

George Abbot Bulletin

4 July 2025



Message from Mrs Carriett: What better way to spend a summer's day than immersed in a book? Not just relaxing but also academically vital. We offer a reading list for the summer weeks ahead.

2025 Carnegie Medal for Writing

- Winner: Glasgow Boys by Margaret McDonald – A heartfelt story of friendship and trauma in foster care.
- Shortlist Highlights: Treacle Town, King of Nothing, The Things We Leave Behind, The Final Year, Little Bang, All That It Ever Meant, Play.

Recommended Reads by Genre

Adventure & Fantasy

- Skandar and the Unicorn Thief – Elemental magic and unicorns.
- Percy Jackson series – Mythology meets modern teen life.
- Amari and the Night Brothers – Magical realism with a strong female lead.

Mystery & Thrillers

- Murder Most Unladylike – Schoolgirl detectives.
- One of Us Is Lying – YA whodunnit.
- The Swifts – Mystery with wordplay and sibling dynamics.

Real Life & Identity

- Wonder – Kindness and facial differences.
- The Crossover – Verse novel on basketball and family.
- When Life Gives You Mangoes – Caribbean coming-of-age.

Popular Non-Fiction

- Football School series – Fun facts through football.
- You Are Awesome – Inspirational psychology.
- Marcus Rashford: You Are a Champion – Motivational lessons.
- Factopia! – Quirky trivia.

Graphic Novels & Illustrated Reads

- Illegal – Migration story.
- Heartstopper – Teen romance.
- Dog Man – Humorous and engaging.

Short & Quick Reads

- Ghost – Athletics and resilience.
- Crongton Knights – Urban fiction.
- Barrington Stoke titles – Dyslexia-friendly books.

For Older Readers (Ages 13–16)

- All That It Ever Meant, Treacle Town, A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, The Hate U Give, Boy Everywhere, The Crossing – Emotionally rich and socially conscious stories.



School events continue apace in the run-up to the end of term. A special mention to the cast of the incredible show that has been Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The standard is exceptional and all of the cast, backstage and technical crew and musicians are TOTAL STARS!

House Week—w/c 7 July

| Monday 7 July | Tuesday 8 July | Wednesday 9 July | Thursday 10 July | Friday 11 July |
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| Year 8 George side— Wellbeing Walk Year 9 Bowling Year 10 Bowling | Year 8 Abbot side— Wellbeing Walk | Sports Day | Gold DofE depart Year 7 Stoke Park | GabbotFest Period 2 = Y7 & 9 Period 3 = Y8 & 10 Non-uniform day |

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Filming at school: We are excited to share that Rise Media will be visiting our school from Tuesday 9 to Friday 11 July to film content for our upcoming school video. The filming will focus on capturing authentic moments of learning and school life, showcasing the vibrant and engaging environment we are proud of. Please be assured that only students with photograph and video permissions on file will be included in the footage. If your child does not have permission, they will not be used in the edit. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this filming, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mudie: rmudie@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.



A reminder that GAbbot Fest returns next Friday, 11 July 2025. This year's charities; Sierra Leone Development and Relief Aid, Show Racism the Red Card and Shooting Star Children's Hospices. MCAS donations are exchanged for tokens (50p a token). Tokens will be issued to students on the morning of the Festival during tutor time. Please note MCAS will close

on Tuesday 8 July. 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.

Please be aware that there will be some beauty products and food and drink items for sale during GAbbot Fest that may contain allergens or may have been made in a kitchen which contain traces of allergens. Please remind your child that if they have a particular allergy, they should avoid purchasing foods or using products that may affect them. All stall holders have been asked to display allergy information on the day.

George Abbot School Visual Arts PRESENTS



A Celebration of Art, Photography, Textiles, Graphics & Technology.

THE SUMMER EXHIBITION

Thursday 10th July 2025 4.30 - 7.00pm Elmslie Hall
Open to All.

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Whole School

⇒ **Free School Meals**

We have been advised by Surrey County Council that we are able to issue a £90 voucher to students eligible for Free School Meals to cover the Summer break. Vouchers have been issued this week by email via Evouchers.

If you would prefer a printed copy to be posted to you or have any queries regarding your vouchers, please email Bernice Evans (bevans@learningpartners.org). If your request is for a printed copy of your voucher, please specify the supermarket you would like the voucher to be for.

⇒ **September Tariff increases—Impact Food Group**

Please see the [letter attached](#) from our canteen providers, Impact Food, regarding tariff increases from September.

⇒ **Reporting absence and responding to truancy notifications**

A reminder to contact the school **as soon as possible** if your child is absent. This greatly supports our Attendance Team and Heads of Year in their daily checks and helps to avoid unnecessary calls home.

