

George Abbot Bulletin

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

Headteacher's Message

21 January 2022

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This week has brought bright mornings, beautiful pink skies and the hope of days getting longer again. School has continued to buzz, be happy and hopefully, engage young minds for at least 330 minutes a day.

Today, I would like to ask for your support in providing us with some feedback. It is really important that, despite the COVID-19 context in which we all find ourselves, we continue to improve our school. We want our school to be top quality so that every student can achieve their own potential. We want it to be a great place to learn and work. It must be happy and safe. To help us gauge our progress and plan our next steps we would really appreciate your time in completing the survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UX9awEjLbz>

Thank you in advance,

Kate Carriett
 Headteacher



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
24 January	B	3
31 January	A	4
7 February	B	5
HALF TERM		

Notices	
Whole School	<p>⇒ Learning Partners Academy Trust Please see letter attached regarding Learning Partners Academy Trust.</p> <p>⇒ REMINDER: Early School Closure for Year 11 Parent Subject Consultations— Monday 31 January 2022 School will be closing at 1.30pm on Monday 31 January 2022 for the Year 11 Parent Subject consultation meetings.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 28 January. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>⇒ REMINDER: Science Revision Guides for GCSE and KS3 We will be ordering additional CGP Science Revision Guides for KS3 and GCSE as per the letters sent to all parents/carers in December. For those who ordered using WisePay after the deadline in December, and for those who wish to order before Monday 24 January, an order will be placed at the end of January.</p> <p>We will notify form teachers when the books arrive (usually within a few days of the order being placed). This will be the last order placed this academic year, and any student who requires guides at a later date can buy them directly from CGP or Amazon.</p> <p>Apologies for those who could not access the books via WisePay last weekend, they will now be available until midnight on Monday 24 January.</p>
Year 13	<p>⇒ Year 13 Parent Subject Consultations—Wednesday 9 February 2022 Please see important information attached regarding Year 13 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p>
Year 11	<p>⇒ Year 11 Parent Subject Consultations—Monday 31 January 2022 Please see important information attached regarding Year 11 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p> <p>⇒ Exam Certificates Year 11s will be receiving their exam certificates from the Summer 2021 exam series during tutor time on Friday 28 January. All students will be required to sign for their certificates. Any student who is not present for tutor time will be contacted by the Exams Team to collect these at another opportunity</p>

Year 9

⇒ **Subject Choices**

You will have received a separate Schoolcomms earlier today, Friday 21 January 2022, which included a link to a presentation explaining the process that Year 9s will shortly undertake with regards to their Year 10 subject choices. Links to subject presentations for two-year running courses that students have the option to take in Year 10 have also been included.

Please make sure you watch these presentations with your child to support them with the important decisions they will have to make over the next few weeks.

⇒ **English—Romeo & Juliet Performance and Workshop**

We are delighted to be able to offer a performance and workshop in school by the Young Shakespeare Company to Year 9 on Monday 14 March. This is an excellent opportunity to see a live performance of the Shakespeare play they are studying in class this term. Please see the attached letter for full details. Any questions please email cbatcheler@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

Year 8

⇒ **Spring Maths Assessment**

For your information, the Year 8 Spring Maths Assessment will take place during w/c 28 February. The assessment will contain all learning covered this academic year, topics included are as follows:

- Ratio and scale
- Proportion
- Fractions
- Coordinate geometry
- Representing data
- Probability
- Algebra

Revision resources including video tutorials, practice questions and answers can be found on the SLE on the following link (your child will need to login to be able to view):

https://georgeabbotschool.sharepoint.com/:x/s/SLE/ES25og_kLyVJsWLUtyNbAY8B7zWi4WBB1P-YK2zvi6EK8Q?e=tghW46

Pathway: SLE/Documents/SLE Lessons & Resources/Mathematics/Year 08/Year 8 Maths Lessons 2021-2022.xlsx

It will be a non-calculator paper and standard Maths equipment is required, including a pen, pencil and ruler.

Year 7

⇒ **Spring Maths Assessment**

For your information, the Year 7 Spring Maths Assessment will take place during w/c 28 February. The assessment will contain all learning covered this academic year, topics included are as follows:

- Place value and calculations: Decimals, negative numbers, Rounding and estimating.
- Properties of numbers: Square and cube numbers, BIDMAS, HCF and LCM
- Algebra: Expressions and terms, substituting into formulae
- Area and Perimeter
- 3-D shapes
- Fractions

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<https://georgeabbotschool.sharepoint.com/:x/s/SLE/EZIQTpQxpdIj4ANjUtaNkwB4QJl2FJp8ypFEN3nypRn1A?e=5VjKrx>

Pathway: SLE/Documents/SLE Lessons & Resources/Mathematics/Year 07/Year 7 Maths Lessons.xlsx

It will be a non-calculator paper and standard Maths equipment is required, including a pen, pencil and ruler.

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Sustainable GA

Does your family use reusable water bottles?

By switching to a reusable water bottle, an average of **150 plastic water bottles per person** are saved from being thrown in a landfill each year.

Our school community wants to tackle the amount of plastic water bottles we use at school and at home. Students and their families can help by using reusable water bottles.

Students will be rewarded for this at tutor time weekly equipment checks starting from 1 February.



Careers

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

- National Apprenticeships Week—Virtual Insights, Speakers for Schools
- Apprenticeship Workshop (see below)

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

- St Catherine's Careers with an Environmental Impact (see below)
- Watts Gallery Academy Creatives

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

- HSBC Summer Work Experience

**St Catherine's School, Bramley—Careers with an Environmental Impact
Tuesday 1 March, 4.30-6.00pm. Years 10-13.**

St Catherine's invites students to their careers event with lots of fascinating speakers who will be offering an insight into their careers, including a climate lobbyist and reporter, a Government policy maker, a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Imperial, a water conservationist and an entrepreneur.



The presentation is aimed at students who are concerned about the environment and are keen to find a future career which has a positive impact. They may be considering applying for a degree which directly includes an environmental angle or one that appears to be unrelated. This seminar will highlight the breadth of careers through which they can have a positive environmental impact. The seminar will be held in the Auditorium at St Catherine's School from 4.30pm to 6.00pm on Tuesday 1 March 2022. We can allocate 10 places to students in Year 10 - 13. Please see the Careers page of the website for more information.



APPRENTICESHIP AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOP

With Sue Taylor from ALPS

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 9am – 10.30am in E22

This session will cover information and guidance on finding, selecting and sourcing relevant apprenticeships, the application process and assessment centres.

Please see Mrs Nash in USIC to register or email enash@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

If you are scheduled to have a lesson at this time, you will be allowed to attend this session but you will need to inform your teacher.



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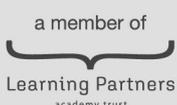
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