

# George Abbot Bulletin

5 December 2025



Today, my intro has a focus on all things Christmas. It would be so lovely to celebrate Christmas together at our Christmas at the Cathedral celebration next Friday at 7.30pm. Please do join us there and feel free to bring children, grandparents, neighbours and friends! The event is jazz-themed, and we will be performing some music composed by Will Todd, one of our ex-parents. We have a professional jazz trio accompanying our event alongside our amazing young people.



## PTA - A big THANK YOU!

... to the many people - sponsors, donors, our small team of dedicated volunteers, and all of you who came along to join in on the day - for making last Sunday's Christmas Fair such a fabulous success. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did! I'm delighted to say that the event raised almost £8000 towards the [new dining area](#) - plus a foreseen £1000 in match funding from an employer! If your employer also happens to offer funding for charities, do please let us know...



## Christmas Dinner is Being Served

On offer to students from the school caterers next week on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 December, the cost for the Christmas dinner will be the usual main meal price of £2.75. The Christmas meal will be available during all three breaktimes and at both Elmslie and Raynham canteens. Please see menu (right) for more details. Halal options available.



Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets  
OR  
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington  
Both Served with Seasonal Vegetables,  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
&  
Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce  
OR  
Stained Glass/Window Shortbread

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## PTA continued...

### Our next event...

... will be the end-of term cake sale on Thursday 18 December at the end of the school day. We'll send a reminder a little nearer the time.



### Looking for a tutor?

Online tuition company [Sherpa](https://sherpa-online.com/referral/register/) has a huge variety of specialist tutors available across a comprehensive range of subjects; many are qualified teachers and/or DBS checked. **If you register using referral link** <https://sherpa-online.com/referral/register/>

[KFILXosfpxh1kVu4sa5aAuOhFsyPnUTLu270Yh1XdBed0WIKL70Z0aiBbbQg](https://sherpa-online.com/referral/register/KFiLXosfpxh1kVu4sa5aAuOhFsyPnUTLu270Yh1XdBed0WIKL70Z0aiBbbQg) then the PTA will earn a £5 commission from each lesson booked (up to a maximum of £100). We will slowly chip away at the cost of that new dining space!

### Other ways you can help...

- Join our wonderful team of volunteers! Please get in touch if you might have the occasional little bit of time to spare. In particular at the moment we're looking for someone to help organise our upcoming [car boot sale](#).
- Participate in our [Sainsbury's scheme](#) - give our Treasurer more work to do! It won't cost you anything. If you prefer online shopping, join [Easyfundraising](#) and name George Abbot PTA as your charity of choice. Divert those bankers' bonuses towards supporting our kids instead.
- Do you know any local companies who may be interested in **advertising** on our [website](#)? Let us know, or ask them to get in touch. This will be a new venture for us - rates will be competitive, and it's a great way for companies to show that they support their local community!
- Any ideas for other events, or of interesting speakers for our evening talks? Let us know!

### And then...

Keep an eye on our [events webpage](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up to date with our activities. We've got lots going on!

### Sixth Form students spread seasonal cheer!

A big thank you to a group of our Sixth Form students who visited the North Guildford Food Bank, The Salvation Army & Mulberry House this week to drop off all your generous donations. In addition, they entertained the residents of Albury Care home with beautiful carols!



The Salvation Army are still really keen to receive the following donations and they can be delivered to their unit at Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4QQ (until 19 December):

- Toys for any age group (must be new in original packaging)
- Toys/ products for teens (in particular gadgets)
- Toiletries for teens
- Gift cards/ tickets or bowling/skating at the Spectrum

They would be grateful for any further donations. Any questions please email Jane Smith: [jsmith@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jsmith@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

### Gabbot Gold Cards

We are delighted to announce the launch of 'Gabbot Gold Cards', awarded to recognise consistent effort and high standards of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. For more information, please see the information video from Mr Mudie [here](#).