If you receive a truancy notification for your child, it is especially helpful if you can reach out directly to our Attendance team, so students can be located in a timely manner. While the number of such cases is small, your cooperation makes a meaningful difference.

⇒ **Progress Monitoring 2025/26**

Progress Monitoring dates for 2025/26 can be found on the following page of the website: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/progress-monitoring/>

⇒ **Non-uniform day—Friday 11 July**

A reminder that there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 11 July. We are asking for a £1 voluntary contribution to be made via MCAS which will be donated to the Gabbotfest student-nominated charities (see above).

⇒ **Vacancies**

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:

- Progress Mentor and Exam Invigilators

⇒ **Recruiting Exam Invigilators**

We are currently recruiting exam invigilators for the coming year and would like to invite you as a member of our school community, to consider taking on this most important of roles. Invigilators receive full training from our Exams Team and are paid on an hourly rate. For an application form please visit our website:

<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/>.

We are asking that completed applications forms are emailed to exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk by Friday 29 August. After this date, shortlisted applicants will be called in for a short interview. Successful applicants will then receive our mandatory training.

If you feel the role is not one you are able to commit to at this time, please do mention our recruitment drive to local family and friends who might be in a position to join our team of George Abbot Invigilators.

Focus on

Art at the Station: The artwork below, by our very talented A-Level Art and Photography students, is currently on display at Farncombe Station. Thank you to the Arts Society Guildford for organising.



Diving success! A big well done to Lily, in Year 7, who took part in the National Age Group Diving Finals at the Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Birmingham this week. She competed in the 1m Springboard, 3m Springboard, Platform and 1m Synchro. She consistently placed near the top of each category. Lily earned the unofficial title of "Queen of 4th Place", showing resilience, skill, and team spirit. Her performance was outstanding, and her family, and the school, is incredibly proud of her achievements.



PTA Building a stronger home-school community

A huge personal **thank you** to the stalwart team of volunteers who have been helping out during this very hectic week, particularly running the bar every night in support of the superb school show as well as the second-hand uniform store for the Y6 new-intake parents. All of the money raised will go towards the school's much-needed new dining area. Speaking of which... Have you shopped in-store at **Sainsbury's** lately? If so, and you aren't using our Sainsbury's scheme, then you have (probably inadvertently) been diverting charitable funds away from the new dining area and towards **increased profits in the financial sector** instead. (Yes, of course bankers need their Porsches, but still...) So:

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until you have set up a **monthly standing order** to George Abbot P.T.A., 40-22-26, 72376938, for whatever you'd normally spend in store in Sainsbury's per month (you can change it later), and sent a message to ptagave@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk with your name, address and 'phone number to let us know you've done it. That's all there is to it. You'll receive a gift card (which can be stored as a barcode on your 'phone) for those in-store payments, and slowly, one purchase at a time, we will build up the reserves towards that dining area... Do it right now, before you forget!

If you've read this far you should have set up your standing order by now. Done it, but generally prefer to shop online instead? No problem: go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> where you can set up much the same sort of thing for your online purchases at Sainsbury's and more than 8,000 other stores. Just remember to make your chosen charity George Abbot PTA. Thanks in advance from me and from all those students, present and future, who will enjoy being able to eat lunch in the lovely new warm, dry dining area instead of outside in the rain!



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Nicotine pouches: we have seen an increase in students being in possession of nicotine pouches. These are small white pouches that are filled with powder containing nicotine, sweeteners and flavourings in. They are placed under the lip and release nicotine that is absorbed in to the gums. Nicotine pouches are often referred to as snus which are popular in Scandanavian countries. Snus is banned in the UK as it contains tobacco- nicotine pouches do not contain tobacco. Nicotine is highly addictive and the amount of nicotine in the pouches plus the flavours make them addictive. The amount of nicotine that are in the pouches can also cause vomit-ing and fainting. Once sick, young people often recover quickly. Long term effects can include dental issues and oral cancer. There are a lot less regulations on nicotine pouches meaning the strength can vary greatly. Consumed in large quantities, nicotine can have a toxic effect on the body. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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/>

Why Students Need a LinkedIn Profile Webinar

Date: Wednesday 9 July

Time: 6.30pm -7.30pm

Venue: online

60 minutes of really practical advice to help a student get started on LinkedIn....and have a plan for what they want to achieve:

- What should be in a profile
- Tools to help create a really professional profile
- How to make LinkedIn a brilliant Personal Branding tool
- How to use LinkedIn to find contacts that can help....and how not to put them off!
- How to use LinkedIn to research and plan a first (and next) career move.
- LinkedIn - Courses, Jobs, Groups!

