

# George Abbot Bulletin

20 March 2026



## RAG Week Success!

RAG Week has been a fantastic celebration of community, creativity, and generosity across the GA community. Thanks to the incredible efforts of everyone involved, we are proud to share that we have raised over £4000 in profit for our chosen charities: The Grace Dear Trust, UNICEF, and Breast Cancer UK.

A special thank you goes to our GA6 Student Leadership team, who have worked tirelessly to plan and deliver such a memorable and engaging week. Their dedication, organisation, and enthusiasm have been at the heart of RAG Week's success.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all staff who supported the events throughout the week. From taking part in Student v Staff Sports, braving Sponge the Teacher, joining in with the Teacher Fruit Machine, contributing to the Charity Bake Sale, and supervising break times to ensure everything ran smoothly — your



## Year 10 Interview Day—a fantastic success!

On Thursday 19 March 2026, we were delighted to host our annual Year 10 Interview Day. We welcomed 38 external interviewers from a range of professions, including George Abbot parents/carers, all generously giving their time to support our students.

Throughout the day, 300 students took part in a 1-to-1 mock interview, gaining valuable experience and personalised feedback. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, reflect on their strengths, and practise essential communication skills.

Year 10 had worked extremely hard in preparation—particularly with creating their CVs, which many interviewers commented on with praise.

It was a truly meaningful and uplifting day, and we are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success.



## Reminder: Tuesday 24 March—the George Abbot Second hand clothes sale

Looking for something new for your wardrobe? Come and browse the sale on Tuesday 24 March in Elmslie Hall and encourage your friends and family to come along too. Open to students from 3:15pm and open to families and the general public from 3:45pm. Cash and card purchase welcome. If you have any clothes you are able to donate, please bring them to **Elmslie Reception**. **At this time of year, we are particularly looking for Prom Dresses and Suits.**



## National Young Carers Day—11 March 2026

At George Abbot, we like to acknowledge and celebrate our Young Carers throughout the month of March. The 11 March was National Young Carers Day and the theme this year was "Fair Futures for Young Carers". We will be hosting celebration breakfasts for Years 7 - 10 before the end of term and a celebration lunch for Year 11 after the Easter break. Please see the video below, that has been shared with our staff and students during tutor time this week: [https://youtu.be/OFVz0Y\\_I3yc](https://youtu.be/OFVz0Y_I3yc)

If the families of young carers need to get in touch then please don't hesitate to contact:

Mrs C Batchler for Years 7 - 9 [cbatchler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cbatchler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

Mrs S Mahmood for Years 10 - 11 [smahmood@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:smahmood@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

## First Lego League 2026

On Saturday 14 March, Year 10 students Max B, James K, Thomas W, Hisham H and Ollie C went to Epsom to take part in this year's First Lego League Regional Final.

The theme this year was Unearthed, which focused on archaeology and how technology can assist to uncover the past to discover the future.



The boys took part in two sections, the Robot tournament and the Innovation Project. They put on a very good show in each section, narrowly missing out on the Robot Tournament and getting excellent feedback from the panel of judges.

They did win the Robot Design Award, which recognises the innovative design of their robot and acknowledges the time that they had spent on developing their design over the last few months.

They all really enjoyed the day and were rightly proud of their award for their efforts. Thank you to Mr Hunter for supporting them.

## Spring Celebration of Music and Dance

A big well done to all of our students who took part in last week's Spring Celebration performances. Their talent, energy, and enthusiasm filled the room and made the event truly memorable. We're so proud of everything they put into the performance and grateful for the joy they brought to the audience.



## 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](mailto: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?

## Restrictive Intervention Guidance:

This information is being provided due to updated Government guidance to the document 'Restrictive interventions, including use of reasonable force, in schools', which is applicable from 1 April 2026.

