

George Abbot Bulletin

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

Headteacher's Message

19 November 2021

All

An update on COVID-19 case numbers:

Current Numbers of Students	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Isolating following a positive PCR test	0	2	2	2	0	0	0

Reporting LFT Test Results

Please continue to report your child's test results to the two following links. Thank you for your continued support.

The Government:

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

George Abbot School:

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

Little Shop of Horrors—School Production

Our whole school production 'Little Shop of Horrors' is running from Tuesday 30 November - Friday 3 December in Raynham Hall, with performances commencing at 7pm. Please do come along and support. We have over 90 students in the cast, band and production crew! **Tickets will open up to the whole school from Monday 22 November and will be available on WisePay.** We hope to see you there!

Synopsis: Little Shop of Horrors is a horror/comedy musical with music by Alan Menken and lyrics and a book by Howard Ashman. The musical is set in the 1960s in a deprived area of down town L.A known as 'Skid Row'. Here we meet the protagonist- a meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn, who stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his co-worker crush Audrey. However, Seymour gets more than he bargained for when his plant begins to talk and even sing! The R&B-singing carnivore promises Seymour unending fame and fortune as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD! Over time, Seymour discovers Audrey II's intent towards global domination He then has to make the difficult decision to give up his newly found celebrity status in an attempt to stop Audrey II, but will he do so before it is too late? Come and see our production and find out!

Kate Carriett
Headteacher

Lesson omission		
Week Commencing	A or B	Lesson omission
22 November	A	1
29 November	B	2
6 December	A	3
13 December	B	4

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Notices

Whole School

⇒ **ADVANCED WARNING: Early School Closure for Year 7 Parent Subject Consultations—Monday 6 December**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Monday 6 December for the Year 7 Parent Subject consultation meetings.

When the Progress Monitoring Subject Consultations are for a year group other than their own, students are expected to complete work set independently at home during the afternoon. This work 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 by close of school on Friday 3 December. It is important to note that supervised student places are more limited than in previous times due to COVID-19 restrictions, so it is vital that we are forewarned of those who will be in attendance.

If you notify us your child will be remaining in school and your arrangements change, it is essential you let us know of the change before 12.00pm on the day. Where we have been notified that a student will be remaining in school, if they fail to arrive and register at USIC, you will be contacted by a truancy call alert from our attendance system. Therefore, it is important they register in USIC at 2.15pm if you have notified us that your son/daughter is remaining in school. **Please be reminded school buses will run at the usual time.**

⇒ **Community Alert—Message from Surrey Police**

Surrey Police have noted a number of incidents that have been reported at or have occurred in the vicinity of Bedford Road Car Park, Mill Mead, Electric Theatre, Guildford (many incidents and groups gathering are between 18:00 to 23:00 on Friday and Saturday evenings). The incidents are subject to Police investigations and arrests have been made of suspects. Police have noted the groups of teenagers are choosing to attend this location, which is not suitable, and in close vicinity of licensed premises. There is evidence to support that under age consumption of alcohol is taking place, which is likely to be a contributing factor to the alleged criminal activity, and children are placing themselves at increased risk.

Surrey Police are seeking to address the area and issues, working with key stakeholders to reduce the risk. We would like to remind parents/carers of the Dispersal Order that is in place and a proactive approach will be undertaken to diffuse those involved or likely to be involved in anti-social behaviour. Additionally, there is the Public Spaces Protection Order which prohibits the public consumption of alcohol in the designated area. Officers will again be enforcing this, irrespective of age.

Please have conversations with your children – are they attending this area? Do you know where they are on Friday and Saturday evenings? Do you or your children know who is attending this area? How are these gatherings being arranged? **Please report any concern or information to 101.**

⇒ **House Competitions**

Year 7 Girls Football and Boys Rugby:

7ABBOT (fj) – Wednesday 1 December, Period 3.

7GEORGE (ae) – Thursday 9 December, Period 2.

Year 8 Girls Football and Boys Rugby:

Wednesday 8 December, Period 2.

Year 9 Girls Football and Boys Rugby:

Wednesday 1 December, Period 5.

