We will be using this as a trial for future cross-country events and all runners will get 3 House Points each for competing! The run will be around our school field which is currently quite boggy so we recommend spikes or football boots if you have them or running trainers you do not mind getting dirty.

Year 7 - 3 Laps

Year 8/9 - 4 laps

Year 10/11 - 5 laps

Any questions, please contact Mr Ranger - aranger@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

⇒ **Cycle and Traffic Safety**

Following feedback from local residents, we would like to draw your attention to the concerns raised about traffic safety, with particular concerns regarding Great Goodwin Drive, Charlock Way and Woodruff Avenue. Please could we remind parents:

- Please do not park on pavements or in the cycle lanes when dropping off or picking up children.
- Please do not drive in the cycle lane while queuing to leave Woodruff Avenue at the roundabout, this makes it unpassable for cyclists. This is particularly dangerous for students who ride bicycles to and from school.
- When parking, we ask you to be considerate to others and ensure residents' driveways are left clear.
- Please could all road users take care to ensure that the safety of pedestrians is paramount. Do ensure you allow enough time for your journey to school and drop off in a safe area.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our community.

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>⇒ Year 11 - 13 Online Progress Support Meetings – Tuesday 12 November 5.00pm – 7.00pm, online video appointments via SchoolCloud</p> <p>We will be holding the above event on Tuesday 12 November. The aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for staff and parents to work together to support students whose progress is of concern in their exam subjects as we approach a key point in both GCSE and A-Level courses. Please note that students are expected to attend the video appointment with their parent/carer.</p> <p>Appointments are by staff invitation only. We will only contact parents with appointments if subject teachers have concern about how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 students have started their new exam courses • Year 11 or Year 13 students are working in their final year of their courses. <p>We will notify you via email no later than Wednesday 6 November. You may also log in to the SchoolCloud system after this date to view your appointments. If you have not been contacted by this date, please assume that your child's teachers have not requested an appointment. If you do not receive notification requesting your attendance but you have concerns about your son/daughter's progress at this stage, please remember that you are able to contact the subject teacher or Head of Department via email. Details of how to contact individual members of staff can be found on the school website at http://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/contact-us.</p> <p>⇒ Vacancies</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical and Wellbeing Officer
<p>Sixth Form</p>	<p>⇒ UCAS Applications</p> <p>If your child wishes to make a UCAS application, and has not already done so, please could you remind them to email Mrs Rose the first draft of their personal statement directly after this half-term holiday: hrose@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. As a reminder they should be writing their personal statement in their Unifrog account; here the task is broken down into sections to help them.</p> <p>Equally, if your child knows that they plan to apply for an apprenticeship or job please ask them to come and see Mrs Nash in USIC, or email ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. Please remember that the careers team is here to help them through the application process for which ever Next Step they decide to take.</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>⇒ Maths Paper</p> <p>Please be informed that Year 11 students will be sitting a non-calculator paper in November. The exam will consist of 90 minutes of exam-style questions, designed to help students prepare for their final assessments. To ensure they are fully equipped, students will need the following materials: pen, pencil, ruler, compass and protractor.</p> <p>Thank you for your support in making sure your child is prepared for this important assessment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Miss Coles, Head of Maths: ccoles@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.</p>
<p>Year 9</p>	<p>⇒ RE Mock</p> <p>Students in Year 10 will sit their RE GCSE mock on 15 November at 8.30am. It will last 1 hour 45 minutes. Students will be examined on the following four units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christianity: Practices - Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings - Buddhism: Practices - Crime & Punishment <p>Please do encourage students to start revising early – there are plenty of revision activities linked on Bromcom, as well as:</p>

Year 10	<p>- A revision calendar is available here: Revision calendar.docx</p> <p>- Revision resources including revision guides, workbooks, mind-maps and past exam questions are all available here: Mock resources 2024</p> <p>Miss Lenehan will be available in E17 every Thursday during break 1, to answer any queries that students may have, and feedback on any practice exam questions. All students welcome. There is no requirement to purchase a revision guide, but if you wish to do so we would suggest:</p> <p>⇒ AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide Paperback – 1 Jan 2018 by Marianne Fleming (Author)</p>
Year 9	<p>⇒ Year 9 Choice Presentation</p> <p>Please find attached a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was shown at the meeting via Zoom last night. If you have any immediate questions after viewing this presentation, please complete the MS form https://forms.office.com/e/ptKntTWmrN. This form will close on Friday 25 October and we will address any questions.</p>
Year 7	<p>⇒ Reminder: Mini Musicals Refreshments</p> <p>Refreshments will be available to purchase, courtesy of the PTA from 5.45pm.</p> <p>Dress Code</p> <p>Students who have a named role will be wearing a variety of costumes - information regarding these has already been distributed. All other students will be performing in their house polo shirts, PE leggings or PE tracksuit bottoms and regular school shoes. Please could all of Year 7 come to school in their house shirts on both Monday and Tuesday next week, and those with named roles bring their costumes, in a clearly labelled bag. A professional photographer will be taking photos of the rehearsals on Monday - these will be available for parents/carers to purchase on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.</p>

Year 7 to Year 11 Nasal Flu Immunisations—Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October 2024

If you have given consent for your child to receive the Flu immunisation, please see the timings below. If you have not given your consent your child will not receive it. As a reminder, please ensure your child has their water bottle with them.