Lots of young people don't think about adding LinkedIn to their social platforms....but already have the skills to make the platform really work for them. They will leave the session knowing how LinkedIn can be a brilliant tool and how to get their profile sorted! Follow this link to register: [LinkedIn - Why students need a LinkedIn profile](#)

Extra Curricular Sport – Autumn 2025



| | Monday | | | Tuesday | | | Wednesday | | | Thursday | | |
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| | Club | Area | Teacher | Club | Area | Teacher | Club | Area | Teacher | Club | Area | Teacher |
| 1st & 3rd Break | Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) | SH | CRM | Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) | SH | CRM | Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) | SH | CRM | Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) | SH | CRM |
| 2nd Break | Year 7 Badminton / Volleyball | SH | WXC | Year 8 Badminton / Volleyball | SH | JLJ | Year 9 Badminton / Volleyball | SH | EXL | Year 10 Badminton / Volleyball | SH | BRI |
| A f t e r S c h o o l | Year 7 Boys Basketball | Gyms | External Coach | Year 7/8 Girls Netball | Courts | JLJ / EXL / CRM / External Coach | Gymnastics (All years) | Gym | JZH | Year 7 Girls Basketball | SH / Gym | External Coach |
| | | | | Year 8/9/10/11 Boys Football | Field | AJR / WXC / TXB / External Coach | Year 7 Boys Football | Field | WXC | Year 9/10/11/6 th Form Girls Netball | Courts | CRM / JLJ / CEF / External Coach |
| | | | | Trampoline | SH | CEF | Girls Football All Years | Astro / Field | AJR / EXL / External Coach | Girls Rugby All Years | Field / Astro | VXH |
| | | | | | | | | | | Boys Rugby All Years | Field / Astro | External Coach (2) / BRI / TXB |
| | | | | Y10/11/6 th Boys Fitness Suite | FS | JZH | | | | Y10/11/6 th Girls Fitness Suite | FS | CXC |

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Saturday Class Timetable

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| TOTS (8 PARENTS) Age: 2-4 9.30-10.15am £90 per term | MINIS Age: 4-7 9-10.30am £175 per term |
| JUNIORS Age: 8-12 10.30am-1.30pm £350 per term | FOUNDATION Age: 13-17 10.30am-1.30pm £350 per term |

sibling discount available!

PHOENIX TRI AQUATHLON RACE SERIES

Tristar (Byrs) 50m 600m
 Tristar 1 (9-10yrs) 150m 1.5km
 Tristar 2 (11-12yrs) 200m 2km
 Tristar 3 (13-14yrs) 300m 2km
 Juniors (15-19yrs) 500m 5km
 Adults (20yrs+) 500m 5km

GUILDFORD LIDO PHOENIX TRI AQUATHLON

June 27th
 July 11th
 August 8th

6:15pm to 8:45pm
 Beginners and all abilities welcome.

Swim in the iconic 50m outdoor **Guildford Lido** then run in the traffic free **Stoke Park**.

Enter at phoenixtri.co.uk
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 aquathlon@phoenixtri.co.uk

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Cheerleading is a combination of gymnastics skills, acrobatics and dance. It is a great team sport which helps to improve confidence as well as general fitness and is also a great way to make new friends!

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WEEKLY CLASS TIMETABLE

| Day: | Time: | Location: |
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| Monday | 11.30am | Spectrum Leisure Centre |
| Tuesday | 10am | Queen Elizabeth Park Centre |
| Tues & Wed | 7pm | George Abbot School |
| Wednesday | 10am | Compton Village Hall |
| Friday | 11am | Queen Elizabeth Park Centre |

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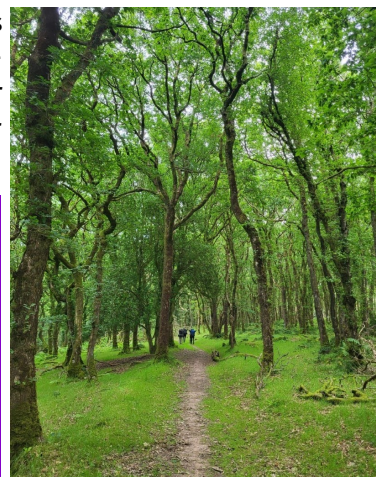
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Duke of Edinburgh—Silver Award Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver practice last weekend. The students showed great resilience and strength navigating Exmoor with full kit in the heat, but also a fair amount of rain(!), for 3 days, honing their skills ahead of their assessment later in the year. Well done.



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.

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