

George Abbot Bulletin

6 October 2025



Message from Mrs Carriett:

In a really large school community, we think its even more important that all of our parents/carers feel connected to George Abbot. We hope that this Bulletin is useful and serves as a link between us and all of you—you are reading this Bulletin, so that is a start!

As well as the Bulletin, we have tried to be thoughtful about the range of ways that we invite you into school. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended our year group information evenings in September. I hope that they offered a helpful recap on school systems and a year group specific update. It was also good to see lots of our existing parents/carers at last week's Year 6 tours. A number of our older children started school during the awful COVID-19 period and I appreciate how useful it will have been for you to see our school in daily operation. We welcomed over 800 people to the tours and were pleased that their feedback was so positive.

For our Year 7 parents/carers, we have an informal social evening this week on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. Thanks to our PTA for facilitating this useful forum for meeting fellow parents/carers. I will also be there and very happy to receive any initial feedback on your child's experience at George Abbot.

I am holding my first Parent Drop In of the year next Thursday 16 October between 6.00pm-7.30pm. If you would like to meet me to raise anything at all, you can make an appointment via my PA, Miss Jacobs, pjacobs@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

As we scope forward into the winter months of 2025, many more events are on the horizon—a quick round up follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
08.10.2025	Year 7 Parents/Carers Social Evening, 7.30pm
10.10.2025	George Abbot Chamber Choir sing at Evensong at Guildford Cathedral, 5.30pm
15.10.2025	PTA Evening Talk from Rev James Hanson, our local Burpham vicar
21+22.10.2025	Year 7 Mini-Musicals
23.10.2025	Second-hand uniform sale, 3.15pm GA6 Open Evening, 6.00pm
03.11.2025	February Half Term Ski Trip information evening, 6.00pm
04.11.2025	Poetry Slam at Surrey University, 5.30pm
13.11.2025	Senior Choir concert with Tenebrae at St Catherine's, 7.00pm
20.11.2025	Dance Showcase, 7.00pm
24.11.2025	Easter Ski Trip information evening, 6.00pm PTA Meeting, time TBC
25.11.2025	Entrepreneurship and AI Careers Event, 6.00pm-8.00pm
30.11.2025	PTA Christmas Fair, 12.00pm-3.00pm
04.12.2025	Drama Showcase, 7.00pm
12.12.2025	George Abbot Christmas at the Cathedral, Guildford Cathedral, 7.00pm

I really hope to see you at some of these events over the coming term with the aim of staying connected with your child's school.

[Return to home page](#)

Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day—10 October 2025

In support of World Mental Health Day on Friday 10 October, we are asking students to wear yellow accessories to school. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day, school uniform should be worn with yellow accessories as an optional extra. Please encourage your child to support this initiative.



Pedal, Park and Stride is back! —13 to 17 October: 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 week 13 October to 17 October, 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; 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. Only those who have a helmet stamp will also be able to go to the front of the queue.

And good news for walkers or those who park and stride. You can get your passport stamped for walking in three places near school. At the start of Woodruff Avenue near the roundabout, half way along Charlock Way and on the other side of the underpass. If you walk to school or get dropped off further away and walk, you can get your passport stamped and wear PE kit on that day.

This will greatly improve congestion and air quality around our school.

Poetry Slam—4 November 2025 In celebration of National Poetry Day, George Abbot is thrilled to announce its Annual Poetry Slam Competition, taking place on Tuesday 4 November at 5.30pm at the University of Surrey! All students are invited to submit poems on this year's theme, "Play", with entries due to English teachers by Thursday 16 October following a special poetry-themed lesson in English (week commencing 6 October). Finalists will be announced before half term and will perform live at the event, judged by two professional poets, with prizes to be won. The evening will also feature music from the Sixth Form Jazz Band and delicious food provided by Young's Kitchen, creating a vibrant celebration of creativity, performance, and community. We warmly invite you to join us for this unforgettable event – we can't wait to see you there!

Notices	w/c 6 October = Week B w/c 13 October = Week A
Whole School	<p>⇒ Ordering Photographs from Tempest Photographers For those parents/carers who are yet to order online, free delivery via the school, is still available on orders until Monday 6 October 2025.</p> <p>⇒ Year 11 - 13 Online Progress Support Meetings – Tuesday 11 November 5.00pm – 7.00pm, online video appointments via SchoolCloud We will be holding the above event on Tuesday 11 November. The aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for staff and parents to work together to support students whose progress is of concern in their exam subjects as we approach a key point in both GCSE and A-Level courses. Please note that students are expected to attend the video appointment with their parent/carer.</p> <p>Appointments are by staff invitation only. We will only contact parents/carers with appointments if subject teachers have concern about how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 students have started their new exam courses • Year 11 or Year 13 students are working in their final year of their courses.

