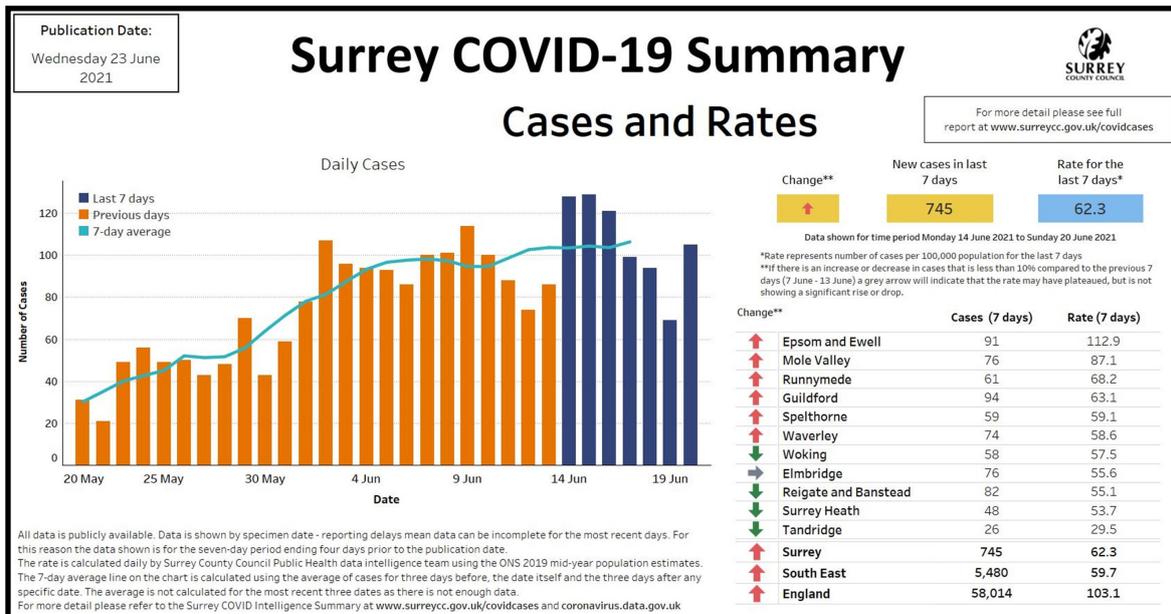


Today, my Bulletin contains a note of caution. Coronavirus rates are increasing in Surrey and in our local area. Our district council neighbours, Reigate and Banstead have seen a significant rise in cases and some of our local schools have needed to send year groups home. We have to take this context very seriously. Please can I urge you to make sure your child's face masks are freshly washed over the weekend, that you check they have some hand sanitiser and that you remind them we are not out of the woods, yet.



This context has meant that we have been particularly mindful of risk when considering some of the end of term events we had hoped to run. I know how disappointed our Year 11s are that we did not choose to run a Prom at school. Our assessment was that the risk was too great (apart from the real lack of glamour that school could facilitate!). However, that does not mean that we have given up on our Prom plans – far from it.

Year 13: the committee and Sixth Form team have managed to secure a provisional rebooking of the Year 13 Prom to Monday 9 September. A separate letter will follow to Year 13 students and parents asking for students to indicate their availability for this date so that a final decision on viability can be made.

Year 11: we have managed to secure a new date of Thursday 23 September for the Year 11 Prom at the same Pine Ridge venue. We would need to take payment from students at the very beginning of the new term, but not before, and will be in touch at the very beginning of September to confirm whether the lockdown roadmap enables us to go ahead.

I hope these definite dates will give us something sparkling to look forward to over the coming months.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

COVID RATES ARE RISING IN YOUR AREA

ALL ADULTS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE PUPILS SHOULD GET TESTED REGULARLY

WITH SYMPTOMS - 'PCR' test



WHEN TO TAKE THE TEST

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test results

HOW LONG IT TAKES

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

GET A TEST

- At home • At a test site

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS 'rapid lateral flow' test

WHEN TO TAKE THE TEST

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

HOW LONG IT TAKES

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

GET A TEST

- At home • At a test site • At work
- At your nursery • At your secondary school
- At your university • Order on line
- Collect from a pharmacy



If you test positive you and your household must isolate. If you test positive with a lateral flow test, you must also book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible and report your result to NHS test and trace. To find out more visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

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

George Abbot School:

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

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

Notices

Whole School

⇒ Gabbot Fest—8 July

After a year's hiatus, GAbbot Fest is BACK—our yearly school festival, where we come together to celebrate our community and raise money for local and national charities. The festival is made up of 'village fete' style stalls, live music, food and drink and games. Due to restrictions this year, we are unable to have the whole school participate at the same time for the afternoon, but instead each year group bubble of 300 will take part in the festival for a 75-minute session. Those running stalls will be involved for longer. If your child is interested in running a stall, they are urged to apply [here](#).

