

George Abbot Bulletin

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

Headteacher's Message

24 September 2021

All

As we supervised yesterday evening's Year 11 Prom, the staff assembled sensed a profound joy and enjoyment amongst our 2021 Year 11s. Such occasions, to be with friends, dance and be happy have been few and far between over the last 18 months. We have never before seen every student in attendance join together in the conga – with all of its hazards of floor length gowns and vertiginous heels. It was also really good to see some of our students who have left us to go on to college or apprenticeships, back and marking the end of their school years in style. A super evening. It would be lovely to share some pictures of the Prom in next week's Bulletin – if any Year 11 parents/carers reading, are willing to send in some photos, we would be delighted to publish them next week.

I am so pleased (and am thankful to the staff who persevered with organisation) that we managed to offer these important evenings for both our 2021 Year 11 and Year 13 students. School is about so much more than a sequence of academic subject lessons. In this Bulletin, I have previously spoken of how my biggest hope for this year is that our students will be able to immerse themselves in all that school has to offer outside of lessons, too. Becoming involved as peer mentors, tutors and reading buddies, applying for leadership positions across year groups, joining one of many sports clubs, representing their school at sports fixtures, performing at public events, attending theatre visits. A great education extends well beyond the classroom.

Just some of the sporting activity we have seen over recent weeks:



Current Numbers of Students	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Isolating following a positive PCR test	14	7	3	6	9	0	0

Publication Date:

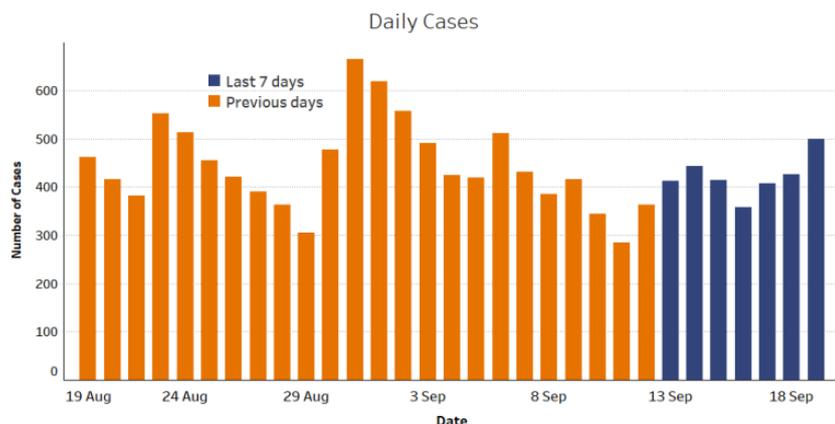
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Surrey COVID-19 Summary



Cases and Rates

For more detail please see full report at www.surreycc.gov.uk/covidcases



All data is publicly available. Data is shown by specimen date - reporting delays mean data can be incomplete for the most recent days. For this reason the data shown is for the seven-day period ending four days prior to the publication date. The rate is calculated daily by Surrey County Council Public Health data intelligence team using the ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates. The 7-day average line on the chart is calculated using the average of cases for three days before, the date itself and the three days after any specific date. The average is not calculated for the most recent three dates as there is not enough data. For more detail please refer to the Surrey COVID Intelligence Summary at www.surreycc.gov.uk/covidcases and coronavirus.data.gov.uk

Change**	New cases in last 7 days	Rate for the last 7 days*
→	2,963	246.9

Data shown for time period Monday 13 September 2021 to Sunday 19 September 2021

*Rate represents number of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 days
**Changes are relative to the previous 7 days (6 September - 12 September). If there is an increase of less than 10%, a grey arrow will indicate that the rate may have plateaued, but is not showing a significant rise or drop

Change**		Cases (7 days)	Rate (7 days)	% Change**
↑	Reigate and Banstead	460	308.2	26%
↑	Elmbridge	419	305.4	23%
↑	Epsom and Ewell	238	293.8	27%
→	Surrey Heath	238	266.8	8%
→	Guildford	392	260.7	8%
→	Spelthorne	230	230.3	1%
→	Runnymede	205	227.0	6%
↓	Tandridge	193	218.0	-13%
→	Woking	208	208.0	0%
→	Mole Valley	166	189.6	-9%
→	Waverley	214	169.1	-6%
→	Surrey	2,963	246.9	8%
→	South East	21,187	229.9	-4%
→	England	153,498	271.4	-6%

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
27 September	B	4
4 October	A	5
11 October	B	1
18 October	A	2
HALF TERM		

Notices

Sixth Form

⇒ Parent Information Evenings

We hope you found this week's Parent Information Evenings useful. If you were unable to attend, please find the presentations and recordings here:

<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/year-group-info/>

If you have any questions, please email your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. Contact details are provided on the link above.

Year 7

⇒ Homework

Staff will now start to set homework for Year 7 students via Satchel One. All students should have been given a login. If your child is having login issues, please email networkhelpdesk@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk or your child's Form Tutor.

⇒ REMINDER: 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'. Books will not be available to buy on the day, but signed copies can be pre-ordered on WisePay. Deadline: **Tuesday 28 September**. If you have any WisePay queries, please email

finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

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Careers

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

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

Virtual Work Experience opportunities: <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/virtual-work-experience/>

Opportunities include:

National Apprenticeships Show—Thursday 18 November 2021, 11.00am-6.00pm.

Activate Learning—Open Events for Guildford, Merrist Wood and Farnham College.

Skills Expo London—Wednesday 3 November 2021, 11.00am-6.00pm.

Clifford Chance International Law Firm Virtual Work Experience—Tuesday 26 October 2021, 9.00am-4.00pm

Your Child Their Future Information Evening with IBM, Cap Gemini, HSBC, BP and many more—Thursday 30 September 2021, 6.00pm-7.30pm

Working in Media and Journalism Work Experience—26 and 27 October 2021

RSM Accounting, Tax and Consultancy Work Experience—25 October 2021

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Call us free 24/7 on

116 123

Mental Health Crisis Helpline

Call: 0800 915 4644

Mental health support for people in Surrey and North East Hampshire.



Please also see our wellbeing resources on the school website:

<https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/wellbeing/>



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