### What is a restrictive intervention?

A restrictive intervention is any action that limits a student's movement. This may include:

- Holding a student to prevent harm
- Guiding a student away from danger
- Using seclusion (supervised isolation) to keep a student safe

*Restrictive interventions are only used when absolutely necessary to keep students or staff safe.*

### When might staff use reasonable force?

Staff may use reasonable force to:

- Prevent a student from hurting themselves
- Prevent a student from hurting someone else
- Stop serious damage to property

*Staff never use force as punishment.*

### What does the law say?

From April 2026, schools must:

- Record all significant incidents involving force
- Tell parents/carers within 24 hours
- Provide support to students afterwards
- Avoid any techniques that cause pain or restrict breathing

*Our School fully complies with these legal duties.*

### How do we keep students safe?

We focus on:

- Positive relationships
- Early intervention
- De-escalation
- Trauma informed practice
- Personalised support for students with SEND

*Restrictive interventions are always a last resort.*

### What happens after an incident?

We will:

- Check the student is safe and well
- Talk with them about what happened
- Listen to their views
- Review any support plans
- Contact parent to explain the incident

*We want to work with you to help your child feel safe and supported.*

### Who can I talk to?

If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

- Your child's tutor
- The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Young: [dsl@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)
- The Headteacher

## Resources for Parents/Carers

### A Parent/Carer's Guide to Supporting Mental Health by Joe's Buddy Line

Tuesday 14 April at 7pm, West Horsley Place, Epsom Road, KT24 6AN

This free evening conference for parents/carers of secondary school students will give you clear, practical tools to better understand your teenager and support their mental health. Delivered by Joe's Buddy Line, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Book your free place: <https://westhorsleyplace.org/whats-on/understanding-teens-1>

### 'You won't know until you ask' support for parents/carers - campaign from the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology

Please click the following link for some practical information to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online. With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone. <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

## Appeer - What's On Flyer!



[appear.org.uk/whats-on](https://appear.org.uk/whats-on)



Appeer are a Woking based Community Interest Company. We offer groups and sessions for autistic girls, women and those around them, including their parents and carers. We have been hosting groups for 6 years now and are so pleased to have more availability for new joiners. If you can get to Woking for our groups we look forward to meeting you.

**Next Girls Group 22nd March**

Our Monthly Girls Group takes place on Sundays in Woking. This is a social interest group for autistic girls aged 7-12 and their parents and carers.

10:30 am-12:30 pm for the older girls (rising 11s to 12 year olds)  
1:30-3:30 pm for the younger girls (7-10 year olds).

Activities for the 22nd March 2026 Session will be Myths and Legends themed

Cooking: Fairy Bread

Crafts: Fire Breathing Dragons and Craft Stick Fairies

Indoor/Outdoor Games

**Monthly Girls Group**

**Next Teen Group 12th April**

Our Monthly Teen Group takes place on Sundays in Woking. This is a social interest group for girls aged 13-18 years and their parents and carers.

11am -1pm for the younger teens (13-15 year olds)  
2-4 pm for the older Teens (15-18 year olds)

Activities for the 12th April 2026 Session will be "CHALLENGE YOURSELF" themed

Cooking: Fairy Bread

Crafts: Fire Breathing Dragons and Craft Stick Fairies

Indoor/Outdoor Games

**Monthly Teen Group**

**Next Minecraft Session 18th March**

Our Minecraft Sessions take place online. 7-12yrs and 13-18 yrs on alternate weeks.

5pm-6.15pm

During the session the girls are given a build challenge and then conversation is gently facilitated by our staff to foster connections and share experiences.

Wednesday 18th March - ages 13-18 years

**Online Session**

Facilitated Minecraft Design and Build

Book via COACHA  
Not on COACHA? No Problem! - Join here: [appear.org.uk/joinus](https://appear.org.uk/joinus)

**APPEER** Connecting autistic girls and women



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**Car Boot Sale**

A reminder that pitches are still available for our upcoming **Car Boot Sale** on Sunday 22 March at 9.00am—and with the weather looking absolutely amazing, it's the perfect chance to declutter, earn a bit of extra cash, and support the school at the same time! Come along to grab a bargain - just £1 entry for adults; free for kids. Single pitch is just £10:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gapta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=100756>, or £12 on the day.



And remember — if the weather surprises us, indoor space will be available so the event can run comfortably, rain or shine.

If you've got any questions, feel free to reach out at [g.abbot.pta@gmail.com](mailto:g.abbot.pta@gmail.com). Your support means so much to us and makes events like this possible.

**Cake sale**

Time to treat the kids, after working so hard throughout the term... our next cake sale will be after school on Wednesday 25 March.



**Funding update**

As you are probably aware, we've been asked to raise £80k towards a much-needed expanded dining area for the school. You may be interested to know that we are now about 2/3 of the way towards that target - it's encouraging, but there's still a long way to go, and we need all the help we can get. Please do have a look through our [fundraising page](#), and see whether there's some way you can contribute (often at no cost to yourself), or get in touch with us if you have other ideas or can give us a little of your time.