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>We will notify you via an email from SchoolCloud no later than Wednesday 5 November. You may also log in to the SchoolCloud system after this date to view your appointments. If you have not been contacted by this date, please assume that your child's teachers have not requested an appointment.</p> <p>If you do not receive notification requesting your attendance but you have concerns about your son/daughter's progress at this stage, please remember that you are able to contact the subject teacher or Head of Department via email. Details of how to contact individual members of staff can be found on the school website at http://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/contact-us.</p> <p>⇒ Secondhand uniform sale We will be running a secondhand uniform sale on Thursday 23 October from 3.15pm-4.00pm. Please report to Reception on arrival.</p> <p>⇒ 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher of English
<p>Year 11</p>	<p>⇒ Combined Science Revision Guide Year 11 combined science students were issued with science revision guides at the start of Year 10. They should return these after their GCSE exams in the summer. Some students have been sent emails asking for these guides to be returned now - please ignore any such emails. If your child has already returned their revision guide, please ask them to reclaim it!</p>
<p>Year 10</p>	<p>⇒ RE GCSE Mock Students in year 10 will sit their RE GCSE mock on 17 December at 8.30am. It will last 1 hour 45 minutes. Students will be examined on the following four units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings • Christianity: Practices • Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings • Buddhism: Practices <p>A revision calendar as well as revision guides, workbooks, mind-maps and recorded PowerPoints are all available here: Mock resources 2025 (link also available to students on Bromcom).</p> <p>In addition, their first assessment week is w/b 20th October. This will be an in-class assessment and their teacher will give them the exact date closer to the time. This assessment will last 25 minutes and they will be examined on Crime and Punishment. Revision resources are available here: Crime and punishment (link also available to students on Bromcom).</p> <p>Please do encourage students to start revising for these assessments early. There is no requirement to purchase a revision guide, but if you wish to do so we would suggest: AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide Paperback – 1 Jan 2018 by Marianne Fleming (Author).</p>
<p>Year 7</p>	<p>⇒ Year 7 Information Evening Thursday 9 October, 5.00pm-6.00pm via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/92853252903</p> <p>We look forward to sharing key updates about the Year 7 journey so far. For those unable to attend, we will do our best to record the session and share it afterwards.</p>

Year 7

⇒ Use of WhatsApp and Online Safety

It has come to our attention that some Year 7 students have joined or created WhatsApp groups linked to their tutor groups. We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that:

- WhatsApp has a minimum age restriction of 13.
- If children are using the platform, it should be closely supervised by parents (advised by the NSPCC and online safety guidance).
- Restrictions can be put in place through the settings on the phone, including timer limits for using certain apps and limiting contact at certain times.
- We have had reports of students attempting to take photos/videos of staff with the intention of sharing them. This is not appropriate and we would be grateful if parents could check any groups and shared media regularly to ensure all content is suitable.

Your support in reinforcing responsible and respectful online behaviour is much appreciated.

Careers

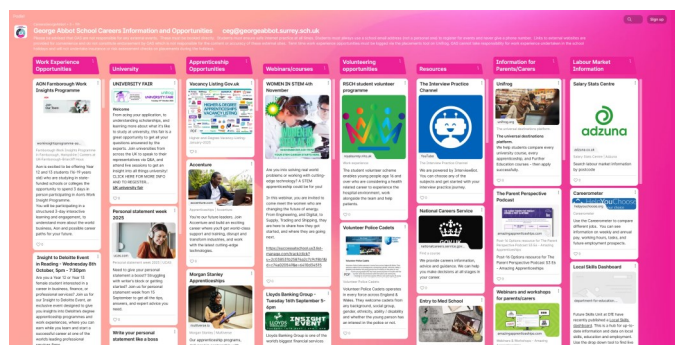
CAREERS ... at George Abbot

EXPLORE

ASPIRE

ACHIEVE

Our Careers team have been busy developing a website full of careers information and opportunities. Please click the image below [or here](#) to visit the site. If you have any Careers based questions, please contact ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. <https://georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers/>



Train to Teach here!

We are proud to be a partner school with South Farnham SCITT, an Ofsted Outstanding provider of school-based teacher training.



With over 20 years of experience, South Farnham SCITT offers high-quality initial teacher training for both primary and secondary teachers across the Southeast and into the London Boroughs. We are united by a shared purpose: to recruit, train, and inspire exceptional educators who will shape tomorrow's classrooms.