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# Careers in AI event

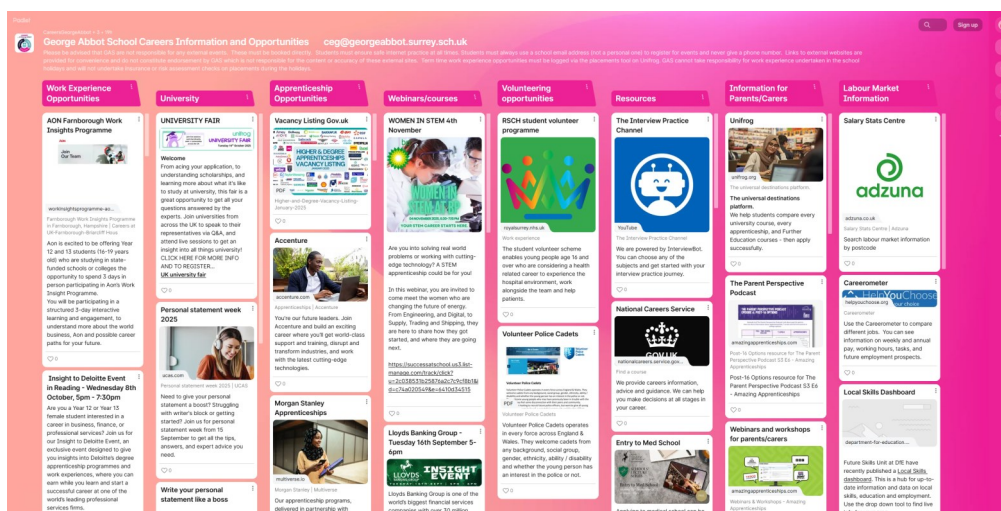
On 25 November, the Careers Team hosted an exciting event, 'AI and Your Future... Careers for Everyone in a Changing World.' The event brought together students, parents/carers, and a diverse panel of industry professionals to explore how artificial intelligence is shaping the world of work.

Speakers represented industries as varied as space, engineering, music, events, air travel, business intelligence, architecture and design, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and healthcare (both medical and veterinary). Each guest shared insights into their sector, highlighting how AI is already influencing their work and how it will continue to transform career opportunities in the years ahead.

Students learned practical advice on how to prepare for a rapidly changing job market and what skills will be essential for success. A key message was that career paths are rarely linear — students should feel empowered to explore, adapt, and embrace lifelong learning rather than feel pressured to choose a single route.

Following the presentations, speakers answered questions submitted by students in advance, creating a lively and informative Q&A session. There was also a dedicated networking session, giving students and parents/carers the chance to connect directly with our guests. The evening not only informed but inspired our students to feel better prepared for the world of work and excited about the opportunities ahead.

Please click the image below [or here](#) to visit our Careers Information and Opportunities website. It is available to ALL students and is updated daily. Students can access the board via the STUDENT HUB on the school website. Please can we ask you to encourage your child to check the board on a regular basis for information on upcoming webinars, guidance and information on university and college, SEND/inclusion careers support, articles, volunteering and work experience opportunities, labour market information and more ... If you have any Careers based questions, please contact [ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ceg@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk). <https://georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers/>



## Notices

w/c 8 December = Week B  
w/c 15 December = Week A

## Whole School

⇒ **Work Experience Placements**  
Our Year 12 students are currently looking for work experience placements to take place between 2–6 March 2026. If you/your organisation would be able to host a student on a placement for up to 5 days that week, please email our Careers Team at [workexp@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:workexp@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

⇒ **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 Cover Supervisor

## Whole School

⇒ **Reminder: Early school closure for Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 10 December**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at **1.35pm on Wednesday 10 December** for us to conduct the Year 7 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 Tuesday 9 December. 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.

⇒ **RSE survey feedback**

Many thanks to all parents/carers who completed our recent RSE survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us ensure that our provision meets the needs of our students while also fulfilling statutory requirements. We are pleased that most responses were very positive, and many of the thoughtful suggestions you shared are already reflected in our curriculum. Following your feedback, there are two key areas we would like to address:

1. Improved communication: Several people highlighted that it would be helpful to have greater transparency about what is being taught in the PSE curriculum and when. In response, we will now include half-termly updates in the bulletin outlining the upcoming lesson content. This will enable you to better support discussions at home that align with what students are learning in school.
2. Sensitive content: We recognise that some of the topics we teach can be highly sensitive and, for some students, potentially triggering. We want to reassure you that our department already has procedures in place to support students. This includes checking in with them before starting topic areas they may be concerned about and providing content warnings at the start of relevant lessons so we can respond appropriately to individual needs.

If you would like more detailed information about our lesson content, please refer to our RSE policy in the policies section of our website, or contact Miss Sellers, Head of PSE, directly: [esellers@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:esellers@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk).

⇒ **Cycle and Traffic Safety**

Following feedback from local residents, we would like to draw your attention to the concerns raised about traffic safety, with particular concerns regarding Great Goodwin Drive, Charlock Way and Woodruff Avenue. Please could we remind parents/carers:

- Please do not park on pavements or in the cycle lanes when dropping off or picking up children.
- Please do not drive in the cycle lane while queuing to leave Woodruff Avenue at the roundabout, this makes it unpassable for cyclists. This is particularly dangerous for students who ride bicycles to and from school.
- When parking, we ask you to be considerate to others and ensure residents' driveways are left clear.