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Whole School

⇒ 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:

- Parent Governor
- Teaching Assistant

⇒ Grief Awareness Week

Jigsaw South East, in collaboration with Surrey County Council are offering free information evenings on '[how to support your bereaved child](#)' and '[how to prepare your child for a bereavement](#)'. For more information, and to register for the events, please click on the links.

⇒ FSM—Holiday Clubs

For the Christmas holidays, all eligible children at school in Surrey have the chance to secure a free place at one of 75 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 enriching activities such as arts and crafts alongside physical activity games to keep young people safe, entertained and active. All Club4 camps will provide eligible children 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 the Club4 website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/club4holidayoffer>

⇒ Youth Café

Burpham Church & St. Johns Church in Merrow have opened a Youth Café on Wednesdays in term time, 5.00-6.30pm in Burpham Church on New Inn Lane. It's been designed to have something for everyone and includes a calming chill out space alongside a Homework space. Additionally, there is a games room (with table football and a Wii) and tuck shop. Entry is £1 and items sold in the tuck shop are 50p (toasties, hot chocolate, crisps, chocolate bars and cans of drink). If you would like more information, please contact youthworker@saintjohns.org.uk or nicky@burphamchurch.org.uk.

Sixth Form

⇒ Second dose of COVID-19 vaccination for 16 to 17 year olds

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that [all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine](#). The decision is based on a review of the latest evidence and has been accepted by the Government.

The second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose. For those in this age group who have had the COVID-19 infection, the second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive COVID-19 test result – whichever is later. Those 'at risk' will continue to be offered a second dose 8 weeks after their first dose.

16 and 17 year olds will not be vaccinated through the schools programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service will be available from Monday 22 November for 16 and 17 year olds to book their vaccine.

Year 11

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Year 10	<p>⇒ REMINDER: Maths Paper—w/c 22 November Students will be sitting a Maths paper during their Maths lesson in the w/c 22 November. They must have a ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil and eraser. Some classes will also need a calculator.</p>
Year 9	<p>⇒ Science Information Please see the letter attached regarding Year 9 Science and the support available to students for their studies.</p>
Year 8	<p>⇒ Science Information Please see the letter attached regarding Year 8 Science and the support available to students for their studies.</p>
Year 7	<p>⇒ Parent Subject Meetings—Monday 6 December Please see important information attached regarding Year 7 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p> <p>Please note: Miss Tank will not be available on Monday 6 December. However, she will be available on Thursday 2 December between 1.45pm to 5.45pm for those students she teaches. Booking for these appointments will open at the same time.</p> <p>⇒ Science Information Please see the letter attached regarding Year 7 Science and the support available to students for their studies.</p> <p>⇒ How we teach Maths in Year 7 Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our information evening on Wednesday; we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please find the presentation here: https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/year-7-information/</p>

Careers

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

- GSK Virtual Information Evening – Healthcare Sector—Thursday 25 November, 5.00-6.00pm

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

- Virtual Insight and Apprenticeship Evening with Vodafone—Wednesday 1 December 2021, 5.00pm-6.00pm.

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

- Zurich Insight into the Financial Services and Insurance Industry—Monday 22 November, 5.00-6.00pm

Focus on: Bilingual Brain Competition Winners

Thank you to all the students who entered the Bilingual Brain Competition. Entries came in from across the whole school and were interesting, informative and entertaining. The winners are:



1. Lamar E (Year 7): £20 book token.
2. Iman Z (Year 13): £15 book token.
3. Carlos DLG (Year 8): £10 book token.
All other entrants got 5 house points.



The winners gave the best insights into life as a bi or even trilingual member of our school community. Congratulations to them!

PTA

We are looking forward to the exciting school production, Little Shop of Horrors, starting on 30 November. We will be selling drinks, snacks and tickets for a special school production raffle. Please do come and say hello, we would love to meet you!

If you are available to volunteer for a couple of hours on one of the nights, please do let us know, using the email below.

We are also working on our online presence, getting our Facebook pages, Twitter, Classlist etc. all up and ready. Please keep a lookout for info on how and where to join.

Any questions please email us: PTA@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

See you soon! **The PTA**

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Sign up for EasyFundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/georgeabbotschool



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