Trainees are carefully matched with schools in their local area, building lasting relationships and support networks with peers, mentors, and experienced teachers. This close-knit approach means every trainee feels valued and part of a caring team from day one.

South Farnham SCITT champion best practice and puts children's needs at the heart of all their training programmes. Through research-led, evidence-based training, they ensure children benefit from inspiring and well-prepared teachers.

As a partner school, we are committed to helping shape, mentor, and nurture the next generation of teachers. To explore your pathway into teaching, visit the [interactive brochure](#) or learn more on the website: [South Farnham SCITT](#)

The South Farnham SCITT team is always happy to help. Contact us on 01252 717408 or email scitt@sfet.org.uk.

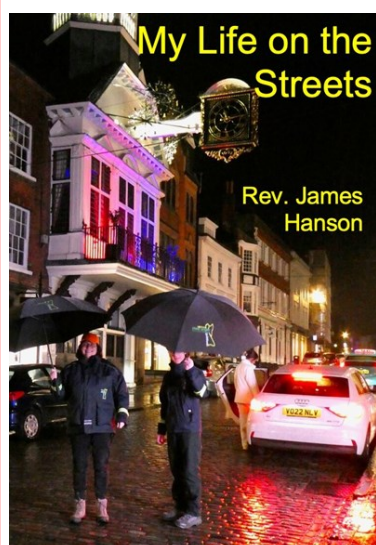
[Return to home page](#)

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Because, of course, it was on its way to our upcoming [PTA Annual General Meeting...](#) Don't miss it; Monday 6 October, 6 pm, live in Elmslie Conference Room (just upstairs from the entrance), or on [Zoom](#). If you haven't been before, it's a great introduction to the work we've been doing and the [events](#) that we're planning over the year. The [agenda is here](#), and there are links within to relevant papers if you want to check up on us in advance. The chicken may not make it, but hopefully you can.

New intake parents'/carers' social evening

Is your child new to George Abbot? Would you like to meet some other parents in the same situation – or just to have a nice relaxing evening in a warm and welcoming environment, with live music and nibbles provided? Come along to our [new intake parents'/carers' social evening](#) on Wednesday 8th October. There will be a cash bar too, with profits going to the PTA fund for the new dining area. [Please book in advance](#) so we know how many to cater for.



Life on the streets...

The first of this year's **evening talks** will take place on Wednesday 15 October at 7 pm in Elmslie Hall, where James Hanson will talk to us about **"My life on the streets"** – a fascinating oversight into what really goes on late at night on the streets of Guildford... it's one not to be missed. It's free; light refreshments will be served from 6:30 pm.

And more...

There's plenty more going on this term, all the way through to our amazing **Christmas Fair** at the end of November. For all the details, see our events website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta>, and don't forget to follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/georgeabbotparents>.

Can you help?

If you live in Mellow or Burpham and wouldn't mind having an estate-agent board outside your house for a few weeks advertising our Christmas fair, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/pta-fair-boards>. Also, we are very short of volunteers and would much appreciate a little help serving drinks at the following events:

- New intake parents' social evening 8 Oct
- y7 musicals 5-6 pm only, 21 & 22 Oct
- "Poetry Slam" on Surrey university campus 4 Nov.

Please email if you can lend a hand at any or all of the above – thanks.

Philip Harris, PTA Chair
g.abbot.pta@gmail.com.

Surrey Schools Swimming Relays

On Saturday 27 September, PE staff took the Gabbot swim squad to the Surrey County Relays at Guildford Spectrum. There were some great performances from our students and all Year groups 7 to 13 were represented in the squad of 26. Result highlights include: Junior Girls Freestyle 2nd place, Intermediate Boys Freestyle 2nd place, Senior Girls Freestyle 2nd place, Intermediate Girls Medley 3rd place, Senior Girls Medley, 2nd place and the best state school performance in Surrey. Well done team!



Community Notices

KARATE BY CHRIS

CONFIDENCE. COURAGE. GROWTH.

Are you ready... to become someone stronger?
to prove something to yourself?
to build confidence that lasts a lifetime?

Karate for kids, teens & adults
No experience needed
just a willingness to grow.

Start your journey with
KARATE BY CHRIS

Scan the QR code
to find out more




OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMPS

Come and try out hockey at Guildford Hockey Club!

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

HALF TERM:
Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October

- DATES:** Camps run every school holiday. Our website always has the latest dates: 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
- Performance Camps** available for more experienced players

Special Offer! 15% discount with code: **SCHOOLIS**
For more info and bookings please visit: ghhockey.as.me




Free HOCKEY Next Steps

Tried hockey in school & want to take the next step?
Then come to Guildford Hockey Club's free, after-school **NEXT STEP** sessions and enjoy learning new hockey skills - we have sticks available for you to use!

