

# George Abbot Bulletin

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



## Headteacher's Message

17 September 2021

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Our week began and ended with more lining up – nasal flu vaccinations now successfully completed and, this morning, our beginning of term Fire Drill and thus, a full Autumn 2021 school community updated in our fire protocols. We have seen the welcome return of sports fixtures including our Sixth Form rugby team, our Sixth Form netball team and our Year 11 football team. The GA Liga Sixth Form football tournament has returned and has garnered great support and involvement from the Sixth Form community. Two further Parents' Information Evenings have taken place alongside our Year 12 and 13 Tutor meetings: these have been important opportunities for us to work together in support of a great start to the academic year for our students.

We have continued to monitor COVID-19 cases carefully and this week has seen a further rise in cases at school. We do now have two staff who have tested positive. Student numbers currently isolating with COVID-19 are:

Year 7 = 10; Year 8 = 3; Year 9 = 1; Year 10 = 1; Year 11 = 11; Year 12 = 0; Year 13 = 1

We have reverted to assemblies in half year groups in Year 7 and from next week, also in Year 11, thus facilitating more social distancing in the halls. Additionally, the Tutor Group where cases rose above 5 have been asked to undertake daily Lateral Flow Testing. We continue to exercise care and caution as we work to keep every young person at school, accessing their lessons.

Next week holds the Information Evenings for our Year 12 and 13 parents/carers; the commencement of our virtual parent/carer and Year 11 student individual meetings with our senior staff; the Year 11 (now 12) Prom – much anticipated and an important opportunity to celebrate the friendships and great successes of this super group of young people. Looking ahead then, to a national event, this Saturday sees Big Green Week beginning across the country. It marks the run up to a major UN climate summit in Glasgow this November, COP26:

"We are seeing the impacts of extreme weather events caused by climate change on the people and places we love both here in the UK and abroad. The time is now to do everything we can to protect them. Climate change is the fight of our lifetime. This year, we in the UK have a huge opportunity to raise the ambition of plans to tackle climate change at home and abroad. The Time is Now for a Great Big Green Week that sets the stage for the most ambitious climate summit ever."

At George Abbot, our Sixth Form students and Ms Wallace-Jones are leading our sustainability work. We are aiming to launch our school commitment in November just before COP26 – more information will follow over the coming weeks.

As you will have heard in the press this week, all young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine during the coming months. The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the young people who receive the vaccine and to reduce the disruption to face-to-face education this winter.

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.

For those aged 12 to 15 years, consent will be sought by the SAIS provider from the parent/carer or person with parental responsibility in the same way as for any other school vaccination programme. A consent form and information leaflet provided by the SAIS team will be used to seek parental consent.

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More information on the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination programme and how it will work, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions, is included in the [Public Health England guidance for schools](#).

[NHS leaflets](#) are available to provide more information to parents, carers and eligible young people on the vaccine. Accessible versions and translations are also available.

Lastly, a reminder to your child to be sensible and cautious on their way to and from school. This week, we have been concerned by reports of two men that have caused alarm to students in the area around Boxgrove Primary School. We would appreciate your support alongside us in reminding your child of good ways to keep themselves safe – a clear message is never go anywhere with anyone, a stranger or a familiar face, unless plans have been made beforehand that your parents/carers have agreed. Please be reassured that we continue to work in partnership with the police to do all we can to keep our children safe in our community.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

## REMINDER: Parent/Carer Information Evenings

Year Group	Date and Time	Inclusion Manager
Year 7	<p>We hope you found this week's Parent Information Evenings useful. If you were unable to attend, please find the presentations here:  <a href="https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/year-group-info/">https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/year-group-info/</a></p> <p>If you have any questions, please email your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. Contact details are provided on the link above.</p>	
Year 8		
Year 9		
Year 10		
Year 11		
Year 12	Monday 20 September, 6.00pm-7.00pm	Mr Synge: <a href="mailto:psynge@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">psynge@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a>
Year 13	Wednesday 22 September, 6.00pm-7.00pm	Mrs Keegan: <a href="mailto:skeegan@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">skeegan@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a>

### 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>

Lesson omission		
Week Commencing	A or B	Lesson omission
20 September	A	3
27 September	B	4
4 October	A	5
11 October	B	1
18 October	A	2
HALF TERM		

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## Notices

### Whole School

#### ⇒ **Work for isolating students**

Should your child tests positive for COVID-19, please find attached an information guide showing how they can access work from home whilst they are isolating.