WEDNESDAY 23/10/2024	LOCATION: SPORTS HALL LOUNGE
9.30	YEAR 7 – Whole year group
BREAK A 10.10 – 10.35	
10.35	8PA 8PG 8WA 8WG
11.05	8GG 8GA 8MG 8MA
11.30	8FA 8FG 9MA 9FA 9FG
BREAK B 11.50 – 12.20	
12.20	9PG 9PA 9MG 9GG 9GA
12.40	9WA 9WG 10FA 10FG 10GA
13.05	10PG 10PA 10MG 10MA 10GG
BREAK C 13.35 – 14.00	
THURSDAY 24/10/2024	LOCATION: SPORTS HALL LOUNGE
9.30	10WA 10WG 11FA 11FG 11GA
10.00	11WG 11WA 11PG 11PA 11MG 11MA 11GG
11.00	Any catch ups or non-attendees from Wednesday
BREAK B 11.50 – 12.20	

If you have any questions about these immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01483 794887. The portal for e-consents is now closed so please contact the immunisation team direct for further advice as the school are unable to accept email or telephone consents. **If you have not given consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, they will not receive it.**

Community Notices

OCTOBER TERM CAMP

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
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The Andrew Lawrence Basketball October Half Term Camp registration is now open! This is a great opportunity for children to enhance their basketball skills and have a fun time with peers. Don't miss out on securing a spot, as places are limited. We look forward to welcoming all young athletes to our camp! Register HERE: <https://forms.pabbly.com/form/share/1oiK-722601861>

This Camp will aim to offer fun skill-based sessions which will keep the children engaged and help them not only develop their basketball skills, but to also understand how to work within a team environment. Our core values will be to instil discipline, respect and sportsmanship. We offer high-level coaching from current and ex-professional players, as well as coaches, to give the children the best experience possible and role models to look up to. We are excited to have multiple current Surrey 89ers Players visit and coach at camp. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email: Andrewlawrencecoaching@gmail.com

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Wednesdays
6.30pm-7.30pm
Saturdays
9.15am-10.15am
George Abbot School
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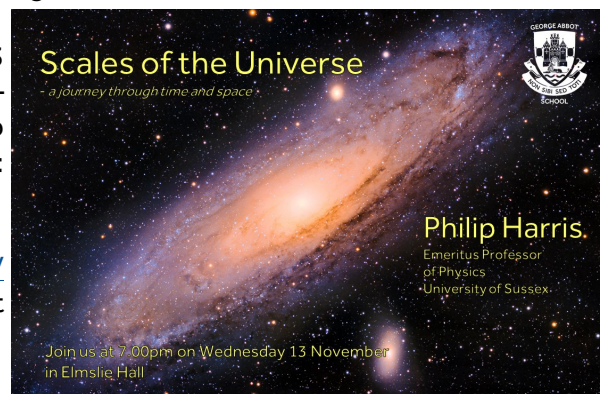
Yum Yum!

Half term is coming up, and the PTA Committee wishes you all a very pleasant break. To help tempt you back afterwards, we're happy to announce that something **doubly delicious** awaits you on your return: on **Friday 8 November**, there will be a **Coffee Morning** in Elmslie Hall from 10.00am until 12.00pm. Please contribute by bringing in cakes in the morning - they can be left at reception either at drop-off or when you come to join us for coffee. And the coffee won't just be instant - for those with more refined taste, we'll bring along an espresso machine. None of us have tried this before though, so please help us with planning by letting us know [here](#) that you can come along and/or bring cake. It'd be great to see you.

And talking of fabulous events... Wednesday's Y7 social evening was a tremendous success. Are the rest of you jealous? It's *your* PTA, so if you'd like us to organise others please register your interest for [Y8-11](#) or [Sixth Form](#) parents' social evenings. If enough sign up, they will go ahead.

Please don't forget the "Universe" talk on the evening of 13 November, and of course - what you've all been waiting for - the Christmas Fair on 1 December. If you feel you can help out, or if you'd like to have a stall there, please let Kristi know: georgeabbotpta2022@gmail.com.

Keep up to date with our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/georgeabbotparents>, or email us at g.abbot.pta@gmail.com.



Careers

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

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