

George Abbot Bulletin

18 July 2025



Message from Mrs Carriett:

And so, the school year draws to a close. July has been epic; so much going on with the two aims of bringing joy and whole person enrichment to your children. In the last fortnight alone, year group activities, Sports Day, GAbbot Fest, Gold DofE, German Exchange, Visual Arts and Technology Exhibition, Sports Awards, cricket scholar trip, Food and Nutrition trip. The end of year also brings some farewells to staff off to pastures new or looking forward to a new world of retirement. Thank you and George Abbot is glad to have worked alongside you to: Miss Nightingale, Mrs Firth, Ms Ferguson, Ms Fraile Martin, Mr Thorpe, Mrs Tharani, Miss Ewart, Miss Strachan-Knight, Mr O'Connor, Mrs Dharmawardene, Mrs Rozelle and Mrs Leverton.

Lastly, may we, the George Abbot staff team, wish all of you, our fantastic George Abbot community, a summer of happiness with your fabulous children. We look forward to our students' safe return in September.



Autumn Term 2025	Tuesday 2 September – Friday 19 December
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 September (School closed for students)
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Start of Term	Thursday 4 September – Year 7 return & Year 12 sign on day Friday 5 September – Years 8-11 return, 8.30am, Year 13 sign on day, Year 12 team building day Monday 8 September – Year 13 students return
INSET Day	Friday 24 October (School closed for students)
Half Term Week	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
End of term	Friday 19 December – 12 noon (Students finish)

Notices	Return to School = Friday 5 September, 8.30am (Year 8-11) Week A
Whole School	<p>⇒ Learning Partners Trust Bulletin Please click here to view.</p> <p>⇒ 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/</p> <p>⇒ Kooth Mental Health Support Services Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing service commissioned by Mindworks for all young people aged 11-18 in Surrey. Available without referral or waiting lists until 10pm each night, 365 days per year, it provides a much needed out of hours service for advice and help.</p> <p>There are lots of free resources for parents/carers which can be found here: https://www.kooth.com/</p> <p>⇒ 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/</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>⇒ Read Your Way The holidays are a brilliant opportunity for students to explore what, where and how they love to read. 'World Book Day' have some fun and simple resources to support you in encouraging reading for fun. Explore their Read Your Way blog for more ideas.</p>

Community Notices

Book at: ghchockey.as.me
Special 15% discount with this code: **SCHOOLS15**

BOOK NOW FOR SUMMER HOCKEY

JULY
Wed 23 · Thur 24 · Fri 25
Mon 28 · Tue 29

AUGUST
Mon 4 · Tue 5
Mon 11 · Tue 12
Mon 18 · Tue 19
Tue 26 · Wed 27
Thur 28

10am - 3pm

LEARN SKILLS HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS HAVE FUN

Hockey Camps * Performance Course * 1-2-1s

QR code:

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025 WITH MATRIX YOUTH CAFE

During the summer holidays, our usual youth cafe sessions will be on pause, BUT we have these special activity days for you instead!

30th JULY STOP MOTION FILM MAKING
10am - 3pm
Learn how to tell a visual story using absolutely anything! We will guide you through the basics of stop motion animation.

7th AUG PIZZA MAKING FROM SCRATCH
11am - 1pm
Become pizza making wizards as we guide you through the whole process from dough making to toppings. Gluten and dairy free available.

15th AUG WILD FORAGING & WALK
10am - 12pm
Join us at Newlands Corner on a delicious adventure, to discover edible treats in nature, followed by a bring your own picnic.

19th AUG BIG GAMES DAY
10am - 3pm
Unleash your competitive spirit and join in the fun with giant benga, water fight, table tennis and our usual board games!

For school years 7 - 11. All sessions are at youth cafe except 15th Aug. Our address: Allen House Pavilion, Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, GU1 4AZ

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Don't wait till September to think about your next steps

Feeling stuck? You're not alone.

- Are you thinking about returning to work but don't know where to start?
- Are you on maternity leave and not sure what to do next?
- Are you a working parent or carer and feeling stuck?

ChangeWave Consultancy can help.

Let's work together to build clarity, confidence, and a plan that works for you.

Book a FREE 15-minute discovery call
rachel@changewaveconsultancy.com

ChangeWave CONSULTANCY

Make the change – ride the wave.

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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