

George Abbot Bulletin

6 March 2026

World Book Day at George Abbot

This year is the government's National Year of Reading and George Abbot celebrated World Book Day this Thursday in style. We had an inordinate number of books donated for our second ever World Book Day fair - over 3,000 books! Thank you to all members of our community who donated to the cause. The magic and power of reading for pleasure was on display as our staff members dressed up in highly creative costumes displaying a huge range of inspiration from both fiction and non-fiction texts.



And after school, the world Book Day Fair was a great success, with hundreds of students and families attending, including many from our feeder primary schools. We had performances from poets and musicians, thousands of books taken to a new home and plenty of prizes won in our literary competitions. We cannot wait to celebrate again next year!



Spring Concerts

Our Spring concerts will take place on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 March from 7.00pm. Wednesday evening's concert will have performances from our Concert Orchestra, Flute Choir, Concert Band, Senior Strings, Boomwhackers and Year 7 Band Club. Thursday evening's concert will include performances from the GAFC, KS3 Boys' choir, Senior Choir, Young Voices, GAMC and the Barbershop Quartet. Both evenings will then also have performances from our Big Band, our Year Group Dance Companies, Jazz Company, Contemporary Company and Junior and Senior Dance.

Tickets are on sale [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

RAG Week—16-20 March 2026

We are excited to announce that our annual **RAG (Raising and Giving) Week** will take place from **16-20 March**. Organised by our GA6 Student Leadership Team, this fantastic week is dedicated to "Uniting our school community through fun, connection, and charitable generosity, making a positive impact together for meaningful causes." This year, all funds raised will support: The Grace Dear Trust, Breast Cancer UK and UNICEF. Throughout the week, students can participate in a variety of exciting activities during break times, including: Staff vs Students Sports Matches, Battle of the Bands, Science Fair, Sponge the Teacher, Second Hand clothes sale, House Events and Confectionery Stalls.



To take part, students will need to purchase tokens via My Child At School. All money raised will go directly to our chosen charities. We encourage your child to get involved and truly appreciate any support you can provide in purchasing tokens. Thank you for helping us make RAG Week a success!

Please note, Friday 20 March is a non-uniform day. We are encouraging students to wear an item of pink in support of Breast Cancer UK.

Brilliant Club Trip

Last week, our Brilliant Club took a trip to SOAS, University of London. They had a tour of the campus and spent time with current undergraduates, who answered questions about uni life. The group spent time reflecting on the knowledge, skills and ambition they have developed as part of the Brilliant Club, and where this might take them in further education and in a career. The day culminated with a graduation ceremony. All of our GA students took a positive approach to the day and made us very proud. Hats off to Leyla for stepping up to give a confident, well planned and engaging speech to the whole auditorium! One of our Year 10 students, Katie, reflects on the trip below:

“As a student who is constantly looking for new opportunities, I found the Brilliant Club [Scholars Programme] an amazing opportunity to further enhance not only learning, but core life skills such as critical thinking, communication and time management- as well as resilience with the advanced curriculum and essays required. It was such a unique opportunity to surround myself with exceptional people, and I feel it has helped me realise what I want to take away from my learning journey as a whole, and view education as a key stepping stone to life beyond school. I want to thank everyone involved in this amazing experience, especially my peers, and the time and effort devoted to making this an incredible learning and development opportunity. I hope to see future students embrace this course and really appreciate what we can take away from further education. The Brilliant Club is a truly unique and valuable experience, and an opportunity I am grateful for. ”

Thank you to Ms Fowler for supporting and accompanying our students.



Foibles and Fables: Many congratulations to all of our performers in last week's Cabaret Evening. Foibles and Fables offered a star line-up of great poise and variety. The 18 piece house band provided superb accompaniment to our fabulous musical theatre performers. Thank you to Mrs Evans-Dix for her professional score arrangements and production panache. An evening much enjoyed by all.



EPQ Celebration

We are delighted to invite you to the inaugural EPQ Celebration Evening, where our talented Year 13 students will present their dissertations. Join us on Tuesday 24 March 2026, 4.00pm-6.00pm, in the Sixth Form Common Room. Contact Mrs King for more information: vlking@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. Presentations include:

