

# George Abbot Bulletin

7 November 2025



## Call Out for 'Prize' Donations...

**to be brought into school on Friday 28 November 2025**  
in support of the GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL **CHRISTMAS AND CRAFT FAIR**  
which takes place on Sunday 30 November 2025, 12-3pm

### In exchange for a prize donation, your child:

- may come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 28 November
- AND will receive 5 Bromcom House Points from their Form Tutor

*We are asking as many George Abbot students as possible to:*

1. Find one of these gifts that can be used as a Christmas Fair prize:

- Boxes or bags of chocolates / boxes or bags of sweets
- non-alcoholic bottled drinks (not energy drinks)
- **NOTE: Alcoholic drinks may be donated, but...**

*...these should be brought into school by parents and left at the Elmslie Reception, where parents will be asked to leave details of their child's name and form, so that they may receive House Points.*

2. Bring in donations on Friday 28 November, to Form Rooms (except alcohol). Form Tutors will note the student's name and award them 5 House Points!

### Poetry Slam

Across three hours of green curry and rhyming duels, KS3, 4 and 5 students burst alive under the mentoring eyes of professional poets and judges, Woodsy and Articulit, as George Abbot once again blew the roof off Surrey University at George Abbot's second annual Poetry Slam; congratulations to Finn C and Oliver S from Year 7, and Emanuely from Year 12, who walked away as worthy winners. Thank you to all of our fabulous poets.

### Congratulations to our new Student Leadership Team!

We are very proud to announce that the following students have been appointed to this important leadership position. Well done!

Flora B - Head Student  
Stepan K - Head Student  
Tegan G - Head Student  
Sophie R - Digital & Media Leader  
Elizabeth V - Digital & Media Leader  
Sophie J - Sustainability  
Mia R - Sustainability  
Fraser R - Events  
Amelia S - Events  
Samiya G - Events  
Charlotte W - Events  
Emanuely T - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion  
Eloise H - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

### Assembly Focus: Power for Good

This week's assemblies focused on the theme "Power for Good." We reflected on our gratitude to those who risk their lives to protect others—members of the armed forces, medical professionals, and emergency services. We also remember the sacrifices made by these individuals, particularly on Remembrance Day through the two-minute silence. Finally, we considered how each of us shares the responsibility to use our power for good by standing up for what is right, linking to Anti-Bullying Week, which begins on 10 November.



## Whole School

⇒ **PSE feedback**

At George Abbot, we strive to deliver a robust, thoughtful and engaging RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Curriculum in PSHE lessons. Government guidance requires that all schools in England consult with parents about their provision of RSE in schools, and we are interested to know your prior knowledge, understanding and satisfaction with the RSE Curriculum in George Abbot School. We are also currently in the process of auditing and editing our PSHE curriculum in response to the new Statutory Government guidance which needs to be in place by September 2026. Therefore, please take 5 minutes to complete this [survey](#) letting us know your views.

⇒ **Club4**

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme run by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council is a brilliant initiative from Dept of Education. It offers **funded** activities for children and young people (Reception to Year 11) who are eligible for benefit related free school meals. **Bookings for Winter open at 7.30am Tuesday 11 November.** <https://eequ.org/club4activesurrey>. *If you need support with signing up please contact school on 01483 888000 and ask to speak with a member of the HSLW team.*

⇒ **Early school closure for Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 18 November**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at **1.35pm on Tuesday 18 November** for us to conduct the Year 10 Parents' Evening. When the Parents' evening is 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. 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 [curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) by close of school on Monday 17 November. 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. **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.** Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.

⇒ **Charity Fundraising**

We are collecting for the North Guildford Food Bank and Mulberry House (a local 15 bed hostel for homeless women aged 18-99). If you are able to support, please ask your child to bring any of the following donations, up to the Sixth Form and we will drop to the charities in early December. Any questions please ask Miss Smith in the Sixth Form.

Items needed:

- Ketchup
- Long-life milk
- Flour, sugar
- Biscuits and chocolate
- Vegetable oil, stock cubes
- Pillows (only brand-new pillows can be accepted)
- Tea Towels / Bath/ Hand towels
- Deodorant
- Saucepans & Frying pans
- Gift toiletries - for men & women
- Selection boxes of chocolates/sweets, sharing crisps/crackers - festive
- Tinned veg, fish, fruit, pasta
- Pasta sauce



## Year 10

### ⇒ Year 10 Parents' Evening—Tuesday 18 November

For more information on how to book appointments, [please click here](#). One teacher will be available to speak to for English Literature and English Language and they will provide feedback on both subjects.

### ⇒ 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:

- Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings
- Christianity: Practices
- Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings
- Buddhism: Practices

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).

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). 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).



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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Raynham Hall

6pm - 8pm

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If any student would like to submit a question to the panel, this must be done in advance by emailing [ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

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**HOW TO FEED A HUMAN (SO THEY THRIVE)**  
BY HELEN GOWERS



WEDNESDAY 12TH NOV, 7-8PM  
ELMSLIE HALL, GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

**Evening Talk—12 November, 7.00pm**

Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm. The talk will be free to attend, but donations to the PTA are encouraged and appreciated.

