

# George Abbot Bulletin

...the weekly round-up and preview for GAS parents and carers



## Headteacher's Message

30 April 2021

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As May begins, we anticipate a busy month. Those of you with sons and/or daughters in Year 11 and Year 13 may well be wondering where on earth the time has gone. COVID-19 has warped our sense of the passing of time in strange ways. It is certainly true that our Year 11 and Year 13 students find themselves slightly bewildered by the prospect of their school days coming to a rather abrupt end after their recent recommencement. We are acutely aware of this and continue to do all we can to mark these important milestones in memorable and enjoyable ways.

Before then, Year 11 and Year 13 have three critical weeks ahead – a last full week of lessons followed by two weeks of assessments. A reminder that both year groups are only required at school for the assessments themselves and will be on study leave at non assessment times. The assessment timetable was circulated last week via the Bulletin and is reattached today. A printed copy attached to the fridge by magnet will be most useful. Today, we have published our teacher assessed grade policy on our website; this sets out the key principles underlying this process which have been developed in line with national guidance and shared with you all at our parent briefings last term. Please visit <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/> to view.

In recognition of the substantial workload attached to marking and robustly moderating all of the assessments to come, GEP have granted their secondary schools an additional INSET day. At George Abbot, **Friday 28 May** will, therefore, become an **additional INSET day** for all students. We have appended this to half term to avoid the disruption of odd standalone days off for the school population. We are really grateful for this time in support of doing the very best for our exam cohorts at the end of a disrupted period of education and thank all of our parents for your understanding.

This week's newsletter also brings confirmation of the finalised **assessment dates** for our **Year 10 and Year 12 students**. These formal internal exams, will be held in the gyms and Elmslie Hall to replicate the environment of external exams and help students to ready themselves for next academic year. The exams will begin on **Friday 18 June** and proceed until **Friday 1 July**. Year 10 will sit these exams during lessons W and X, attending normal timetabled lessons Y and Z. Year 12 will be granted study leave throughout the period, attending school for exams only.

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend, I reflect that having children at George Abbot means that I often find myself at weekend sports fixtures where many other GAbbot students are in attendance. It is with immense pride that I note the superb contribution that our young people make to the sporting success of our Guildford area's teams - be they scoring tries, taking wickets, amassing large run totals, scoring goals – whatever the match result, they represent our school superbly. I will no doubt see some of you on the touch line, at the boundary or pitch side over the coming three-day weekend – whatever your plans, I truly hope they offer some precious time off for you all.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

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| IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday 3 May                   | Bank Holiday—School closed   |
| Monday 10 May                  | Year 11 and Year 13 Summer Assessments begin                           |
| Friday 21 May                  | Year 11 and Year 13 Summer Assessments finish<br>Year 10 RE Assessment |
| Friday 28 May                  | INSET Day—School closed for students                                   |
| Monday 31 May                  | HALF TERM  |
| Friday 18 June                 | Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments begin                                  |
| Friday 1 July                  | Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments finish                                 |

| Lesson omission |           |                 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Week Commencing | A or B    | Lesson omission |
| 3 May           | B         | 1               |
| 10 May          | A         | 2               |
| 17 May          | B         | 3               |
| 24 May          | A         | 4               |
| 31 May          | HALF TERM |                 |

## Reporting LFT Test Results

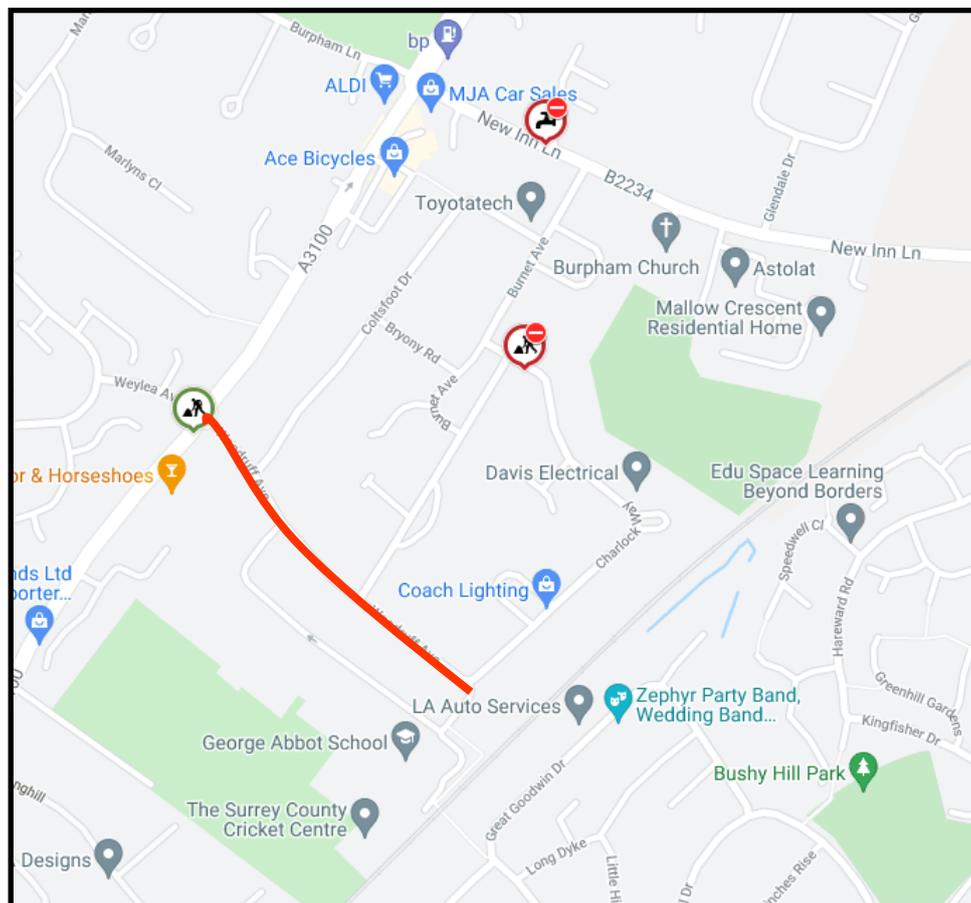
Please continue to report your child's test results to the two following links:

