

# George Abbot Bulletin

16 May 2025



## Message from Mrs Carriett:

Firstly, a pastoral update. Our Year 8 parents will be aware that Mrs Morris has been supporting Miss Lewis and Year 8 as their Head of Year. I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Morris will now be continuing as Head of Year 8 permanently; she and Miss Lewis will remain with them as they move into Year 9. Mrs Finnis has now returned to work (much missed in her absence) and will be working as an expert Head of Year across year groups. We know that many of our families have worked with Mrs Finnis over quite some years and it is our priority to ensure that Mrs Finnis is able to work with those young people who need her most, whichever their year group.

Secondly, a reminder about uniform. As soon as the sun comes out, we do note that shirts appear to have a greater tendency to be adrift. We have one week to go until all students may wear their House polo shirts to school. Next week, the forecast hovers around 20 degrees - pleasant, but certainly not prohibitive of uniform being worn smartly. Please can I ask for your support in this last week of full uniform - if you are able to do a check before your child leaves home, we would greatly appreciate it. We will do the same on gate duty as our students arrive. Once we return in June, students do not have to wear their blazer unless the weather is colder - in which case, blazers remain the uniform item that should be worn over their polo shirts. Should the temperatures increase significantly during the last half term, I will send a message to all parents indicating that PE shorts may be worn instead of skirts/trousers. Please do not allow your child to convince you that this has been announced unless you receive a message from me directly.

Lastly, a new event for our sporty students. We are running our first ever George vs Abbot Varsity. Teams for football, netball, cricket and rounders will be selected and parents of the students involved will be invited to bring a picnic and join us to watch their sporting prowess; which half of George Abbot will emerge victorious? Years 9 and 10 will compete on Monday 9 June, 4.30pm - 6.30pm and Years 7 and 8 will take to the field on 16 June, 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Please save the date if your child is of a sporty inclination!

**GEORGE VS ABBOT  
VARSITY**

9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - YEAR 9 AND 10  
16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - YEAR 7 AND 8

Boys Football  
Girls Football  
Netball  
Cricket  
Rounders

4:30pm - 6:30pm

GEORGE ABBOT  
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SCHOOL

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# Good luck Year 11 and Year 13!

Ice creams and shirt signing for our Year 11s, and breakfast in the Sixth Form Common Room for our Year 13s. We wish all students the best of luck as they commence study leave and the start of the exam season.



## VE Day Celebrations - Thursday 8 May 2025

On Thursday, we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE day. We had some period music and dance from our Performing Arts department, a sample of rations provided by our Food and Nutrition department as well as lots of books to peruse. We were lucky enough to be joined by Flt Lt Andy Claesens who shared information about careers in the armed forces too - thank you!



Two of our Year 9 students, Amelia and Isla, were lucky enough to attend the Westminster Abbey service on Thursday. They were given the opportunity to bring flowers to the alter for a blessing, walk down the aisle and then distribute them to veterans. Well done both!



<p><b>Notices</b></p>	<p>Week commencing 19 May = Week B  Week commencing 26 May = Half Term  Week commencing 2 June = Week A</p>
<p><b>Whole School</b></p>	<p>⇒ <b>Leave of Absence Requests</b>  A reminder that we require two weeks notice, before the first day of intended absence, to process applications for Leave of Absence. Please complete the form using the link below if you want to request leave for your child during term time for any reason other than absence on the day or medical appointments. We may ask for proof to back up your request. Permission will not be given for a holiday or if it is applied for after the absence has taken place. <a href="https://georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/attendance/">https://georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/attendance/</a></p> <p>⇒ <b>Free School Meals</b>  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 half term break. This voucher was issued by email via eVouchers next week. If you 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.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Young Carers Newsletter</b>  Please see <a href="#">attached here</a>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Rail Safety Week, 16-22 June</b>  Rail Safety Week 2025, an annual event which aims to raise awareness of safety across the rail network, will take place from 16 to 22 June. During tutor time, students will be given some information about how to keep themselves safe around railway lines, trains and stations. We would encourage you to reiterate these three, key messages, to your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being on the railway tracks is extremely dangerous</li> <li>• Trains can run at any time of day or night, even when not shown in the timetable, or on station information displays, or online.</li> <li>• On the Wessex and South Western Railway network trains are powered by a 'third rail' which carries 750v of electricity. This is always live, even when there are no trains running.</li> </ul> <p>⇒ <b>Early school closure, Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—Monday 19 May</b>  Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.35pm on Monday 19 May for us to conduct the Year 8 Parent Subject meetings. When the Parent Subject Meetings 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 Bromcom 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 <a href="mailto:curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a> by close of school on Friday 16 May. 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. <b>Where we have been notified that a student will be remaining in school, if they fail to arrive and register with Mrs Cordery in Student Support in Moloney building, you will be contacted by a truancy call alert from our attendance system. Therefore it is important that they register with Mrs Cordery in Student Support in Moloney Building at 2.00pm if you have notified us that your son/daughter is remaining in school.</b></p> <p>Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.</p>

