

# George Abbot Bulletin

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



## Headteacher's Message

11 June 2021

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What a glorious week of weather with another ahead – therefore, the first important message of this bulletin is that all students may wear their house polo shirts instead of their white shirt and tie with effect from **Monday 14 June** until the end of the summer term. The principle is that students should continue to wear their blazers with their polo shirts unless temperatures are particularly high – i.e. 24°C or higher. Coats will definitely not be needed unless we see a drastic return of colder weather. PE kit and yellow polo shirts should continue to be worn on days where students have PE timetabled or an after school club.

The second organisational update for all parents/carers is that as of **Monday 21 June**, Years 7-10 will all be returning to a weekly tutor time every day. That means all of these year groups should be on their year group playgrounds by 8.25am for the remainder of the academic year. This will prepare us for the normal routine of school in the Autumn Term. This is advance notice – to start the week after next.

Thirdly, this is the point in the year when we begin to prepare our Years 7-10 for their promotion to the next school year group. Part of this is making sure they know who their pastoral leaders will be next year.

There are **no changes** for Years 8 and 9:

Year 8 will continue into Year 9 with **Mrs Tilley** as their Head of Year, **Miss Northcote** as their Inclusion Manager and **Mr Goulborn** as their linked senior leader.

Year 9 will continue into Year 10 with **Mrs Morgan** as their Head of Year, **Miss Nightingale** as their Inclusion Manager and **Mr O'Sullivan** as their linked senior leader.

As always, at the end of Year 7, students are handed over to their new Head of Year and Inclusion Manager:

Year 7 will move into Year 8 with **Mrs Finnis** as their Head of Year and **Mr Marker** as their Inclusion Manager – they will have seen them out on duty on their playgrounds and lunch queues, getting to know them over recent days. **Mr O'Sullivan** is their linked senior leader.

Equally, at the end of Year 10, we support our new Year 11s by ensuring that we have specific pastoral expertise for our young people at this particularly stressful and important point in their educational journey:

For our Year 10s, they will therefore receive that support from their new Head of Year, **Mrs Edmeads**, who is our Year 11 expert. Students will be given additional stability through retaining their Inclusion Manager, **Mr Huelin** into Year 11. **Mr Goulborn** will oversee their progress as the linked senior leader.

Lastly, I wanted to update you all on two important internal promotions for September 2021. I know that some of you will be familiar with the impact of **Mr Mudie**'s top quality Geography teaching on your child's progress. Such excellence is reflected in a well deserved promotion to become one of our 7 **Heads of Faculty** – this means that Mr Mudie will now oversee teaching and learning across a group of subjects. I hope you will agree that this is well deserved. Equally well deserved is the internal promotion of Mr Goulborn. **Mr Goulborn** moves to the position of **Deputy Headteacher** in the new academic year. Your children will recognise Mr Goulborn as a leader of some importance at George Abbot – ever present around the school and in lessons, promoting positivity and excellence for all of our students. I know they will both work hard in support of our mission to ensure George Abbot continues to provide the very best education for your children.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 15 June	Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings
Friday 18 June	Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments begin
Friday 25 June	INSET Day—School closed for students
Friday 2 July	Year 10 and Year 12 Assessments finish

Lesson omission		
Week Commencing	A or B	Lesson omission
14 June	A	1
21 June	B	2
28 June	A	3
5 July	B	4
12 July	A	5
19 July	B	1

### 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)

George Abbot School:

<https://forms.office.com/r/aa5GPS6gQM>

## Extra-curricular: PE

### House Sports Event—Tuesday 15 June—Cricket and Rounders

The next house sports event for this term is on Tuesday 15 June. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be selected with help from the designated house representatives. The sports for this term will be cricket for the boys and rounders for the girls. The last competition was hotly contested, we anticipate the same for this event! This is the last house sports event before the grand finale, Sports Day!

Year 7	Period W/2 and break 1 (10.10am), if needed
Year 9	Period X/3 and break 2 (11.50am), if needed
Year 8	Period Y/4 and break 3 (1.30pm), if needed

### Athletics Events

In the next few weeks there will be several athletics meets. If your child would like to be considered for selection in these events, they must attend the relevant athletics training session. Year 7 and 8 training is on a Thursday after school and Year 9 and 10 is on a Tuesday.