Should you have any queries, please email the subject teacher in the first instance.

#### ⇒ **Prayer Room**

We have relocated our Prayer Room for staff and student use. It is now located in R70 and is a large, pleasant space.

#### ⇒ **Important Bus Information**

A reminder that if your child travels to school using a Surrey County Council bus pass, it is important that they travel on the correct bus. Overcrowding is highly dangerous both in terms of road safety and in terms of COVID-19 safety. Please do discuss this with your child if they travel by school bus.

#### ⇒ **FAO Year 7, 9 and 11 Parents/Carers: Ordering School Photographs**

Recently, students in Years 7, 9 and 11 were photographed by 'Tempest Photography'. Each student photographed has now received a copy of their picture attached to instructions for how to order copies and enlargements online. Please note that photographs may only be ordered online by following the instructions on the order form your child received and NOT via school.

#### ⇒ **Ex-students uncollected exam certificates**

Due to the COVID pandemic we were unable to hold our standard exam certificate collection event in January 2021. Therefore, we will now hold an exam certificate collection opportunity for ex-students who left in the Summers of 2018; 2019 & 2020 on Thursday 30 September and Friday 1 October. This event will be held in Elmslie Hall on both dates from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Doors to the left of Reception will be open for entry and exit.

Important: This is the only collection opportunity for ex-students to claim their uncollected certificates for 2018 & 2019. In accordance with JCQ regulations, after this event these will be destroyed securely.

Ex-students who cannot collect in person can nominate another individual, but Exams must be informed in advance by email: [exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk). The nominated individual MUST bring photo ID in order for the school to release the certificates.

However, should an ex-student urgently need their certificate(s) the student can request via email to [exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) for an on-roll student to collect on their behalf at the end of the school day. Alternatively, an ex-student can request for these to be sent via Recorded Delivery, by completing the form on our website: [www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk). Payment will need to be made via WisePay, either through a sibling account or by requesting the Finance Department to reactivate their WisePay account.

If you have any queries regarding this event, please contact us:  
[exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:exams@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) - 01483 888024.

#### ⇒ **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:

- Teacher of Mathematics
- Cover Supervisor

## Year 7

### ⇒ Children's Author Visit

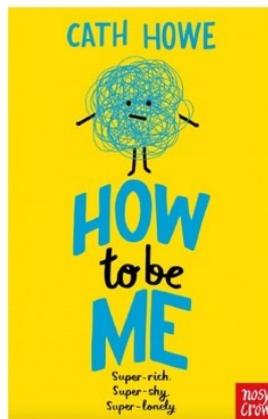
Children's author Cath Howe, will be coming to visit Year 7 students on Tuesday 28 September for a talk on her latest book 'How to be Me'.

Filled with empathy and insight, and sensitively touching on issues including grief, anxiety, loneliness with great understanding and incredible lightness of touch, 'How to be Me' is a kind, heart-warming, and uplifting story.

Waterstones Guildford will be selling copies of Cath's book and students will have the opportunity to get these signed.

For a signed copy, please pre-order via WisePay. Deadline: **Wednesday 22 September**. If you have any WisePay queries, please email [finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

*How to be Me*  
Paperback  
£6.99



# INTO THE WILD

George Abbot Fashion Show  
Thursday 27 January 2022

Art, Textiles and Photography are running clubs this term to create garments for the fashion show.

Please see the timetable below for all clubs and activities.