## Year 11

### ⇒ Getting Ready Day

Please be aware that students who have accepted their conditional offer to join GA6 in September will receive an invite on **Tuesday 20 May**, to their school email account, to join the Sixth Form Team for a "Getting Ready Day" taking place on **Tuesday 24 June**. The invite will contain instructions on how to book subject sessions and information for the day. The day will start promptly at **8.30am** with an assembly in the Sixth Form Common Room, the day will finish at approximately **1.00pm**. If your child is unable to attend this event or do not receive the joining instructions, please ask them to email [admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk).

## Year 9

### ⇒ Exam Access Arrangements

If you have a child in Year 9 who has exam access arrangements (EAA) such as extra time, reader, use of a scribe etc. please be aware that the SEN department will be meeting these students and assessing them with a view to applying for them to have these arrangements for their GCSEs. This is all in accordance with JCQ's regulations which state that students who have EAA as their normal way of working in school have to be assessed no earlier than Year 9 to demonstrate that they qualify for external exams. We also have to approach their subject teachers asking for evidence of them needing and using these arrangements in their lessons.

I will make contact if for any reason your son or daughter does not meet the criteria for their particular EAA or if any teachers do not have evidence of them needing and using it in their subject. Otherwise we will send out an email around Easter detailing all of your son or daughter's EAA for the upcoming RE GCSE in Year 10. Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ms Barratt, Specialist Assessor and Exams Access Arrangements Lead: [bbarratt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bbarratt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

### ⇒ Science Assessments

#### Change of time for Y9 Physics exam for Y9 students on the G side of the year

Please note that the Physics exam on Friday 6 June will be in **lesson 1 for all students**. This means the G side of the year will not be doing the exam in a science lesson, they will do it in whatever lesson they have for lesson 1 on Friday 6 May. The A side of the year will do the exam in their science lessons in lesson 1 (as originally planned). All students should go to their normal classroom for lesson 1 on Friday 6 June.

#### Details of all science assessments in the week after half term

The **biology** assessment will be in the science lesson on Monday 2 June (it will be a biology exam for all students even if they normally have a chemistry or a physics lesson on Mondays). The **chemistry** assessment will be in the science lesson on Wednesday 4 June. The **physics** assessment will be in lesson 1 on Friday 6 June.

These assessments will be on all work covered this year. Full details of what students need to revise has been sent out via Bromcom. The results of these assessments, together with the results from the spring term science assessment, will determine which students will be offered places on the GCSE triple science course (separate science GCSEs) in Year 10.

### ⇒ RE Revision

To support your child with their preparations for next year's RE exam, the RE team are facilitating revision/catch up sessions after school - [see revision schedule attached](#). The team will be focusing on Buddhist beliefs and teachings this half term and will continue to revise Year 9 topics into the start of Year 10, next academic year. We strongly encourage your child to attend to ensure they have the necessary support in place to be successful in their GCSE exam next year.

## Year 8

### ⇒ Year 8 Parent Subject Meetings—**Monday 19 May**

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

**Please note:** the class teacher for will be unavailable for the following PSE classes 8b/Px1, 8d/Px1, 8g/Px1 and 8j/Px1. If you would like an update on the progress of your child in PSE, please email Mrs Evans-Dix, Head of PSE: [levansdix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:levansdix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)



# GABBOT FEST

Friday 11th July

Raising money for Sierra Leone Development and Relief Aid, Show Racism the Red Card and Shooting Star Children's Hospices.

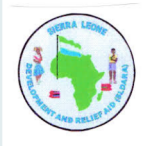


# GABBOT FEST

Raising money for:

## Sierra Leone Development and Relief Aid

SLDARA is a charity supporting children and community projects in Sierra Leone. They fund education as well as core health and sanitation facilities to try and give those in Sierra Leone the best opportunities and start in life possible.



## Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Shooting star is a leading children's hospice charity supporting over 700 children, and their families, throughout Surrey and across 14 boroughs of London. They are partly based in Guildford with the Christopher's facility based just outside Codalming.



## Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism charity. They tackle racism in sport and society by getting influential sports players and personalities involved in their campaigns to spread awareness to as many people as possible.



GAbbot Fest returns on Friday 11 July 2025, it will hopefully be a wonderful day for students to get involved and fundraise for this year's charities; Sierra Leone Development and Relief Aid, Show Racism the Red Card and Shooting Star Children's Hospices.

If students would like to get involved in the organisation of the day and run a stall, then they need to be ready to complete the MS form from Monday 2 June via the link on Bromcom.

MCAS donations are exchanged for tokens (50p a token). We will be using a new style of bespoke token for purchases, any tokens currently in circulation will NOT be accepted. Tokens will be issued to students on the morning of the Festival during tutor time. Please note we will open MCAS on Monday 23 June and will close on Tuesday 8 July, in order to give us time to organise the tokens ready for handing out. If you have any payment queries, please email [finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk). Please note, any unspent tokens will not be refunded as the money is being donated to charity.

## Careers

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

- UK University Choice and Applications with Future Focus Careers

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

- Complete Apprenticeships Guide


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

- St James's Place—Financial Adviser Academy

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# Parent/Carer Course and Workshops

Surrey Family Learning Courses on strategies to support teenagers' development and behaviour, as well as courses on supporting your child's resilience, self esteem and anxiety. Click the images to find out more:




**FAMILY LEARNING**

**Family Learning Courses and Workshop for Parents/Carers Autumn 25**


Learn about children and teenager's development and strategies to support positive behaviour

For course or workshops dates, more information and to book your place please click on links or scan the QR code below


**Behaviour Strategies**




**Develop Positive Bedtimes Routines**




**Who's In Charge**




**Building Your Child Concentration**




**Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance**



**Helping your Child to Develop Positive Friendships**



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Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Tel : 0300 200 1044




**FAMILY LEARNING**

**Family Learning Courses and Workshop for Parents/Carers Autumn 25**


First steps to understanding your neurodivergent child

For course or workshops dates, more information and to book your place please click on links or scan the QR code below


**First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism and other)**



**First Steps to Understanding Masking Workshop**



Web : [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)  
Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Tel : 0300 200 1044




**FAMILY LEARNING**

**Family Learning Courses and Workshop for Parents/Carers Autumn 25**


Support Your child's and teenager's resilience and self-esteem and learn strategies on anxiety

For course or workshops dates, more information and to book your place please click on links or scan the QR code below


**Learn strategies to support your anxious child and teenager link**



**Building Your Child's Resilience**



**Support children and teenager's resilience and self-esteem**



Web : [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)  
Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Tel : 0300 200 1044

There are lots of Summer courses still available. Please book using the following link:  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Families in Harmony Team are pleased to announce that through our **Reducing Parental Conflict** grant, Surrey County Council has funded two FREE online parenting programmes for all parents and carers living in Surrey. These 6-week courses are **available now** and aim to help families manage stress, improve communication, and create a more positive home learning environment. The programmes are being delivered by [The Race Equality Foundation](#).

**Online course** **Stronger Relationships**  
For parents and other adult carers living together or apart

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

**What to expect...**

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

**Topics covered...**

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

**Group discussion...**

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
- Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
- Hear from others about what works for them.

## What's available

[SFSC: Parenting Programme](#)

Age-specific guidance for raising happy, healthy, confident children

[SFSC: Stronger Relationships](#)

For co-parents to reduce conflict and communicate better, whether living together or apart


These courses are particularly relevant for:

1. Year 6 families preparing for the move to secondary school
2. Parents managing SEND, family stress, or co-parenting challenges
3. Any parent looking for practical strategies to improve family harmony


**Online Course**

**strengthening families strengthening communities**


Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?  
Enhance your relationship with your children?  
Learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

**What to expect...**

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

**Topics covered...**

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

**Group discussion...**

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: [stfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:stfscparent@racefound.org.uk)

## Registration

1. [Parenting Programme](#)
2. [Stronger Relationships](#)

Delivered in partnership with your local NHS, Kooth is a free, anonymous and safe mental health space designed for young people. <https://www.kooth.com/>. Alongside supporting young people, Kooth are beginning to deliver some free webinars to parents/carers. Please see below for one on smartphone safety being run in July:  
<https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/23-jul-helping-young-people-stay-safe-on-smartphones-and-online>

Please contact the HSLW Team if you would like to find out more about these courses/help with registering  
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 for a course.