**The Government:** [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

**George Abbot School:** <https://forms.office.com/r/aa5GPS6gQM>

## Pavement Works on Woodruff Avenue by George Abbot School

Please be aware, improvements are being made to the pavements on Woodruff Avenue (road in red on map). This work will begin on Tuesday 4 May for 17 weeks. No parking is allowed on this road at this time. Please let any Sixth Form students who may drive, know that they will need to find an alternative place to park. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



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| Notices             | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>IMPORTANT DATES</b><br/>w/c 3 May 2021= Week B, no lesson 1</p>   |
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| <b>Whole School</b> | <p>⇒ <b>Student Behaviour</b><br/>For students who find themselves in a detention this term, please be aware of the new expectations which have been communicated to all students this week.</p> <p>We will be enforcing the expectation for students to bring work to complete, or a book to read, during the Wednesday detentions. We believe this will ensure students are using their time in detention productively. Refusal to work will only compound the situation students already find themselves in.</p> <p>⇒ <b>REMINDER: Picking up children, dropping off items, visitors</b><br/>Please note that if your child has an appointment within school hours we will not be able to collect them from class. They must make their own way to reception to sign out. Please buzz at the gate and we will send them out to you.</p> <p>We are restricting the number of visitors to the site and there will be limited access via our pedestrian and vehicle gates. <b>Consequently, we are still unable to accept any forgotten items at reception.</b></p> <p>All visitors to the school <b>MUST</b> have an appointment. All visitors to the site will be asked to wear a mask. We will be supplying Track &amp; Trace forms at reception.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Phoenix House Music</b><br/>A long time tradition in school is the amazing House Music Show every summer. Phoenix House are planning some performances for this year and want as many students to join in as possible. This opportunity is about having fun and getting involved. Please email <a href="mailto:mhartley@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">mhartley@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a> for more information. If your child would like to give a solo or small group performance, please encourage them to come to PA3 afterschool on Monday 10 May.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Family Learning—Free Online Yoga Classes</b><br/>Family Learning are offering free online yoga classes for parents/carers. The three week course runs from Tuesday 11 May-Tuesday 25 May, from 10am-11.30am. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://adultlearning.surreycc.gov.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=17290">https://adultlearning.surreycc.gov.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=17290</a></p> |
| <b>Year 12</b>      | <p>⇒ <b>UK University &amp; Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair</b><br/>This free event features a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and virtual campus tours. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/apprenticeship-opportunities/">https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/apprenticeship-opportunities/</a></p>  |
| <b>Year 11</b>      | <p>⇒ <b>REMINDER: Level 2 Further Maths—May Assessment Date and Time Change</b><br/>In order to support the workload for students during the May assessments, the exam for Level 2 Further Maths will be moved to <b>Monday 24 May starting at 8:30am</b>. Individual seated exam timetables will be sent out in due course and these will reflect the dates, times and venues for your assessments.</p>   |
| <b>Year 10</b>      | <p>⇒ <b>RE Assessment—Friday 21 May, 12pm</b><br/>All resources, including videos, past papers, and other revision materials can be found on the SLE accessible via the Student Hub on the school website: (Although this is in a "Year 11" folder, these are the correct resources)</p> <p><a href="https://georgeabbotschool.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SLE/EgrXxFDMJMJEqqEuCgdq3BABZYZsQUAhT0tAzw7FcDeiiQ?e=wLRc6E">https://georgeabbotschool.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SLE/EgrXxFDMJMJEqqEuCgdq3BABZYZsQUAhT0tAzw7FcDeiiQ?e=wLRc6E</a></p>  |

## Year 10

Pathway: [SLE\Lessons and Resources\0-Assessments\Year 11 Past Papers and Key Revision\RE](#)

The instructions for revision has the breakdown of what topics to revise for the upcoming May assessment. There are also a number of links to useful resources on Show My Homework/Satchel One.