<p><b>Whole School</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please could all road users take care to ensure that the safety of pedestrians is paramount. Do ensure you allow enough time for your journey to school and drop off in a safe area.</li> <li>• Please always treat our neighbours and members of our community with politeness and respect at all times.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our community.</p>
<p><b>Year 11</b></p>	<p>⇒ <b>Next Steps and Sixth Form Application</b></p> <p>This is a reminder for those Year 11 students who have yet to complete their Next Steps/Sixth Form Application. If your child is on our list for not having completed the form, we have today sent out a further link to the application to their school email account. The application form needs to be completed by <b>all</b> Year 11 students <b>even if they are not intending to apply for Sixth Form</b> as we are required to capture data on where they are proposing to complete their Post-16 studies.</p> <p>Please note, if your child is unable to access their school email account, please ask them to contact our IT Helpdesk which is located in USIC. It is important that they have access to their email going forward as all communication regarding their application will be sent to their school email account.</p> <p>If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us on: admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.</p> <p>The deadline for completing the application is <b>Friday 19 December at 12 noon</b>.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Study Leave—Friday 12 December</b></p> <p>Reminder: on Friday 12 December, all Year 11 students will sit their Chemistry assessment at 08.30am and attend the following period 2 lesson. Thereafter, at 11.50am, they will be permitted to leave school for an afternoon of study leave. Students who wish to remain in school for the remainder of the day are, of course, welcome to do so and will be able to work independently in USIC.</p>
<p><b>Year 10</b></p>	<p>⇒ <b>RE GCSE Mock</b></p> <p>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"> <li>• Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings</li> <li>• Christianity: Practices</li> <li>• Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings</li> <li>• Buddhism: Practice</li> </ul> <p>A revision calendar as well as revision guides, workbooks, mind-maps and recorded PowerPoints are all available here: <a href="#">Mock resources 2025</a> (link also available to students on Bromcom). In addition, their first assessment week is w/b 20 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: <a href="#">Crime and punishment</a> (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><b>Year 7</b></p>	<p>⇒ <b>Year 7 Parents' Evening—Wednesday 10 December</b></p> <p>For more information on how to book appointments, <a href="#">please click here</a>. One teacher will be available to speak to for English Literature and English Language and they will provide feedback on both subjects.</p>

# Community Notices

## FAMILY LEARNING



**Free Courses for parents and carers**  
Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

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### Courses available

- Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in English works.
- Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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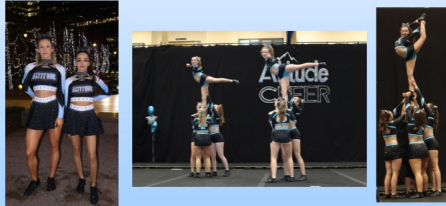
## ALTITUDE CHEERLEADING

### CHEERLEADING CLASSES IN GUILDFORD!

Altitude Cheer offer recreational and competitive cheerleading classes at George Abbot School to all ages and abilities!

Classes run on Mondays and Thursday

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!



For more information and to sign up please email:

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## YOGA FLOW



Flow and slow with Wendy in a mindful Vinyasa style Yoga class to specially selected music. Stretch and strengthen, release and relax in a friendly group. No experience necessary.

Thursdays 7-8pm George Abbot School, term time only.

For more info or to book contact email: [wendygtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:wendygtaylor@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Fitsteps & yoga with Wendy Taylor in Guildford, Godalming, Surrey

Please bring a yoga/pilates/exercise mat or towel.

## FITSTEPS IS HERE

with... Wendy Taylor

Time: 7pm George Abbot School

Day: Tuesday and Wednesday

Date: Term time only

Contact: [wendygtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:wendygtaylor@gmail.com)

Call text 07951508425 to book your place [www.fitsteps.co.uk](http://www.fitsteps.co.uk)

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### FITSTEPS FAB FOR ALL BODIES

FitSteps® is an energetic, upbeat dance class designed to achieve real, measurable, fitness results. The dance workout mixes the graceful steps of Ballroom and the up-tempo steps of Latin dances to create fun-filled classes where you don't even realise you're dancing to music that will get your heart pumping!

The workout combines sway and swing roots, making it great fun to do whether young or simply young at heart. The dance steps are easier to follow enabling more participants to have fun getting fit while learning classic dances of the ages.

### FITSTEPS EXTREME

FitSteps Extreme takes our fitness and dance programme to a different level, using all the key steps from our FAB & FAB Programme. This free ball on programme teaches how to use our dance fitness moves to focus on different areas of the body, train at different levels and incorporate total body workouts and intermittent training principles.

FitSteps Extreme content can be broken down into two categories: choreography challenge, and power. The Choreography Challenge will incorporate some of our more complex moves, transitions and tempo ranges, and Power will focus greatly on those varying training principles. Abdominals, hips and thighs are all hit hard in different ways using classic dance moves and hi energy tracks.