Gabbot Sprints	Wednesday 23 June
District Sports	Monday 5 July
Sports Day	Friday 16 July

## Notices

### Whole School

⇒ **WisePay**

WisePay have informed us they have updated their app over the half term break. You will need to use the school organisational code below when updating the app on your device.

**Organisational code: 31545481**

[Attached here](#) is more information from WisePay. If you have any further queries, please email [finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

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## Whole School

### ⇒ **Nose Piercings and Accessories**

We have noticed a spate of nose piercings since half term. Please be reminded, nose piercings are **not** allowed at school. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum with a maximum of one stud per ear.

If your child has had their nose pierced recently, could we kindly request the following:

- They do not wear the piercing to school.
- If they are at risk of infection or cannot remove it for any reason, they wear a spot plaster to cover it. This would only be tolerated for a minimum period.

Students who continue to wear nose studs to school without a covering will receive logs which will result in an after school detention on Wednesdays.

Additionally, students should not wear fake nails, only clear nail polish is acceptable, with a maximum of one ring allowed.

### ⇒ **Tennis Balls—thank you!**

A big thank you to all those in our community who donated tennis balls to our PE department.

We would particularly like to thank Merrow Tennis Club who have donated over 200 balls to the school. The club pride themselves on recycling their tennis balls instead of throwing them away and have previously donated to charities that send the balls to Africa. This year, they will be using a company that re-pressurises the balls and then donates them to Save the Children, Barnardos, schools and Police Dogs.

### ⇒ **REMINDER: Early School Closure—Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings, Tuesday 15 June**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on **Tuesday 15 June** for the Year 10 Parent/Teacher consultation meetings.

Students are expected to complete work which will be set via Satchel One 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 14 June**.

Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual time.

### ⇒ **Family Learning—Surrey County Council**

Please see link below to a range of June courses delivered free and online via Zoom for parents/carers. <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning>

Courses include: Wellbeing and Healthy Living (Yoga, Food preparation, Stress Buster), Courses for EAL parents/carers (grammar and phonics), Maths and Parenting.

## Year 10

### ⇒ **End of Year 10 Exams**

This week Year 10 students have received, in assembly, all the information they need to organise themselves for the Year 10 End of Year Exams.

The assembly was recorded for those not able to attend, and for the benefit of parents/carers to be aware of the information students were given.

The assembly can be viewed online here; <https://youtu.be/JGcNRYxc0co>

Key points;

- **Dates:** All Year 10 exams are Monday 21 June – Thursday 1 July.

## Year 10

- **Format for the day:**
  - Form + Period W = Core Exam.
  - Period X = Option exam.
  - Period Y = Normal Lessons (*Period Y will be used for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Option subject exam if needed – students will see this on their individual timetables, being sent out from 14 June by the Examinations Office*).
  - Period Z = Normal Lessons.
- **Timetables + Exam info:** Full Timetable is on the school website (Home → Examinations → Year 10/12 Exam timetable), Student friendly summary information is on the SLE ; **SLE -> SLE Documents -> 0. End of Year 10 Exams.**
- **Homework:** Only homework aimed at preparing students for the End of Year 10 exams will be set before Friday 2 July.
- **Revising during lessons:** Students have been advised to have some revision with them in school during the exam weeks, in case the opportunity is there to revise independently in class.
- **Uniform:** Normal summer school uniform (House Shirts) to be worn for the duration of the exam period.

To encourage students to maintain the high expectations we have for attendance and punctuality, there will be a reward for Year 10 students on Friday 2 July during form time.

Your support in encouraging prompt arrival in school, on the Year 10 playground for 8:25am for a prompt 8:30am start, would be greatly appreciated.

⇒ **Parent Subject Meetings—Tuesday 15 June**

Please see important information attached regarding Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.

⇒ **Elevate—The Matrix Trust**

Please see the information [here](#) regarding the Young Leaders six week course at the Hideaway Youth Café.

## Year 9

⇒ **Year 9 Science Examinations**

During each academic year, students undertake an exam in science in addition to the regular end of topic assessments taken throughout the year. This year's science exams will take place in lessons between 18– 24 June. Please note this is one week later than the provisional date communicated to you earlier in the year.