# Community Notices

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE**  
30th & 31st May 2025



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## Independent Support Worker

halow project is a community-based charity in Surrey. We support people (16+) with a learning disability.



**🧑** Provide high-quality support to young adults Working to achieve their goals and promote their independence



**🕒** Variable hours contract

**£** £12.38 per hour

**🎓** Experience is desirable but not essential.

Full training provided.

**Essential:** UK Driving Licence



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## SURREY RAMS

**NL & CVL TRIALS**  
**25/26**

21ST JUNE 2025

**U14 NL & CVL**

**@10:30 AM**

**U16 NL & CVL**

**@12:00PM**

**U18 NL & CVL**

**@13:30 PM**

LOCATION: ACS COBHAM, PORTSMOUTH ROAD, COBHAM, SURREY KT11 1BL

PARTICIPATION COST £9

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[LEKAN@SURREYRAMS.NET](mailto:LEKAN@SURREYRAMS.NET)

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SPRING & SUMMER 2025

## HOCKEY CAMPS



Come and try out hockey at Guildford Hockey Club!

Our camps are designed by double-Olympian and Director of Hockey Dan Fox

<b>MAY</b>	Tue 27 - Wed 28
<b>JULY</b>	Wed 23 - Thur 24 - Fri 25 Mon 28 - Tue 29
<b>AUG</b>	Mon 4 - Tue 5 Mon 11 - Tue 12 Mon 18 - Tue 19 Tue 26 - Wed 27 - Thur 28

- ✓ **DATES:** Camps run every school holiday. Our website always has the latest dates: [guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk/camps](http://guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk/camps)
- ✓ **TIMINGS:** 10am - 3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am) and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on.
- ✓ **VENUE:** Broadwater School GU7 3BW, home of Guildford HC

Special OFFER

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[ghhockey.as.me](http://ghhockey.as.me)

Job opportunity at UCL:

### HR Coordinator

Full time, hybrid working. Location: Dorking.

For more information, please see the job advert [here.](#)

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# PTA Building a stronger home-school community

We are asking all parents and carers to help us raise £60,000 towards the much-needed new dining area for the students.



It will **cost you nothing** to join our Sainsbury's scheme, for which Sainsbury's themselves donate 4% of the cost of your in-store shop to our cause. It doesn't affect your Nectar points or anything else. You just set up a standing order for the amount you typically spend each month, which funds a gift card that you use at check-out. And that's it. Sainsbury's avoids credit-card fees, and they are happy to give the money back to the community in this way. Just fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/pta-sainsbury>, and send it in or leave it at Elmslie Reception for us.

## Sainsbury's

For other fundraising suggestions, please see our fundraising page <https://tinyurl.com/pta-fundraising>. If you'd like to make a one-off donation, please use this QR code.



## Focus on

### Maths Challenge success!

On Friday 2 May, four of our most talented Maths students from Year 8 and 9 were invited to compete in a maths challenge against a number of local schools. The event was organised by Surrey Maths School and took place at the University of Surrey.

After four arduous rounds; including one in which students had to run across the room to deliver answers and collect new clues, without bumping into any other students on the same mission; the George Abbot team were victorious, winning the competition and a £10 Amazon voucher each!

Chloe T, Kobus C, Maia C and Andy L worked very hard and were an absolute credit to the school. In true altruistic style, the boys also helped by making sure there was no food left over when we left! Thank you to Ms Barnard for supporting the students.

### Another win...

The GA 1st XI enjoyed a historic win at RGS Guildford on Wednesday 7 May in the 2nd round of the National Schools U18 cup. We won the toss and elected to bat on what looked like a good deck, after facing some strong bowling early on in the innings we got to 127/8 after our 20 overs. Once in the field, our fortunes changed and we managed to bowl them out for 81 in the 17th over, with a great all round fielding performance. We now face Cranleigh School in round 3.

Players of the match go to captain Will H for his stoic 43 with the bat, Ned B and Ed M for their outstanding bowling performance, Ed (4ov, 11runs, 2wkts) Ned (4ov, 13runs, 2wkts).

In our first ever 2nd XI match we travelled to Peter Symonds Sixth Form College, Winchester for their AoC league fixture. We were set 191 to win (Ayaan K4ov, 26runs, 1wkt), but fell 33 runs short in the chase finishing on 147/9 (Matti T 36no, Tom G 29). Great to be back in cricket season!



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