**Christmas Fair & Raffle:** The Christmas Fair is now fast approaching! The fair takes place in Raynham Hall **12-3pm on Sunday 30 November**. There will be hot food and refreshments, including mulled wine, for you to enjoy while you do some Christmas shopping amongst the many varied gift stalls we are hosting this year. Restaurant lucky dip vouchers worth more than £540 will be up for grabs - but get there early as they'll sell out fast! There will also be a selection of second-hand uniform available. Please bring cash! The PTA will have card readers on some stalls, but it helps us and the stallholders if you can have cash please. Entry on the day is £1 for adults, free for under 18s.

**Please donate:** We are running a Gifts & Goodies stall again this year. If you have any unwanted **new** items please drop them off in the box in Elmslie reception before 21 November. On Friday 28 November there will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of a bottle or some chocolates for our ever-popular tombola; please give generously!

**Win £250 in the Raffle:** The Christmas raffle this year has over 60 prizes with a combined value of over £1800! Tickets can be purchased now by clicking here <https://pta.events/vs651ipi>. The draw will be made at 8pm on Sunday 30 November. You could win £250 cash!

**We need help!:** If you are able to help with sorting through tombola donations on Friday morning, or at the fair on Sunday, please email Kristi on [gachristmasfair@gmail.com](mailto:gachristmasfair@gmail.com) or you can volunteer through our events page <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta>

Many thanks to all of you who offered to 'host' a Seymour's board, this has already raised £1150 for the school. We really appreciate the support we receive from all of our [sponsors](#), but we must give particular thanks to Seymours for their generosity again this year - in addition to the boards they are also providing the £250 raffle prize, AND they are providing the mulled wine! Thank you Seymours!

**Name Labels**

School life is a lot easier when things don't go missing! Do you need new labels for uniform, or anything else? Order now from [Stikins](#) using code 7833 at checkout, or [MyNameTags](#) using code 35542, and with each order they will give a donation of up to 30% to the PTA, for that [new dining area...](#)

## Community Week—3-7 November 2025

As part of Community Week, 6 our of Year 12 Sixth Form students attended the Guildford Food Bank. Whilst there, students helped unload donations from the public, dated and sorted them, ready to go out to families in need. Students also prepared over 1000 Christmas cards to go out with Christmas food parcels. Thank you to ... Flora B, Felix H, Sophie R, Jaiden E, Penelope B & Sophie M who did a great job for us and to Ms Smith for accompanying them.



# Christmas card competition—now open!

Calling all aspiring photographers, artists and designers! Have your cameras, brushes and iPads at the ready, as the search is on for our 2025 Christmas card competition winner.

**Brief:** We are looking for a photograph or piece of original art work which reflects the festive season. Think outside the box, this doesn't necessarily mean snow-covered cottages and Christmas trees! It can be anything that you think represents this time of year, it could be a landscape photograph, still life or street/documentary style photograph or an original artwork/design which can be created in any media; pencil, felt tip, paint, photographs, or mixed media (please no glitter). Design must be appropriate for the Senior Leaders to send to out to other professionals, schools, governors, head teachers, business associates etc.



**How to enter:** The competition is open to two separate categories; KS3 students and KS4/KS5 students. Email high-quality photographs or PDFs your favourite seasonal/festive photo entry or hand in the original A4 artwork (original artworks will be scanned) to Miss Cowdery in the Visual Arts & Technology Faculty; jcowdery@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

**Deadline:** The competition is open to two separate categories; KS3 students and KS4/KS5 students. Email high-quality photographs or PDFs your favourite seasonal/festive photo entry or hand in the original A4 artwork (original artworks will be scanned) to Miss Cowdery in the Visual Arts & Technology Faculty; jcowdery@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

### Prizes and Recognition:

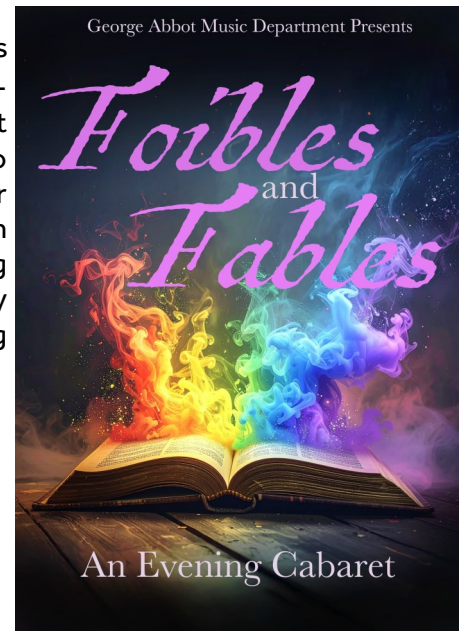
One winning design will be selected from each category and will be entered into the Learning Partners Trust Christmas card competition. One overall winner will be selected for the official George Abbot Christmas card. Winners will receive a prize presented by the Trust and will also be featured (with permission) in Trust communications, including the website, staff bulletin, parent/carer newsletter, and social media.