In the meantime... all of us on the PTA Committee wish you a very Happy Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you again in mid-April, when it will be time for our next evening talk on Wednesday 22 April: **Beat the Scammers: How to Protect Yourself and your Family.**

<p><b>Notices</b></p>	<p>w/c 23 March = Week B w/c 30 and 6 April = Easter Holidays w/c 13 April = Week A</p>
<p><b>Whole School</b></p>	<p>⇒ <b>House shirts</b> Students may all wear their house shirts on their return after the Easter holidays. Students must wear their house shirts with trousers or a skirt, and a blazer, on non-PE days. We will communicate with parents/carers should very hot weather means PE shorts or skorts will be permitted on particular days. Please await this communication prior to sending your child into school in this exceptional uniform.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Year 10 RE and Year 11 - 13 Online Progress Support Meetings – Thursday 26 March 5.00pm – 7.00pm, online video appointments via SchoolCloud</b> 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. <b>Please note that students are expected to attend the video appointment with their parent/carer.</b></p> <p>Appointments are by <b>staff invitation only</b>. We will only contact parents with appointments if subject teachers have concern about how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 students have started their new exam courses</li> <li>• Year 11 or Year 13 students are working in their final year of their courses</li> <li>• Year 10 students are working in their final year of their GCSE Religion Education</li> </ul>

## Whole School

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>

### ⇒ 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:

- Teacher of Humanities
- Teacher of Maths or Science
- Teacher of Science (Chemistry preferred)
- Head of Religious Education

### ⇒ Old George Abbotonian 60-Year Diamond Jubilee Reunion – 30 May 2026

The class of 1966 will be hosting a 'Diamond Jubilee Reunion' for former GA students on Saturday 30 May 2026, at the Worplesdon Place Hotel from 1.00pm. The group already have around 40 former students and partners planning to attend, and are looking forward to a warm afternoon of reminiscing, complete with old photographs and school memorabilia on display. If you know anyone from the Class of '66, please encourage them to join them for this memorable celebration. Please contact Peter Cobbett if you have any questions: [petercobbett514@btinternet.com](mailto:petercobbett514@btinternet.com)

## Year 11

### ⇒ GA6 Applications

Please be aware that if your child has indicated they would like to enrol for GA6 in September, they will have been sent a Conditional Offer Letter via email today. The deadline to accept the offer is **Friday 27 March**.

The link in the email will direct them to our online application site and they will need to sign in using their **School Email Account** and the **password** they created when they completed their application. If they are unable to log on please ask them to email [admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admissions-sixthform@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

## Year 10

### ⇒ RE GCSE

Year 10 students will sit their RE GCSE exams on the 12 May (paper 1) and 20 May (paper 2). Short course students will sit their exam on 20 May only. To support them with their revision, the following is available:

- [Year 10 RE Revision Overview.pdf](#) to help students plan their revision. This covers all topics students need to revise for both exams and contains links to the revision guides.
- Short course: [Year 10 RE SHORT COURSE Revision Overview.pdf](#). These overviews are also linked on Bromcom.
- There are revision sessions every Tuesday during break 2 in Elmslie Hall. As well as this, Mr Ratcliffe recently sent out information about after-school revision sessions after Easter. Please encourage your child to attend.
- There is a wealth of resources on the SLE (here: [RE GCSE course info and revision](#)) and linked on Bromcom. These resources include recorded PowerPoints, knowledge organisers, revision guides, mind-maps, workbooks, exam skills guidance and past exam questions.

Please do encourage your child to engage with these revision resources. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Lenehan ([hlenehan@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hlenehan@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk))

## Careers

All students have been sent the link to the board via their school email and Bromcom. They can also access it directly from the [Student Hub](#) on the George Abbot website. Please can we ask you to encourage your child to look at the board on a regular basis to see if there are any opportunities that they would benefit from engaging with.