- Katie B: To What Extent Do Re-Emerging Zoonotic Diseases Pose a Greater Global Impact Compared to Non-Communicable Diseases?
- Megan C: Will Lithium-Ion Battery-Powered Electric Engines be the Future of Propulsion Techniques for Passenger Aircraft?
- Toby F: Why is there a Shortage of Housing in Britain and How Does It Affect Us Today?
- Jocelyn G: To what extent are current methods of accommodating dyslexia throughout UK education effective?
- Gemma H: To what extent is the inheritance of trauma and its effects due to biological or psychological factors?
- Emily H: How effective is company led marketing compared to fan driven promotion in selling media products?
- Jasmine L: To what extent can AI be integrated into the legal system?
- Scarlett L: Could music therapy be a better treatment for Parkinson's disease than the traditional drug treatment Levodopa?
- Lola P-B: To what extent does environmental change influence psychological well-being and performance? A psychological evaluation of the impact of West Ham United's Stadium move.
- Ella R: To what extent is alcoholism influenced by genetic predisposition versus social environments?
- Ahmad S: Is a two-state solution possible in Israel/Palestine?

Quiz night

Tonight's the night! We're looking forward to a fun evening - thanks to Naomi and the team for organising it. If you haven't bought a ticket, it's too late now - but don't worry; we're planning to run another one next year!

What's Really in the River Wey?

Don't forget the next in our series of evening talks on Wednesday 18 March at 7.00pm in Elmslie Hall. This event is free, and open to all - do invite your family and friends along. More details at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=100778>.

Car Boot Sale

Our very own **Car Boot Sale** will take place at 9.00am on Sunday 22 March. Come along to grab a bargain - just £1 entry for adults; free for kids - or buy your own pitch and clear out your garage! Details at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=100756>. Can you please give us a hand as a traffic marshal, or selling refreshments? [Just let us know.](#)

Keep your eyes on our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta> to stay up to date with all that's going on - and for ideas of how you can help us raise funds for the [new dining area](#).

Finally... just to note that the PTA meeting anticipated for Monday 9 March has been **cancelled**.



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.



<p>Notices</p>	<p>w/c 9 March = Week B w/c 16 March = Week A</p>
<p>Whole School</p>	<p>⇒ Hair colour Please can we ask for all parents and carers to support us with our published policy in relation to hair colour. We appreciate your partnership in this matter: <i>Dyed hair should be subtle and only replicate natural hair colours and tones. Blue, green or purple hair, for example, are not acceptable.</i></p> <p>⇒ PSE Half Termly Roundup During PSE lessons this half term, the following topics are planned to be covered. Lessons are delivered through guided discussion, supporting students to explore real-life scenarios, develop understanding, and reflect on their feelings in a safe and respectful way.</p>

Whole School

Please note that PSE is taught in a fortnightly basis, and classes may progress at slightly different rates. As a result, not all groups may reach every topic listed below within this half term. Teachers will adapt the sequence and pace of lessons as needed to meet the needs of each class, while ensuring that all required content is covered by the end of the academic year.

- **Year 7** - Relationships: changing friendships, hurtful behaviour, types of attraction.
- **Year 8** - Online safety: Social media, Online grooming. Drugs.
- **Year 9** - Health and wellbeing: Checking our health, disordered eating and body modifications. Understanding and preventing extremism.
- **Year 10** - Relationships: Healthy relationships, consent for pleasure, contraception, STIs.

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, esellers@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

⇒ **Year 10 RE and Year 11 - 13 Online Progress Support Meetings – Thursday 26 March 5.00pm – 7.00pm, online video appointments via SchoolCloud**

We will be holding the above event on Thursday 26 March. 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.**

Appointments are by **staff invitation only. We will only contact parents with appointments** if subject teachers have concern about how:

- Year 12 students have started their new exam courses
- Year 11 or Year 13 students are working in their final year of their courses
- Year 10 students are working in their final year of their GCSE Religion Education

We will notify you via an email from SchoolCloud no later than Thursday 19 March. 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.

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>

⇒ **Reminder: Early school closure for Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 10 March**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at **1.35pm on Tuesday 10 March** for us to conduct the Year 9 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 by close of school on Monday 9 March. 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.