There will be 3 papers (Biology, Physics and Chemistry) taken in separate lessons. Each paper will be 30 minutes in duration. The dates for the exams are as follows:

Year Group side	Subject	Date of Exam	Period
A	Biology	Monday 21 June	P4
	Chemistry	Wednesday 23 June	P4
	Physics	Thursday 24 June	P3
B	Biology	Friday 18 June	P5
	Chemistry	Wednesday 23 June	P1
	Physics	Wednesday 23 June	P3

\*Please be aware that the subject paper they will sit during these periods will not necessarily correspond to the science lesson they would usually have at this time. For example, some students may sit their Biology paper in what would normally be a Physics lesson.

The choice of workable dates for subject exams are somewhat constrained this year.

## Year 9

We are aware that those students on B-side might be concerned about sitting two assessments on the same day. To mitigate this, the second half of the P1 lesson on Wednesday 23 June will be given over to revision time for the Physics assessment later that day.

The topics to be covered will be:

**Biology**—Unit 1: Cells, Unit 2 Part 1: Principles of Organisation, Digestive System & Enzymes

**Chemistry**—Unit 1: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table, Unit 2: Bonding, Unit 9: Atmosphere

**Physics**—Unit 1: Energy, Unit 2: Electricity

These assessments will be used in conjunction with end of unit tests taken across all three Sciences during Year 9 to make the final selection for the GCSE Treble Science course, commencing September 2021.

Please encourage your child to revise. Below you will find some suggested revision resources:

- **BBC Bitesize website** for KS4 (GCSE)
- **Online Textbook accessible through [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com).**  
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- [Senecalearning.com](http://Senecalearning.com) - Summaries, notes and videos to revise content
- **[www.doddlelearn.co.uk](http://www.doddlelearn.co.uk)** Institution: George Abbot School GU1 1XX  
Username: the same as your school network login username  
Password: password (if this has not already been reset)
- **SAM Learning** on the school website (on the Student Hub).
- **GCSE Pod** on the school website (on the Student Hub).
- Revision materials for Biology topics are located on the SLE in the Year 9 Biology folder.

Please remind your child to bring a black pen, pencil, rubber, calculator, protractor and ruler to these exams in a clear pencil case.

For any queries please email Mr Warrington: [dwarrington@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dwarrington@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

⇒ **FREE Summer Sports Camp for Pupil Premium and Free School Meal students**  
Surrey Rams are offering a Multi-Sports Summer camp for PP and FSM students. Please see the link for more information. [https://www.surreyrams.net/?page\\_id=9610](https://www.surreyrams.net/?page_id=9610)

## Year 8

⇒ **Headphones—ICT and Computer Science**

Please remind your child they are required to have a set of headphones for use in ICT lessons. These must be brought to every lesson as part of their lesson equipment.

We are currently running units which require headphones, however lots of students are coming to lessons without them.

A cheap pair with a standard 3.5mm jack connector will suffice, nothing fancy or expensive is necessary.

We are not able to provide headphones this year and with developments in our curriculum, students will be disadvantaged if they do not regularly bring them into lessons.

⇒ **REMINDER: Summer Mathematics Assessment**

The Year 8 Summer Mathematics assessment will take place **next week**. All students will sit this assessment during their maths lesson. The assessment will cover all topics learnt this academic year. Standard maths equipment is required including pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, and a calculator.

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## Careers

### Careers opportunities:

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

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### Virtual Work Experience opportunities:

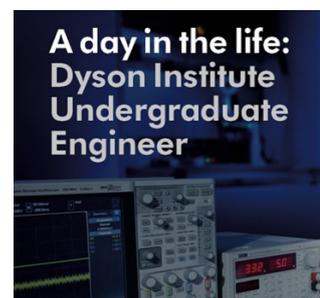
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New opportunities this week include:

- **Dyson Institute Undergraduate Engineer—A day in the life**—Join to find out what it is like to be a student at The Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology. Undergraduate Engineers will explain how The Dyson Institute works, what qualifications are needed to join and how to apply.
- **UK University and Apprenticeship Fair, Brighton, Wednesday 10 November**
- **Investment 20/20**—Various apprenticeship programmes and internship roles in the Finance sector.
- **Charles Russell Speechlys—Insight into Law**—An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work (including non law routes). Breakout rooms with solicitors in talking about different areas of law.

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