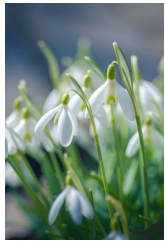


George Abbot Bulletin

31 January 2025



Message from Mrs Carriett: On balance, I am always pleased when January ends; the mornings offer a little more light, snowdrops emerge, spirits lift.

Thank you to all of our Year 11 parents and carers for engaging with the Parents' Consultation Evening yesterday. Mission critical weeks ahead for our exam cohorts. Year 13 have their Parents' Consultation evening on Thursday 6 February from 3.45pm - 7pm - booking opened yesterday for appointments. Our Year 9 assessments take place next week - an important set of exams carried out in our halls to set the tone for the GCSE years ahead.

This week has seen 'the big reveal' for our musical production this summer. We like to offer contrast, year on year, and so for this July, our performing arts team have selected Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The musical was first performed in July 2013, though the Roald Dahl book dates from 1964. It offers great characters, a lively score and much visual appeal. Do keep the dates in your diary; 1-4 July, 2025. More imminently, tickets are now on sale for our Cabaret to be performed on 13 February, 2025. Tickets are limited, so if you would like to join us, please book your tickets, as soon as you can, via the link that follows in the Bulletin.

Next week sees Children's Mental Health Week; in preparation for this, students have all received assemblies around this year's theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. This theme encourages students to become more self-aware and to better understand ways that they might build healthy habits to support their wellbeing. Children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has created a video mini-series (link below), aimed at children and young people, to help develop their understanding of what being self-aware means. If you feel this is helpful for your child, the link is: [Children's Mental Health Week: Stars open up on what self-awareness means to them](#)



Looking further ahead, we have our GA6 RAG week coming up in the week beginning 17 March. Our GA6 student leaders are busy planning and preparing a week that the whole school can engage with. Their aim is a really important one: "Uniting our school community through a week of fun, connection, and charitable generosity, making a positive impact together for meaningful causes."

Altruism is central to our ethos and mission at George Abbot School.

Parent/Carer Drop in: there is an opportunity to come and see Mrs Carriett on Thursday 13 February, between 5 and 7pm, to raise anything, informally. If you have something that is of concern or that you would like to talk through, then please do contact her PA, Miss Jacobs on pjacobs@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk to make an appointment time.

Whole School Musical 2025: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory: open auditions will take place from 3.15pm on Tuesday 4 February, in the Performing Arts block. Any student interested in auditioning should come to PA1 at 3.15pm. All students will be taught/reminded of the audition material, however, students can access lyrics and music [here](#). Individual auditions will commence at 3.30pm, starting with Year 7 students. We anticipate that auditions will conclude at 5.30pm.



Students interested in auditioning for a lead role are invited to research the show, and learn a few lines of a song by their preferred character. They will have a chance to perform this at the auditions on Tuesday. The list of students invited for call-backs will be published by 3.15pm on Wednesday 5 February, and put up in the PA block. Call-back auditions will take place on Thursday 6 February from 3.15pm. We aim to publish a full cast by Monday 10 February.

We look forward to seeing lots of students on Tuesday - good luck! Please do urge your child to get involved and give the auditions a go.

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Seasons of Love: A Cabaret

The Music Department are delighted to present 'Seasons of Love: A Cabaret', featuring some of our best musical theatre musicians and singers on Thursday 13 February. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gabbotperformingarts> and cost £16/£9. This includes a welcome drink and nibbles on the tables. E-tickets will be emailed to you and will be required to scan in when you arrive. Please could we ask that you book a maximum of 6 tickets so all of our performers are able to have someone in the audience supporting them. You also have the options to donate to the Performing Arts Department to support our upcoming productions, and to purchase a bottle of wine or prosecco for your table, although drinks will be available on the night from the bar run by the PTA. Please email Mrs Evans-Dix on levans-dix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk if there are any questions.



High School Musical—tickets out now!

Following the sell-out success of Legally Blonde, Tormead School are back on the Main Stage of the Yvonne Arnaud with a production of Disney's High School Musical, featuring cast members from George Abbot School once again.

Get your tickets now by visiting:

<https://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk/whats-on/tormead-high-school-musical>

Show times:

Friday 21 March, 7.30pm

Saturday 22 March, 2.30pm & 7.30pm



Volunteer Interviewers Needed!

One of the highlights of the school calendar is Year 10 Interview Day which is taking place this year on Wednesday 26 March. This is an opportunity for students to apply for a job role of their choice and take part in a mock interview. Although this will take place in school, the interviews are conducted by volunteers who kindly give their time to help support this activity.