Students can experience GAbbot Fest without spending any money, but we do run a cashless festival where contributions are exchanged for 50p 'tokens'. You can purchase your tokens from today, **Friday 25 June**, via WisePay and they will be issued to students on the morning of the Festival. **Deadline for buying tokens is Friday 2 July**. If you have any WisePay queries, please email finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. The tokens can be spent at the stalls to buy things like cakes, cookies, brownies, face painting, drinks and to play some of the games we will be running.

In previous years, we have found that students can have a great experience with £2-£5, some like to spend more, some less but remember, all money goes to charity. We look forward to reporting back on the events of the day.

⇒ A letter to secondary school and college parents/carers in England on continuing regular COVID-19 testing from Gavin Williamson

The Secretary of State for Education has written an open letter to parents/carers encouraging continued regular testing, to support all the hard work schools and colleges have been doing to increase participation. Please read it [here](#).

⇒ IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING A PLANNING APPLICATION TO ERECT AN 18-METRE 5G TELEPHONE MAST AT THE JUNCTION OF BOXGROVE LANE/MERROW WOODS

On Thursday, our feeder school Boxgrove, met with local schools and residents to discuss a planning application which has been lodged with Guildford Borough Council by H3G UK to install an 18-metre high 5G Tower and associated housing cabinets at the corner of Boxgrove Lane as you turn into Merrow Woods. The Tower will be the height of a 6 story building and will be the first tower in a purely residential area in Guildford. The residents have asked if we would share the attached flyer with you which provide more information about the structure and also how you can appeal against the planning application. There is a tight turnaround for objection with residents hoping parents/carers will support them by **Wednesday 30 June 2021**. To view the planning application please visit [Guildford Borough Councils Planning Portal](#), using the Application Number 21/W/00077 to see the full details and lodge an objection if you so wish. The portal is not the easiest to use and you do need to create an account.

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>⇒ George Abbot Big Band on tour! George Abbot Big Band will be performing two sets at the Shamley Green Village Fete on Saturday 10 July. The fete opens at 1pm and the big band will be playing at 1.45pm and 3.15pm. Please do put the date in your diary and come and support if you can! http://www.shamleygreen.org/files/5916/2110/3501/Fete_Poster_update.PNG</p> <p>⇒ Vacancies at George Abbot 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"> • Teaching Assistant <p>⇒ Club4—Surrey’s Holiday Activity and Food Programme Club4 is an exclusive offer for children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals in Surrey. For the summer holidays, all eligible children at school in Surrey have the chance to secure a free place at one of 140 day camps running across the County. Some camps are commercially run and open to all, while others are exclusive to Club4 families. Dates and timings vary but all camps offer a mix of entertainment to keep young people safely entertained and active, as well as providing them with one or more quality meals. To find a camp near you and see what else is on offer with the Club4 programme, please visit: https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/support-for-parents-and-carers/club4</p> <p>⇒ Eedi Summer Maths Program for Year 7, 8 and 9 Eedi has offered students and their families in Years 7, 8 and 9 free access to Eedi Summer Club, an online Maths summer program, 100% free of charge, that will help to boost your child's confidence in Maths.</p> <p>Through a quick placement quiz, students will be recommended topics that will help them to improve their Maths over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. You'll also get weekly reports on how they're doing.</p> <p>The minimum recommended work is 1 lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work. Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement, with real prizes up for grabs!</p> <p>To get the offer, sign up on this link: https://eedi.com/summer-club?via=teacher-invite and create a parent/carer account. The offer will be automatically applied. The signup deadline is Sunday 27 June (Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date). Do act quickly! Summer Club starts on Monday 5 July and ends Friday 23 August. If you have any questions, please contact family@eedi.co.uk directly.</p>
<p>Year 9</p>	<p>⇒ REMINDER: Summer Mathematics Assessment The Year 9 Summer Mathematics assessment will take place during the week commencing 28 June. 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 (middle bands only). For more information about the content, please see SMHW.</p>
<p>Year 7</p>	<p>⇒ Reading and Comprehension Test At the beginning of this academic year, we carried out an online reading test for all our Year 7 students. It might seem obvious, but how well a student can read is closely linked to how well they progress at school. We have been working really hard to show students how we can improve as readers. Whether they are in Year 7 or Year 13, becoming a better reader is going to help them, in school and beyond. We're also really hoping we can nurture them into a love of reading for pleasure that will last a lifetime—how cosy it can be to curl up with a good book!</p>