### Enter our Super Draw

WIN A £3,000 CHRISTMAS CASH BONUS

Enter your details on the website to enter the draw.

## AI ACADEMY

FOR AGES 11-16

### BOOSTING THE BRAINS OF TOMORROW

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand new AI Academy, designed to empower young minds with future-ready skills through creativity, coding, games and hands-on AI tools. In our AI Academy, kids dive into the world of generative tools, smart machines and digital creativity like never before! They'll gain a better understanding of how AI is transforming the world - and how they get to be a part of it.

**Let Your Child Be a Part of the Future**  
From creative writing to coding to graphic design and more, the AI Academy provides insight and creative opportunities for children to learn how AI impacts and is used in different industries.

#### Dive Into a World of Generative Tools!

FOR AGES 11-16

MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3	MODULE 4
Under the Hood	Design, AI Magic Out	The AI Content Lab	The AI Your Teacher
AI Chatbots	AI in the Real World	AI in the Real World	AI in the Real World
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Starts: January 6, 2026  
Max 10 students per session  
Ages 11-16  
4-4:45 PM - 6-6:45 PM  
2 hours per week

Real-World Tools | Hands-On Challenges | Expert Guidance

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## CODENINJAS CLUBS

Discover the excitement of Code Ninjas Clubs, where kids can engage in a variety of thrilling and educational activities. Clubs offer unique opportunities for kids to explore new interests, develop skills, collaborate with peers, and have fun in a dynamic and supportive environment.

### MAKER CLUB

Forget plain old arts and crafts; we're talking maker tech with 3D printing, micro:bit, and the magical LilyPad board. Your child will not only make cool physical objects but also bring them to life with some slick software skills. Each session promises a new adventure, three different maker kits, and more creativity than you can shake a USB cable at. This is where the fun is.

### MINECRAFT CLUB

Ready to unleash your child's inner Minecraft genius? Ninjas will dive into Minecraft and learn tricks that would make even Herobrine jealous. Your kid will come home talking about epic commands, mind-blowing creations, and custom mods so cool that even the Endermen will do a double take. You might not understand what they're talking about, but trust us, their creations will be the stuff of Minecraft legends.

### ROBLOX CLUB

Tired of your kid playing too much Roblox? Unleash their inner game developer and let them create it instead! Using Roblox Studio and a sprinkle of Lua magic, they'll be creatively building their way to game designer status in no time. Working both independently and with other Ninjas, each week will bring new, sticker-tack to conquer. And before you know it, they'll have their very own Roblox game to show off.

### CODECOMBAT SPORTS CLUB

Introducing the ultimate code battle arena where coding isn't just a skill, it's a superpower! Our private arena is designed to challenge and thrill, pushing your child's coding skills to new heights. Imagine this: Ninjas battle with keyboards, battling it out in an epic sports tournament where the code they craft controls their hero's every move. They'll compete head-to-head to outwit their opponents and dominate the leaderboard. This is competitive coding at its best, and bonus - you can forget about screen time guilt; this is screen time glory.

Join us at Code Ninjas Clubs for an immersive experience in the world of technology and innovation!

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### CODECOMBAT OZARIA PYTHON CLUB

Ever dreamed of your kid saving the world? Well, dreams do come true in Ozaria! It's an epic tale where your kiddos master the ancient (okay, not that ancient) magic of coding. Picture this: jaw-dropping cinematic videos, lively characters, and cinematic imagery straight out of a graphic novel. Ninjas will dive deep into coding fundamentals and, before you know it, they'll be building their own games. We're talking choose-your-own-adventure and side scrolls. Turn that screen time into a world-saving adventure, because hey, why not?

### ROBLOX CODECOMBAT WORLDS CLUB

Get a kid who's always glued to Roblox but can't tell a loop from a line of code? Let's change that! In this club, they'll enter the world of Lua code like a ninja on a mission. Interactive levels cover the fundamentals, and before they know it, they'll be designing their own games and using super cool acceleration tools in Creative Mode. Think of it as transforming screen time into learning time - no extra parenting required.

### CODECOMBAT AI HACKSTACK CLUB

Guide your child into the future with AIHackStack, the ultimate generative AI companion tool. Don't worry, it's built with student privacy and safety at its core. First, ninjas will master a variety of AI scenarios teaching them to write prompts. Then they'll bring their ideas to life through creators like websites, games, artwork, stories, and whatever else they dream up. Blending simplicity with power, AIHackStack accelerates coding skills and unleashes boundless creative potential. The future is now, and it starts with AIHackStack!

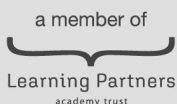
#### ADDITIONAL CLUB INFORMATION:

Each Club can be customised based on the requirements from the school and partners.

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