## Extra Curricular timetable—Autumn Term 2

Extra Curricular Sport												
	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
After School	Year 7 Boys Basketball	Gyms	External Coach	Year 8-11 Boys Basketball	SH / Gyms	CRM, WJC, BRI, JLJ	Gymnastics (All years)	Gym	JZH	Year 7-11 Girls Basketball	SH / Gym	CRM, JLL, CEF, EXL External Coach
				Girls Rugby All Years	Field	VXH, TXB, MXB	Year 7 Boys Football	Field	WXC	Year 7-11 Hockey	Astro	BRI / MXC / TXC
				Year 8 & 9 Boys Football	Astro / Field	AJR / External Coach	Girls Football All Years	Astro / Field	AJR / EXL / External Coach	Boys Rugby All Years	Field / Astro	External Coach (2) / MXT / TXB
				Y10/11/6th Boys Fitness Suite	FS	JZH				Y10/11/6th Girls Fitness Suite	FS	CXC

**Foibles and Fables** is a cabaret evening for senior students to perform songs from the Musical Theatre world. It will feature solo, duet and ensemble performers and will be accompanied by a live student band. Auditions to be a part of the Foibles and Fables cast are open to Year 9-13 students and will take place on Wednesday 19 November after school in PA4. For the audition, students are asked to choose a song from the playlist (which can be found in the QR code below) and come and sing a section of the song. They can find a backing track on YouTube, or they can choose to sing it acappella. Students might be asked to sing a song they didn't audition with if we think their voice would be better suited to it. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Evans-Dix at [levans-dix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:levans-dix@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)



## Big Band win Silver Award!

On Sunday 2 November, George Abbot's Big Band competed in the NCBF Festival in Eastleigh. The band had to play for a 15 minute set and tackled some really difficult material with real skill. The adjudicators made some really lovely comments about the entire band, particularly singling out Dylan on bass guitar and Sam on bass trombone, along with the soloists. The band played excellently and achieved a Silver award. Huge congratulations to the whole band!



## Interfaith Week

Interfaith Week 2025 will take place from 9-16 November. Interfaith Week is a national event that encourages understanding and friendship between people of all faiths and none. As part of our celebrations, the RE Department are hosting two exciting opportunities for students.



### Interfaith "Sharing" Lunch

Students are invited to join us for a relaxed lunchtime session to share something special from their faith, culture, or what matters most to them. This could be:

- A festival or celebration they enjoy
- A story, quote, or belief that inspires them
- A song, photo, or piece of art
- An object with meaning

Or... just come and listen! Everyone's welcome – all faiths and none. Wednesday 12th November, break 3, E17.

### Interfaith Art & Poetry Competition

Students can also take part in our creative competition on the theme "What Connects Us?" They're encouraged to explore ideas of unity, peace, and friendship through a piece of art or poetry. All entries will receive house points. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive a subject badge. Winning entries will be displayed in RE classrooms! Submit to Miss Lenehan via email or drop piece into E17/Elmslie Workroom. Both events are designed to celebrate the diversity and shared values within our school community. We look forward to a wonderful week of sharing, creativity, and connection.

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## Community Notices

**Free Orchestral Concert—Guildford United Reformed Church** are hosting, *Beyond Words*, on Saturday 15 November 3–5:30pm. This is a concert for all the family (recommend ages 7+) where not only will the children in attendance have the chance to hear some of the instruments, they will also be able to try out some selected instruments during the interval, thanks to a collaboration with Surrey Arts. The afternoon will feature some much-loved film and popular music arrangements, including *Jurassic Park*, *James Bond* and *ABBA*. This could be a great opportunity for families to experience live orchestral music in their local area for free. More information can be found on the event [webpage](#) and free tickets can be booked [here](#).

### Surrey Family and Mediation Service

If you are considering mediation, it most likely means you are dealing with difficult personal issues that are important to you, that may affect your future and probably involves your children. Our team of mediators are specialised in the contingencies of divorce and relationship breakdown. They are dedicated to making the transition as amicable and smooth as possible, walking you through each step at your pace. [sfms.-Surrey family mediation services](#) SF&MS has signed up to the family mediation voucher scheme, that has been launched by The Ministry of Justice (MoJ). The scheme offers mediation participants a financial contribution of up to £500 per family, towards the total costs of their mediation. Mediation vouchers will only be allocated to cases where there is a dispute regarding child arrangements. Consent from the clients is required before we then apply for the voucher on their behalf. [familymediationvoucher-scheme](#).



IN CONCERT WITH ST CATHERINE'S  
AND GEORGE ABBOT CHOIRS

Thursday 13th November 2025

7.30pm - 10.00pm

Bar open from 6.45pm

Auditorium, St Catherine's School, Bramley, GU5 0DF

St Catherine's is delighted to host the acclaimed *Tenebrae* vocal ensemble. Described as 'phenomenal' (*The Times*) and 'devastatingly beautiful' (*Gramophone*), this award-winning choir, directed by Nigel Short, is celebrated worldwide for its passion, precision, and powerful interpretations of choral music spanning the Renaissance to contemporary works, performing at leading festivals and venues across the globe.



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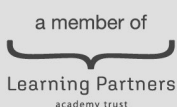
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