These volunteers are parents, carers and members of the local business community with some experience in interviewing. We are currently in the process of securing interviewers and are on the lookout for more! Please do let us know if you would like/are able to offer time to volunteer between 8am-1.30pm (or part of this time) on 26 March to take part in this very rewarding process. Or, if you know of anyone who would like to offer their time, we would be very grateful – please do pass this on.

At George Abbot we are committed to ensuring an environment that promotes equality, diversity and inclusion. Hence, we are particularly keen on interviewers from a diverse background and varying industries and trades so that our Year 10 Interview Day reflects the community of George Abbot and also the world of work that our students will eventually enter. Please do email the careers team if you are able to assist on ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk, or if you have any questions about interview day.

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Notices	<p style="text-align: right;">Week commencing 3 February = Week B Week commencing 10 February = Week A</p>
Whole School	<p>⇒ Community Alert We have had a report of a suspicious man loitering outside of Costcutters near school recently. Please ensure your children are reminded to inform you and/or school immediately if anything untoward or worrying occurs on their way to or from school and let us know as soon as possible. If they can walk with other students, it would be a helpful protective factor. Should you feel it appropriate, please inform the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.</p> <p>⇒ Valentino Uniform—Returns and Exchanges process Following the uniform review survey we conducted last term, feedback from parents/carers indicated the process of returning and exchanging items was unclear. Further guidance on how you can make returns, which can be done through dropping items off at the school office, can be found here. If you have any further questions, please email the team at info@valentinoschoolwear.com, who will be happy to assist you.</p> <p>⇒ Young Carers Bulletin Please see attached.</p> <p>⇒ LGBTQ+ History Month February celebrates the global contributions of people who identify as LGBTQ+. It is a time to recognise, acknowledge and honour the rich and varied tapestry of this community's impact on human achievement. The theme for 2025 is Activism and Social Change. Throughout history, LGBTQ+ people have been associated with positive activism to advance human connection, empathy and civilisation. This can be seen through activities such as protests or rallies, speaking out and engaging in creative pursuits, such as representing the community within arts and literature. During this month, students will be learning about the contributions that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on each area of the school curriculum.</p> <p>⇒ Lost Property Lost property will now be held in Reception for 2 day. After this, it will then be stored and cleared out after one term. Students who have lost an item should report to reception.</p> <p>⇒ Equipment Students are expected to bring the following equipment to school, every day: 2 black or blue pens, 2 writing pencils, a selection of colouring pencils, a 30cm ruler, protractor and compasses, calculator, pencil sharpener, eraser, a reading book, specialist equipment, as required. Heads of Year are able to provide equipment for Scholar (Pupil Premium) students; please ask your child to pop along to see them.</p>
Year 13	<p>⇒ Year 13 Parent Subject Meetings—Thursday 6 February 2025 For more information on how to book appointments, please click here.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ GCSE Computer Science Revision Links Below are the links to resources that students can access as part of their revision. All students have already accessed each resource and are set up with accounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science Revision (Google Classroom) https://classroom.google.com/w/ODUxODQ3MDEyMjZa/t/all (Login with Google account) • eRevision (https://erevision.uk/) (Login with School email account) • ISAAC Computer Science (https://isaacomputerscience.org/) (Login with either Google or School email account) <p>Additionally, there will be revision guides available via Bromcom to purchase, further details will be shared when these are live.</p>

Year 9

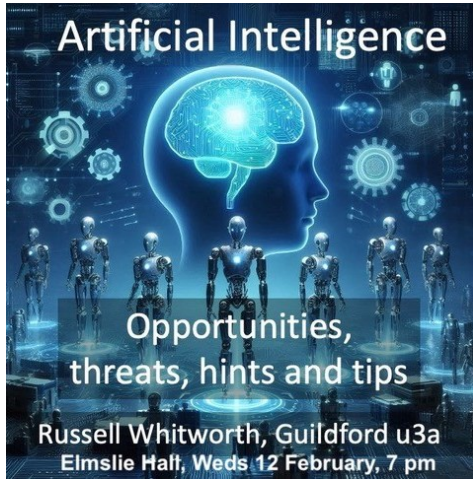
⇒ **Feature Assembly—Sexing/Sending Nudes and the consequences**

On Monday 3 February during period 2, Year 9 students will attend a feature assembly on Sexing/Sending Nudes and the consequences. The assembly will provide students with advice on what to do if someone sends them an explicit photograph online, if they are receiving pressure from a boyfriend or girlfriend to send a nude and what the law says about sharing images online.

Year 7

⇒ **Feature Assembly—Mobile Phone Safety**

On Monday 3 February during period 1, Year 7 students will attend a feature assembly on mobile phone safety. The assembly will outline how to keep yourself safe online, consent and apps to have on your phone, and how to get help if you are unsure or worried.