CAREERS ... at George Abbot

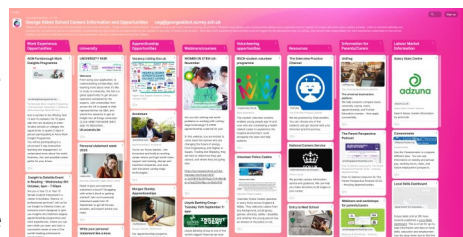
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## IMAG RGS Careers Convention—Friday 24 April 2026, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Take advantage of the opportunity to connect with over 100 delegates from various industry sectors. This event will provide you with valuable information and help you explore exciting career opportunities. Employers will be present to inspire you about different industries and the career paths they offer. We hope this event will kickstart or rejuvenate your thinking about the future; "Pointing you in the right direction, wherever you're heading." For more information, [please click here.](#)



## Community Notices

# HOCKEY

**BOOK NOW FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!**

MON 30, TUES 31 MARCH 2026  
THUR 9, FRI 10 APRIL 2026

**VENUE** Guildford Hockey Club or Broadwater School GU7 3BW  
**TIMINGS** 10am-3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am) and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on  
**DISCOUNTS** available for multi-day bookings  
**Performance Camps** available for more experienced players



**BOOKING LINK:** [ghchockey.as.me](http://ghchockey.as.me)  
15% discount with code: **SCHOOLS15**

# CAMPS

Coaching for Children & Young People



My name is Claire Daniels, and I am a Certified Coach for Children and Young People, aged 7 to 21 years. My focus is on developing positive mental health and wellbeing.

Alongside my role as a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Coach at George Abbot School, I also work independently in my own private practice.

I am based in Merrow, Guildford, close to many of our local schools. Please visit my website for further information about the support I offer.

I look forward to hearing from you if you feel I can help in any way.

[www.coaching-with-claire.co.uk](http://www.coaching-with-claire.co.uk)

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...Growing Confidence for Life

## Calling all Year 9-12s!

### Are you thinking about a CAREER IN HEALTHCARE?

Join us at Guildford HC for our

## FUTURE LIFESAVERS DAY

Guildford Hockey Club is proud to be hosting another special *Future Lifesavers* event, combining sport, inspiration and a rare behind-the-scenes look at life as a medical student.

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

**12:30** Match between Guildford Hockey Club and Cardiff University Medics Hockey Team  
**14:15** Meet & Greet / Q&A session with the Cardiff Medics team.

📍 Guildford HC - Broadwater School, Summers Rd, Godalming GU7 3BW

**Who is this event for?** For kids, teenagers, parents and anyone curious about a career in healthcare to ask questions, hear real-life experiences and gain insights into what it's like to study and work in medicine.

Swipe for MORE INFO

**Topics will include:**

- The different routes into medicine and healthcare careers
- What medical school is really like day-to-day
- How to prepare for applications and interviews
- Balancing study, sport and social life
- Tips for building confidence and resilience as a young person

Parents are warmly encouraged to stay, listen in and ask questions too. Whether your teenager is already talking about medicine or just starting to think about their options, the session is designed to be accessible, encouraging and genuinely useful.

The *Future Lifesavers* project exists to inspire young people, broaden participation, demystify healthcare careers and show what's possible with the right support and information. Hosting it at Guildford Hockey Club brings together community, sport and ambition.

So, bring the kids, enjoy the match, and stay for the conversation. You never know where a single afternoon might lead.

**All welcome. No booking required.**

Sponsored by **Occupational Health Assessment Ltd.**, the day will centre around an exhibition hockey match between medical students from **Cardiff University Medical School and players from Guildford Hockey Club**. It promises to be competitive, entertaining and a great spectacle for players, parents and supporters alike.

Once the final whistle blows, the focus shifts from the pitch to the future. The visiting medical students will take part in an **informal Q&A session** aimed at young people from **Year 9 upwards** who may be curious about medicine, healthcare or university life more generally. This isn't a formal lecture - it's a chance for students and parents to hear honest, practical insights from people who have very recently been through the process themselves.

## APRIL CAMPS

ENROLL NOW

Easter Holiday Coding Camps Are Here!

Give your child an unforgettable Easter break filled with coding, creativity, and fun!

**Ages: 5-7**

- JR MINECRAFT & ROBLOX
- JR GAME CODING

**Ages: 8-14**

- MINECRAFT ROBOTICS CODING
- AI CODING & MACHINE LEARNING
- ROBLOX CODING
- RETRO ARCADE GAME

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George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1XX  
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## ACADEMY of Dance

LIMITED SPACES £86 (2 DAYS)

YEARS 1-8

# Easter Dance and Drama Workshop

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

9<sup>TH</sup> + 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!  
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