Year 7

Over the next couple of weeks, students in Year 7 will be sitting this test again. It takes between 30 and 45 minutes to complete and is designed to help us know how their reading skills are developing/improving. The tests will take place during one of their IT lessons during the next couple of weeks and they will need to use headphones/earphones so please make sure they have their own with them. We will have spares if necessary.

If you're wondering how you can help support your child's progress at school, have a think about what you can do to encourage them to develop their reading skills at home. Every new word they learn will help unlock ideas and skills. Perhaps it's a case of watching documentaries on TV, to build vocabulary. Or you could make sure they have a good bedtime reading book. Some children love audiobooks, from Audible or other suppliers. If you have any questions please email cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

⇒ Online Library Alert!

We currently have a month's free trial to Wheeler's ePlatform for all Year 7 students.

This gives them access to hundreds of audio and ebooks to borrow from their phone/tablet/PC. Please download the app: ePlatform by Wheelers or visit the website: <https://georgeabbot.eplatform.co/>. Their student login will be their name with no spaces but a full stop in between first and last, eg Joe.Bloggs and their password is Gabbot. Please encourage your child to start borrowing and let me know what you think! NCassidy@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk - Happy reading!

Focus on: Gabbot Sprints

On Wednesday, George Abbot hosted the inaugural 'Gabbot Sprints'. It was an athletics event that involved 400m, 300m, 200m and 100m races, as well as the 4x100m relays for boys, girls and a mixed team. We were fortunate to be able to invite local schools to the event, Guildford County, St Peters and arch rivals, Howard of Effingham were all in attendance.

The athletics meet was an incredibly successful event with a number of fast times being run. The event ran smoothly and there was a great atmosphere between all competitors.

George Abbot went on to have an excellent afternoon. We were a group of very proud PE teachers during the event and after hearing the results! Well done to all competitors.

	Year 7 Winners	Year 8 Winners	Year 9 Winners	Year 10 Winners
Girls	George Abbot A	George Abbot A	George Abbot A	Guildford County
Boys	George Abbot A	George Abbot A	George Abbot A	St Peters

Overall Placings	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	George Abbot A	St Peters	Guildford County	Howard of Effingham	George Abbot B



Careers

<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/careers-opportunities/>
<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/virtual-work-experience/>
<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/apprenticeship-opportunities/>

New opportunities this week include:

- **The Grange Centre for People with Disabilities – Social Care Recruitment Open Day**
- **World Wide Technology Insight Evening and Business Degree Apprenticeship Opportunities**
- **Career Map**—Apprenticeship opportunities with Coca-Cola, Nandos, Starbucks, EON, Waitrose and Volvo.

PTA

THANK YOU: Second-hand Uniform donations

Thank you for all your uniform donations this week. We have been inundated and our uniform cupboard is now full to capacity once again!

We can no longer accept anymore donations, so please hold on to your uniform until our next donation day.

For any PTA orders or queries, please email PTA@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support.

From the PTA



Please see below for an exciting opportunity for young people aged 13-25 to produce an emblem for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A design fit for The Queen



NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EMBLEM



The V&A and Buckingham Palace are inviting artists and designers aged between 13-25 years old to design a special emblem for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The winning design will feature in the lead up and throughout the Jubilee celebrations, including on TV, in street parties and community events.

The entries will be judged by a panel of graphic designers, visual artists and design professionals, including Margaret Calvert OBE RDI, Lubna Chowdhary, Yinka Ilori MBE and Gabriella Marcella, chaired by V&A Director Tristram Hunt.

They will be joined by experts from the V&A, Royal College of Art, Design Museum and a member of the Royal Household.

For any questions about the competition, please contact platinumjubilee@vam.ac.uk.

The deadline for entries is 16 July 2021.

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