PTA
Building a stronger home-school community



For details of this and other events, including our upcoming [Quiz Night](#) and [Car Boot Sale](#), please see our events web page at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta>, or join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/georgeabbotparents>.

Focus on

Safe Drive Stay Alive

On Monday 19 January, our Year 12 cohort attended a Feature Lecture on 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' delivered by a Police Constable from Surrey Roads Policing Unit. This session provided valuable insights into the dangers of speeding, as well as the serious risks associated with drink and drug driving.



The talk highlighted the real-life consequences of dangerous driving behaviours, reinforcing the importance of responsible road use for both drivers and passengers. Students were engaged throughout and gained a deeper understanding of how poor decision-making on the roads can have devastating effects on individuals, families, and the wider community.



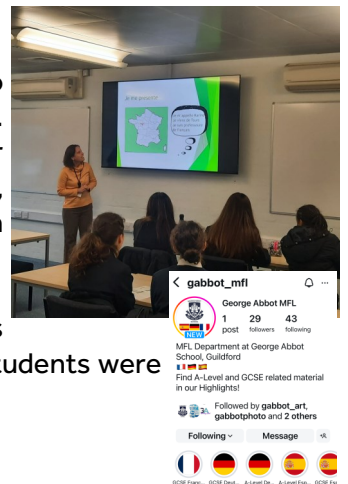
We are grateful to the Roads Policing Unit for their time and expertise in delivering this essential message, and we encourage you to discuss the key takeaways with your child to further reinforce road safety awareness.



MFL Taster Day at the University of Reading

A number of our Y10 and 11 linguists were invited to attend an MFL taster day at the University of Reading. Pupils experienced a culture module, lessons in their current language of study, a beginners' Italian lesson, enjoyed a campus tour and took part in a Q&A with current students.

The pupils learned lots about university life, as well as how languages can be beneficial to future careers. Students were so inspired, they spent the journey home doing Duolingo!



Find out about more of the MFL department on our new Instagram [@gabbot_mfl](#)

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Community Notices

Tesco has selected The Matrix Trust as one of their charities for the Stronger Starts initiative. This is a wonderful opportunity for Matrix to secure additional funding to support their work with young people in Guildford. You can support them by picking up a blue token when you shop at Tesco and dropping it in the box for The Matrix Trust. Every token counts, helping them to come closer to providing even more vital support for young people in our community. This initiative runs until mid April.

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Having a January clear out? It's coming around again - the George Abbot Preloved Clothes sale!

If you are having a January clear out, please think of us and bring any preloved clothes, accessories and shoes to Elmslie reception. Date for your diary: our Preloved Clothes and Second hand Uniform Sale to be held on **Thursday 3 April**. The money we earn from these sales is spent on sustainability related actions or sustainability enrichment opportunities in the school.



Workshops, Tips and Resources

Self-harm workshop

On the evening of Tuesday 11 February, Matrix are hosting East to West as they offer free support for parents of young people struggling with self-harm. East to West are fantastic at journeying with families, and not just delivering a one-off, 2 hour workshop. For more information, [click here](#).

Sexual Health workshop

The sexual health service provider in Surrey, Central and North West London, (CNWL) is offering a free one-hour online Relationship and Sexual Health session specifically for parents and carers. During the one-hour session, CNWL's experienced facilitators will guide you through interactive discussions and activities. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and learn from other parents in a supportive environment. [Sign up here](#).

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Parent Workshops

Positive Family Relationships	Mon 3rd February - Farnham
Toilet Training	Tues 28th January - Guildford Thurs 27th March - Farnham
Education - How to get what you need	Weds 12th March - Farnham
Sleep	Weds 12th February - Guildford
Supporting Parents of Children with Anxiety	Tues 4th March - Farnham
Healthy Parent Carer	From Friday 31st January for 6 weeks - Farnham

For more information and to book on to our sessions, head to our website or scan the QR code

www.disability-challengers.org/thehub

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Careers

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

- **Activate Learning Open Days:**
Guildford College—Wednesday 5 February, 4.30pm-7.00pm
Merrist Wood College—Wednesday 26 February, 4.30pm-7.00pm
Farnham College—Wednesday 12 February, 4.30pm-7.00pm

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

- Ernest Young

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



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Find out more at the next Open Event:

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30 April 2025
4.30 - 7pm

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5.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 30 April, 5.30pm
and 6.30pm

Come along to our next Open Event and attend one of our presentations to find out more about the Farnham College and Farnham Town Football Club Education Programme, including information about scholarship opportunities.

Book your place at the Open Event here:

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