

George Abbot Bulletin

6 June 2025



Message from Mrs Carriett: As we reach the final 6 weeks of the school year, our work and energy always has a **quadruple** focus. We are ensuring our exam cohorts traverse these frankly challenging weeks, with composure and quality preparation. We are preparing our Year 10s and Year 12s for their end of year formal assessments—the importance of these cannot be overstated. Practising for final exams is all important in terms of mindset and revision technique. Likewise, our younger year groups' assessment weeks offer a micro experience of what is to come, building in scale, volume and scope as they rise through the school. We are organising lots of extra-curricular events to add some joy and competition and variety to the last half term. Finally, we are looking forward to the new school year, reviewing schemes of learning, planning summer site refurbishments, ensuring our school development priorities are the right ones to make our school a better place for your children. We are restless and ambitious for them.



Following this intro, are the details of two important aspects of our school development plans. Firstly, our fundraising effort for a new dining space for our students. GA eating space is not big enough—we want to make this better for your children. Secondly, climate action. GA has had a comprehensive sustainability strategy for some years. A key part of this is trying to reduce our impact on the eco health of our community. In support of that, we have an important Pedal, Park and Stride fortnight coming up. PLEASE support us by reading on and encouraging your child to get involved in making a difference for the better.

Help us expand our dining & social space for students! We are raising £75,000 to help us expand our dining and social space for students. As one of the largest secondary schools in the area, we currently face the challenge of not having enough dining space to accommodate all of our students. To address this, we are launching a project to create a new, dedicated dining space. This new area will allow students to eat comfortably, enjoy a meal with friends and provide a sheltered space where they can socialise, relax, and take refuge from the elements during breaks, especially on rainy or colder days. By improving the existing facilities, we aim to create a much-needed hub for students to unwind and interact, making their time at school more enjoyable.

Our target is to complete the expansion by the summer of 2027 at the latest. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Your generosity will directly impact the lives of our students, providing them with a dedicated space to eat, socialise, and relax. [Please share this page with family, friends, colleagues, and the wider community.](#) The more people who know about the project, the more support we can gather to reach our fundraising target.

Pedal, Park and Stride—16 June to 4 July: Ride your bike or get dropped off a little further away from school. It's healthier for you and better for our community. For the weeks 16 June through to 4 July, George Abbot School will be encouraging students to adapt how they travel to school in line with sustainability and more healthy lifestyles. In particular we'd love to see many more of the George Abbot community cycling or parking further away from school and walking in.



What is the plan and are their incentives? Students cycling to school will have a personal cycling passport stamped every morning at the gate; the more stamps they have, the more their name will be put into the Active Travel Raffle with a chance to win great prizes! And all students wearing cycle helmets will get double the number of stamps too. Students cycling to school are allowed to wear PE kit every day that they cycle and the stamped passport is a Canteen Front of Queue Pass. They must be able to show their cycling passport to prove this!

How about Park and Stride? And for those students who get dropped off by car and would like to take part, we urge that they park further away from school and walk the rest of the way. This will greatly improve congestion and air quality around our school. We won't be able to reward these students in the same way we reward our cyclists, but cleaner air and less congestion is a win for everyone in the George Abbot community!

To find out more: this project is being carried out by an ambitious and creative group of Active Travel Ambassadors from Years 9 and 10 and has been supported by Modeshift. Any questions can be directed to Ms Wallace-Jones (jwallacejones@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

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Notices	<p style="text-align: right;">Week commencing 9 June = Week B Week commencing 26 May = Half Term Week commencing 16 June = Week A</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ Getting Ready Day The deadline for students who have accepted their conditional offer to join GA6 in September to register for the "Getting Ready Day" has been extended to Monday 9 June. The original email with instructions on how to register was sent to your son/daughter on Monday 19 May with a reminder sent on Monday 2 June.</p> <p>Please check they have responded to this.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Year 8 Science Festival Please look out for an additional communication regarding the second annual George Abbot outdoor Science Festival on Wednesday 18 June!</p>
Year 7	<p>⇒ Year 7 and Year 8: International Women in Engineering Day—Monday 23 June The West Surrey Partnership are holding a free fun and inspiring webinar to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day. Meet Hannah Bowen, aerospace engineer, who has gone from working on super-fast Formula One cars to helping the planet through designing renewable energy. Come along to hear about what it means to be an engineer and the exciting things you could do in this career. Live Q&A included. Register here.</p>



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.

Applications to run a stall are now open and students can apply by completing the MS form which is on Bromcom. Applications close on Monday 16 June.

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. 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/>

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

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PTA Building a stronger home-school community

Many thanks to the law students of Royal Holloway University of London who put in such a lot of work to deliver a truly excellent presentation on Street Law on Wednesday evening, all for the benefit of George Abbot school. Now it's your turn! Please...



Help us to help your kids!

We are asking all parents/carers please to help us raise £60,000 towards the much-needed new dining area for the students. How can you help? One simple way - 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 checkout. 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

Next Wednesday, 11 June, we have a PTA meeting in Elmslie Conference Room, just upstairs from reception, at 6 pm. If you can't make it in person, please join us on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/7751905209?omn=93590270294>, meeting ID: 775 190 5209.



PTA Meeting

Fraud warning

Individuals on Facebook have been impersonating the PTA and fraudulently advertising nonexistent events at George Abbot, inviting potential stallholders to send in money. One such goes by the name Kevo Chepyego. At least one parent has been taken in and sent £30. Please double-check: all of our events will appear on our events website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta/> and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/georgeabbotparents>, and will be advertised through the school Bulletin. If unsure, feel free to email us at g.abbot.pta@gmail.com.

Focus on

Gold winners! A big well done to Freya and Ben, ex-Year 13 students, who got in touch to let us know they attended their DoFE Gold award ceremony at Buckingham Palace in May. They enjoyed a morning in the beautiful palace gardens, hearing from lots of inspirational speakers. They wanted to extend a special thank you to Ms Ferguson and the team for supporting them to get their awards.



Additionally, congratulations to Year 8 student, Maisie, who won two gold medals at the Dance World Cup. She performed in classical ballet with the Kahli Lewis dance company. We are so proud of you, Maisie!



Celebrating Women in Sport: a big well done to Beth, in Year 11, who delivered her first public speaking event before half term on Celebrating Women in Sport. Beth is a goalkeeper for AFC Wimbledon U16 Girls team and is a rising star in women's football. She hopes to play professionally and inspire other young girls to stay in the game. We are so proud of your determination and commitment to everything you do. Congratulations on this achievement!



Community Notices



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WOMEN'S CRICKET EVENT
THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025
FREE event - a perfect blend of sport, inspiration & fun.



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WOMEN XI

<p>The Army Women's Cricket XI will compete against teams from the Royal Air Force & the Royal Navy.</p> <p>Each game is more than just a match, it's a chance for students to see female Service personnel demonstrate their skills & team spirit in an intense competition to be crowned Armed Forces champions.</p>	<p>First match at 10 am</p> <p>Arundel Castle Cricket Ground</p> <p>Arundel Park, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9LH</p>	<p>A full day of activities giving your students a front-row seat to high-level female sporting talent in addition there will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket coaching sessions in the Indoor Centre Inspirational Speakers Kit & Equipment stands to learn about roles in the Army Interactive activities to develop teamwork
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Developing individuals >>> Promoting collaboration >>> Increasing motivation

To book places on this event please [click on this link](#)

Contact us: Headquarters South East Engagement Team at – SEHQ-Engl-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk



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