Please find below the overview of the evidence which will be used in the production of the Teacher Assessed Grades for RE in 2021:

- November Mock
- March Assessment
- May Assessment

Currently, the data is being collated and our data systems prepared to support the effective running of the process. We will release a detailed report showing all of the marks that are held for each piece of evidence on Friday 7 May.

## Year 8

### ⇒ Student Behaviour

Despite this year's challenges, Year 8 continue to prove what a remarkably driven and resilient year group they are. Mrs Tilley and I have been so impressed with their efforts over lockdown and transition back to school, and we are pleased to welcome them into their first summer term at George Abbot!

Whilst most behaviour across the year is exemplary, for students who find themselves in a detention this term, please be aware of the new expectations which have been communicated to all students this week.

I would like to advise you that we will be enforcing the expectation for pupils to bring work to complete, or a book to read, during the Wednesday detentions. We believe this will ensure students are using their time in detention productively. Refusal to work will only compound the situation students already find themselves in.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

Miss Northcote  
Year 8 Inclusion Manager

## Focus on—Extra Curricular is back!

Since half term, it has been great to see over 600 students participating in afterschool extra-curricular clubs and activities. Last week we had 70 tennis players, 40 cricketers, and 20 American Footballers! Yesterday alone we saw approximately 150 students out enjoying tennis, rounders, cricket and athletics.

Wednesday brought our first fixture for well over a year, and it ended in a win for the Under 13 Boys Tennis Team vs our local rivals at the Royal Grammar School. On Thursday, it was the Under 13 Girls Tennis and they also secured a win vs Farnham Heath End. Well done to those involved!

Please visit <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/extra-curricular/> for the available timetable of activities and follow [@gabbot\\_sport](#) to keep up to date!



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# Careers

We are continuing to update the careers page on our website with lots of opportunities for students.

## Careers opportunities:

Please visit: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers-opportunities/>

## Apprenticeship opportunities:

Please visit: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/apprenticeship-opportunities/>

## Virtual Work Experience opportunities:

Please visit: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/virtual-work-experience/>

New opportunities this week include:

**South East Aspiring Nursing Associates Webinar**—this webinar is aimed at individuals who are interested in becoming a Nursing Associate. You do not need to have had experience within healthcare or to be working within a healthcare setting to attend.

**PwC Virtual Classrooms**—these sessions will focus on supporting students in building skills in resilience, especially during these uncertain times and ever changing world of work. They'll also have the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors and hear about their experiences and advice.

**IBM Insight Evening**—hear about some of the exciting projects they are working on as well as their school leaver opportunities, summer insight days and gap year placements.

**Insight to Berkeley Group St Edwards – Property & Construction**—Talks from leaders from the property development/construction/architecture/interior design. An insight into a huge UK based property developer, their different departments and areas of work.

**HSBC Online Webinar Event – Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship Opportunities**—students interested in a career in Banking & Finance? How does the idea of working for Europe's largest bank sound? On 5 May from 5pm – 6pm, HSBC will be hosting an online webinar event letting us know all about their UK-wide Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities.

**Montagu Evans Property Consultants Apprenticeship Webinar**—offering innovative routes into the property sector via a Chartered Surveying Apprenticeship and a Graphic Design Apprenticeship.

**Mitchells & Butlers Apprenticeships**—With over 1600 pubs, bars and restaurants across the UK with well-known brands, students can begin an apprenticeship with Harvester, Toby Carvery, All Bar One, or Miller and Carter.

**UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair**—this free event features a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and virtual campus tours. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options.

## SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK:

**InvestIN Education** offers interactive and immersive career experiences in some of the most prestigious and desirable industries. Spring and Summer Term programmes are available to book now. Subjects include: architecture, art, computer science, dentistry, engineering, entrepreneurship, fashion design, film making, international development, investment banking, journalism, law, management, marketing, medicine, music, politics, psychology, publishing, veterinary science...

These opportunities are either on-line courses or face-to-face courses and take place during school holidays and weekends.

There are fees associated with these courses however, George Abbot School now has access to a 10% discount for students applying. The discount code is GEORGEABBOT10

For more information please go to: <https://investin.org/> Please read the disclaimer on our website before applying: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers-opportunities/> [Return to home page](#)



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# PTA

A reminder of the two easiest ways for you to raise money for the school.

## Easyfundraising

So far, we have raised over £15,000 for the PTA, for free! Please sign up to [easyfundraising by using this link](#). Over 4,000 sites will give us a free donation every time you shop online. This will help us continue to support people that rely on us. To get notified automatically when a donation is available you can get the browser extension by using these links: [for Google Chrome](#) and [for Microsoft Edge](#).

## AmazonSmile

If you make an order on Amazon, then shop via AmazonSmile by [using this link](#). Amazon then donates a percentage of what you spend to George Abbot PTA.

Best wishes and stay safe,

from the PTA.



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