Whole School	<p>⇒ Vacancies</p> <p>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"> • Headteacher's PA and Office Manager • Teacher of Humanities • Teacher of Maths or Science • Head of Religious Education
Year 10	<p>⇒ Year 10 Interview Day – Thursday 19th March</p> <p>A reminder that your son/daughter will be taking part in Year 10 Interview Day next Thursday, 19 March. This is an important opportunity for students to experience a formal interview and develop their confidence, communication skills, and self-presentation.</p> <p>To support students in preparing, we have created a dedicated tab on the Careers Information Board with a range of helpful resources. Parents/carers can access the Careers Resources Board here or via the link below in the Careers Section. A reminder that students can access the board via the Student Hub on the George Abbot School web site. This is in addition to the information students have received from Mr Ratcliffe.</p> <p>We encourage you to take a moment to explore these resources with your child to help them feel confident and well-prepared in order to get the most out of the experience.</p> <p>Students may attend the day in their normal school uniform, their PE kit if they have PE, or they may choose to wear their own smart interview attire. If students have any questions in advance of the day we strongly encourage them to visit the careers team in the careers office (based inUSIC).</p> <p>⇒ RE Assessment</p> <p>Year 10 students will sit an RE assessment during w/c 9 March. This assessment will be completed in lessons and will be 50 minutes long.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full course: Assessment topics will be Social Justice and Relationships & Families. Revision resources have been posted on Bromcom and can also be found here: March 2026 assessment • Short course: Assessment topics will be Relationships & Families and Buddhist Beliefs. Revision resources have been posted on Bromcom and can also be found here: Short Course - March 2026 assessment <p>Please contact your child's RE teacher with any questions. Thank you for your support.</p>
Year 9	<p>⇒ Year 9 Parents' Evening—Tuesday 10 March</p> <p>For more information on how to book appointments, please click here.</p>
Year 7	<p>⇒ Maths check up</p> <p>Year 7 will have an open-book Maths check-up during the week commencing 16 March. This is an internal assessment so we can reflect on progress across the year group and, as it is not an assessment week, scores will not go onto reports. Optional revision work is available on Sparx Maths.</p> <p>⇒ Split Second—road safety talk</p> <p>On Monday 16 March during period 3, Year 7 students will be attending Split Second, a road safety talk funded by Surrey RoadSafe.</p>

Community Notices



Help save young lives

Event:

Support our charity event
"SWIM FOR RICHARD"
 24hr 'endless' relay challenge

Time:

10:30am - 10:30am (24hour relay swim)

Date:

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April

Venue:

Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre
 Parkway
 Guildford
 GU1 1UP

Contact:

wey.valley@swimclubmanager.co.uk, 07808 642625 (Martin)

Every week in the UK at least **12** apparently **fit and healthy** young people die of undiagnosed heart conditions

Offering **help** and **support** to affected families
 @CRY_UK
 CardiacRiskintheYoung
 www.c-ry.org.uk

A number of GA swimmers will be taking part in a 24 hour sponsored swim organised by Wey Valley Swim Club in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young. They are aiming to raise £10,500 to fund a screening programme for young people locally. The swim is taking place at the Spectrum from 10.30am Saturday 11 April to 10.30am Sunday 12 April, and is in memory of an adult club member and Burpham resident who passed away during training at the Spectrum last July.

A big good luck to the following taking part:
 Sebbie & Annabel G, Philip & Luke T, Flora & Edie B, Hope K, Ben M, Jude C, Isaac H, Elouisa & Isobelle E, Grace & Ella B, Noah & Josh N, Evie J, Daisy & Megan M, Will D, Freddie M, Martha A, and Daniela V.

If you are able to donate, please click the following link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/swim-for-richard#timeline-section-marker>

Extra Curricular Sport - HT4



	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher	Club	Area	Teacher
1 st & 3 rd Break	Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) BREAK 1 ONLY	SH	CRM	Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50)	SH	CRM	Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50) BREAK 1 ONLY	SH	CRM	Basketball / Netball Shooting (Max 50)	SH	CRM
2 nd Break	Year 7 Badminton	SH	WJC	Year 8 Badminton	SH	JLJ	Year 9 Badminton	SH	EXL	Year 10 Badminton	SH	BRI
A f t e r S c h o o l	Year 7 Boys Basketball	Gyms	External Coaches	Year 7-11 Girls Rugby	Field	VXH / MB	Gymnastics (All Years)	Gym	JZH	Year 7 Girls Basketball	SH / Gym	External Coach
				Girls Netball All Years	Courts	JLJ / EXL / CRM / AW	Year 7 Boys Football	Field	WJC / FC	Girls Netball All Years	Courts	CRM / JLJ / MB / AW
				Year 8/9/10 Boys Football	Field	External Coach / BRI / WJC / FC				Hockey All Years	Astro	BRI / TXC
				Y10/11/6th Boys Fitness Suite	FS	JZH	Girls Football All Years	Astro / Field	EXL / External Coaches	Year 7-11 Boys Rugby	Field	External Coach / BRI / MT
									Y10/11/6th Girls Fitness Suite	FS	CXC	

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EASTER EGG HUNT!

George Abbot Secondary School- GU1 1XX
9:30-3:30 (optional late stay available)

9TH + 10TH APRIL

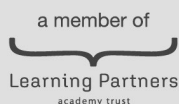
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