## Visual Arts Clubs

AUTUMN TERM	TUESDAY - 3.30-4.30PM	WEDNESDAY - 3.30 - 4.30PM	THURSDAY - 3.30 - 4.30 PM	FRIDAY
CLUB/ACTIVITY	PAINTED DRESSES FOR FASHION SHOW TEXTILES CLUB		HATS AND HEAD DRESSES FOR THE FASHION SHOW	
ROOMS	PJ91		PJ96	
STAFF	ARC/SES		SXL/SES	
YEAR GROUP	YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8		YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8	
CLUB/ACTIVITY	RECYLED FASHION DESIGNING AND MAKING FOR FASHION SHOW	ART GCSE YEAR 9 CATCH UP		
ROOMS	PJ96	PJ97		
STAFF	SXL	SXL		
YEAR GROUP	YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10	YEAR 9		
CATCH UP SESSIONS - 3.15 - 4.15 PM	TEXTILES CATCH UP SESSION\GCSE AND A LEVEL	ART, TEXTILES AND PHOTOGRAPHY CATCH UP GCSE AND A LEVEL	ART, TEXTILES AND PHOTOGRAPHY GCSE AND A LEVEL	ART GCSE CATCH UP
ROOMS	TEXTILES - PJ 92 - PJ 93	ART - PJ96 - PJ97 TEXTILES - PJ 92 - PJ 93 PHOTOGRAPHY - PJ 99 - PJ100		PJ96
STAFF	ART - SXL, KVC TEXTILES - ARC PHOTOGRAPHY - KEM		ART - KVC TEXTILES - ARC PHOTOGRAPHY - KF	ART - KVC
YEAR GROUP	YEAR 9/10/11/12/13			YEAR 9/10/11
<b>AFTER HALF TERM</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
CLUB/ACTIVITY	PAINTED DRESSES FOR FASHION SHOW - TEXTILES CLUB	PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB PREPARE TICKETS, PROGRAMMES AND PRINTING ONTO T-SHIRTS FOR FASHION SHOW	ANIMATION CLUB YEAR 8 SIGN UP BEFORE HALF TERM WITH KEM	
ROOMS	PJ91	PJ100	PJ99	
STAFF	ARC/SES	KEM	KEM	
YEAR GROUP	YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8	YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8	YEAR 8	
CLUB/ACTIVITY	RECYLED FASHION DESIGNING AND MAKING DRESSES OR GARMENTS FOR FASHION SHOW			
ROOMS	PJ96			
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STAFF	ART - SXL, KVC TEXTILES - ARC PHOTOGRAPHY - KEM		ART - KVC TEXTILES - ARC PHOTOGRAPHY - KF	ART - KVC
YEAR GROUP	YEAR 9/10/11/12/13		YEAR 9/10/11/12/13	YEAR 9/10/11

# Focus on: Pritchard Sporting Success!

Over the weekend, two GA students, Lawrence (Year 13) and Quentin Pritchard (Year 10), competed in their first multisport athletics event in Carshalton. Despite tough competition, Lawrence (pictured left) took **gold** in the Surrey Decathlon, competing in the 100m, long jump, shotput, high jump, 400m, 110m hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1500m, scooping up 8 different personal bests!

Quentin (pictured right) took **silver** in the Surrey Pentathlon, competing in high jump, 80m hurdles, long jump, shotput and the 800m.

We send our congratulations to them both for their hard work and commitment, resulting in such amazing achievements.



## Careers

### 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/>

Opportunities include:

**InvestIN**— in-person and on-line careers seminars for students aged 12+.

**GlaxoSmithKlein**—STEM UK Virtual Work Experience (October Half Term).

**UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair**—Wednesday 20 October

**Working in Medicine**—see flyer (right).

Year 12 and Year 13 students  
Interested in studying Medicine?

**Angela Kubacki**

Associate Dean for Admissions

at

St George's, University of London

will be hosting a talk on applying to medical school which includes the application process, UCAT, Multiple Mini Interviews and more.

Venue: ECR, George Abbot School

Date: Thursday 23 September

Time: 3:45pm

Please book your place by emailing

Mrs Helen Rose at [hrose@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hrose@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)



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Call: 0800 915 4644

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0800 1111

Please also see our wellbeing resources on the school website:  
<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/wellbeing/>



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