WHEN Years 3-6 Tuesdays 17:00 to 18:00
Years 7-11 Fridays 16:45 to 17:45
Sessions start 7th October 2025 - join at any time

WHERE Guildford Hockey Club
Broadwater School, Summers Road, GU7 3BW

WHO Open to all primary and secondary school hockey players (Note that the sessions are aimed at players who are not already members of Guildford HC)

HOW It's easy - just scan the QR code or click the booking link [HERE](#) to sign up!




guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CLASS

Move through Menopause in a strong and healthy way

with a fun strength and conditioning workout that will not only help with this transitional period and beyond, but will provide information on the menopause and set you up with tools for life!!!

Wednesdays
6.30pm-7.30pm

Saturdays
9.15am-10.15am

George Abbot School
Dance Studio

For more information or to book one of our classes, please head to our website www.heavenlyresistance.training

You can also contact us by email at hello@heavenlyresistance.training

Money Back Guarantee on your first attended session with us!

See website for details. Please note that advanced booking is required



NOW OPEN CODE NINJAS

EMPOWER FUTURES

BOOK YOUR FREE GAME BUILDING SESSION

Why Coding?
Imagine your child building their own video games instead of just playing them. We turn screen time into skill time - and coding is just the beginning.

Why Code Ninjas?
Spark a motivation that will last a lifetime? Coding is more than just a skill - it's a powerful tool for creativity, problem-solving, and unlocking future opportunities.

At Code Ninjas, we make learning to code fun and exciting, helping kids build a foundation for success in a world driven by technology.

Code Ninjas Programs

- JR** Ages 5 - 7
- CREATE** Ages 8 - 15
- CAMPS** Ages 5 - 15

Weekly Class Times:
Weekdays: 4:45pm to 6:45pm
Saturdays: 10am - 12pm

We focus on:

- PERSONALISED LEARNING**
In our coding CREATE and JR programs as well as our new AI and Robotics Academies, kids progress at their own pace with our Code Senseis providing guidance and support along the way.
- FUTURE READY**
Kids these days aren't just expected to use tech today - they'll be also be the ones developing and leading it in the future. Digital fluency isn't optional anymore.
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT**
Coding fosters critical thinking, creativity, and resilience - skills essential for success in a tech-driven world.

Exciting Holiday Camps

- GAME BUILDING
- EXPLORE AI, MOBILE APP AND WEB DESIGNING
- PYTHON CODING
- HANDS-ON STEM ACTIVITIES
- MINECRAFT & ROBLOX
- WEARABLE TECH & PHYSICAL COMPUTING

COMING SOON

- ROBLOX CLUB
- MINECRAFT CLUB
- AI ACADEMY
- ROBOTICS ACADEMY

Invest in your child's future.
Schedule a free game building session today!
Call or text: 07981 862025
Email: guildford@codeinjas.com



George Abbot School, Woodruff Ave, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1XX
<https://www.codeinjas.co.uk/guildford-sy-uk>

Battle Cancer CrossFit Challenge

One of our Cricket Scholars, Maeva, is taking part in a Battle Cancer CrossFit challenge on 19 October, a global fitness fundraising event that brings together communities to raise money and awareness for those affected by cancer. If you are able to support, please click the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/maeva-hudson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Families First Guildford's monthly newsletter

Please click here for the latest edition.

MIKE BERNERS-LEE

A Climate of Truth

Why We Need It And How To Get It

By the bestselling author of *There is No Planet B*

PETS, VETS AND AI

How is AI used to help your dog lead a happy healthy life



Thursday 16th October 2025
Tornead School, Guildford
<https://localevents.theiet.org/e329b1>





Enter our Super Draw

Win an iPhone 17 Pro



GUILD FORD COMMUNITY LOTTERY
GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL



Guildford High School (GHS) warmly invite you to a talk from a bestselling author titled 'A Climate of Truth' for students in Years 7 to 13. This event, organised in collaboration with the Guildford Book Festival, is open to students and their parents at no cost.

Fundraising Challenge

A reminder of our fundraising project, particularly for those parents/carers who have recently joined our community. We are raising £75,000 to help us expand our dining and social space for students. A new dining 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.

Our target is to complete the building project by the summer of 2027 at the latest. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. **Please share this page with family, friends, colleagues, and the wider community** and thank you for anybody able to donate—it will make a big difference to daily school life for all our young people.



George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1XX
01483 888000 - www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk
DSL: Mrs T Young - dsl@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk