

George Abbot Bulletin

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

06 May 2022



Tuesday 10 May = Into the Wild Mufti Day—please pay via WisePay

Notices

Whole School

⇒ Into the Wild

There will be two performances of "Into the Wild" held in Raynham Hall on Wednesday 11 May 2022, at 6.00pm and 8.00pm. We are selling tickets for the performances, via WisePay, at the following prices: £7.00 for adults and £4.00 for concessions. Proceeds will be divided between the George Abbot Arts and Dance departments, and the British Red Cross for their work in Ukraine.

We hope you are able to come and support our departments, as we celebrate our wonderfully talented students in the Creative Arts.

⇒ Medication

Please be advised, parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that the school has any necessary supply of medicines for students with medical conditions. It is also vital that the medicine has not expired. Please can parents/carers who have been contacted by Mrs Hutson, Medical Officer, with a request to update expired medicine, action as soon as possible.

⇒ 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 include:

- Head of Media
- Head of Business and Economics
- Science Technician

Science Technician

We seek applicants with a background in Science to join the technician team within George Abbot's Science Faculty. Previous experience as a technician is not required as in-post training will be provided.

Trust Vacancies—<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/learning-partners-academy-trust-jobs-54446/?oo=ag>

- Finance Analyst



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Year 13

⇒ Key upcoming dates

Please see important key dates for Year 13 below:

- Leavers Assembly—Friday 20 May, 12.15pm-1.30pm
- Graduation Assembly—Monday 27 June, 10.35am-11.00am
- Year 13 Prom—Monday 27 June, 7.30pm-11.30pm

More details will follow in a separate Schoolcomms early next week.

Year 11

⇒ Study Leave and Examination Dates

Please see important key dates for Year 11 below:

Key Year 11 Dates	
Start of GCSE Exams	16 May 2022
May Half Term	28 May – 5 June 2022
Last GCSE Exam	23 June 2022
Leavers Assembly	23 June 2022 (after the Physics exam)
Exam Contingency Day	29 June 2022 (students must be available)
Prom	5 September 2022

Year 10

⇒ RE GCSE external exam

A reminder the Year 10 GCSE RE external exams take place on the following dates:

- Paper 1—Monday 16 May 2022 AM
- Paper 2—Thursday 26 May 2022 PM

Year 10 students must arrive at 8.15am on Monday 16 May, for a prompt 8.45am start to the exam. They should report to the Year 10 playground upon arrival.

Each paper will last 1 hour and 45 minutes. Further seating information will follow from the Examinations Officer next week. Students will be examined on the following units:

Paper 1	Paper 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christianity: Beliefs & Teachings• Christianity: Practices• Buddhism: Beliefs & Teachings• Buddhism: Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships & Families• Peace & Conflict• Crime & Punishment• Social Justice

There are plenty of revision resources on Satchel One under the title 'RE GCSE Revision Resources' or please follow this link for the [SLE:Y10 GCSE Revision Resources HL](#). Please do encourage students to revise.

There is no requirement to purchase a revision guide, but if you wish to do so we would suggest: AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide Paperback – 1 Jan 2018 by Marianne Fleming (Author).

⇒ Understanding and Supporting your Year 10 Child with Anxiety

Thank you to all those who attended the anxiety presentation on Wednesday, we hope you found the evening useful.

If you were unable to attend, the presentation can be found on our [website](#).

⇒ Year 10 Careers Interviews

Here at George Abbot, we employ the services of Gaynor Eke, from Careers Management Consultants, an independent careers advisor who gives advice and guidance on a student's next options after finishing their GCSEs. This can include giving advice and information on subject choices / A-Levels / BTECs and other vocational courses as well as sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships. [Return to home page](#)

Year 10

Gaynor is now currently seeing Year 10 students and this will continue into next term as they enter Year 11. The students have been informed via an assembly and form tutor time that they will each have a 1:1 appointment which lasts approximately 30 minutes and will be during lesson time. They will be advised of their appointment time the day before and will be handed an appointment slip as a reminder.

If you would like your son/daughter to have an appointment sooner, rather than later, please do email: enash@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

District Sports Success!

On Wednesday 4 May, roughly 120 George Abbot students competed in District Sports against other local schools: Guildford County, St Peter's, Christ's College, The Howard, Guildford High School, Tormead, Notre Dame and the Royal Grammar School. It was a fantastic day for our students to compete in their chosen events and represent George Abbot, which they did wonderfully. District records were broken, by our students, that had been standing for several years as well as many of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students being invited to represent the Guildford District at the Surrey Championships. The day improved further when the results were announced: we came 1st in Year 7 Boys, Year 10/11 Girls and Year 10/11 Boys. We came 2nd in Year 7 Girls and Year 9 Boys as well as 3rd place in Year 8 Girls and Year 8 Boys. Well done to all who were involved and a big thank you to the PE team for supporting the event.



Careers

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

- **Loughborough University—Year 12**

Inspiring Minds: Online programme of virtual talks: a range of free online sessions open to all and might be relevant for anyone who is interested to learn more about university. The programme will include general information and subject-specific sessions with new titles being added regularly.

- **Next Steps as part of Mental Health Awareness Week**

Thursday 12 May at 5pm - 6.30pm via Zoom.

Young Professionals will be joined by some of the world's top employers including Clifford Chance, Goldman Sachs, Capgemini and PwC to name just a few! The aim of the event is to encourage conversations, raise awareness and break down the stigma surrounding mental health among young people. They will be joined by some truly inspirational speakers who will have open and honest conversations, in a panel-style discussion about difficulties they may have faced in the workplace. They will share their advice and tips that should help you to navigate some of these issues that we may face at certain points in our lives.

We are really excited about this event and hope that this session will provide you with an opportunity to ask people at the top of their game any questions that you may have or may be concerned about taking the next step in your education or career. If you would like to join, please sign up using the link below. Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/world-of-work>

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

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

PTA—Summer Term Update

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Clandon Park Run on **2 July 2022**. We are having stalls, outside vans, some performances. The event will be discussed next week at the **PTA meeting – 12 May, 6:30pm at the Jolly Farmer pub** – please come along if you can.

We will need a lot of volunteers on the day, from manning on stalls, to marshals, to setup and clean-up. Please let us know if you feel you want to be involved in the day! Anyone who is also a part of a company who can help with sponsorship, email us so we can discuss the options.

Fashion Show

We will be seeing you as well at the **Fashion show on the 11 May** – if you can help sell drinks and snacks that night please do contact us as soon as possible, we need a few more hands!

Vintage Clothes Sale

Also we will have a few non-alcoholic drinks and snacks at the **Vintage Clothes sale on 13 May** and 14 May (again more help will be appreciated). Help us celebrate this amazing week and make it a big success.

Join us!

Finally, we want to call on parents/carers to please join the PTA, we urgently need the following positions filled. We have a fun, relaxed group, and want to make sure everyone has a part, focusing on small but achievable events to enhance our children's schooling. All the below roles will only require on average an hour or so a month, so should fit in really well with busy parent schedules!

- PTA Secretary** – organise PTA meetings and meeting minutes
- PTA Social Events organiser** – organise dates for events, ideas for events
- PTA IT Communications** – organise the software we promote and work with
- PTA Second-hand Clothes** – run the second-hand clothes shop

These have still not been filled, and is now urgently needed to enable us to organise events and be more visible and helpful to the school.

Hope to hear from you soon, PTA

Promoting Wellbeing with 'Burpham Wellfest'

Burpham Wellfest takes place on Sunday 17 July in Sutherland Memorial Park. The event is **FREE** to enter and includes a variety of **FREE** talks, demonstrations and activities for all ages. Please see the attached the event poster for key information and/or visit the Burpham Wellbeing website by clicking this link: burphamwellfest.com

Calling Young Entrepreneurs

Burpham Wellfest will also be featuring a mini young entrepreneurs section. So if your children were involved in the Children's Business Fair or have other entrepreneurial pursuits that complement the wellbeing theme, please get in touch - burphamwellbeing@gmail.com.

Calling Young Performers

Burpham Wellfest will also have a performance pavilion set up for the day by Guildford Rock school. So if you have musically talented children who'd like to perform at Wellfest, please do get in touch - burphamwellbeing@gmail.com

Burpham Wellbeing Map of Wellness

For information about wellbeing services and opportunities in the Burpham Area, visit the 'Map of Wellness' by clicking on this link: www.burphamwellbeing.com/map

Burpham Wellbeing weekly schedule

Additionally, you can find information on a Weekly Wellbeing Schedule for Burpham. This information is being constantly updated, so be sure to visit regularly. To access the schedule, click this link: <https://www.burphamwellbeing.com/weekly-schedule>



Sustainable George Abbot News

Can you donate a pollinator friendly plant for our Nectar Cafes?

The Year 7 sustainability team are working hard to develop Nectar Cafes around the school and have approached local garden centres for donations. If you are able, please donate via WisePay (General Payments option 'Pollinator friendly plants for our Nectar Cafe May 2022') so we can purchase some additional plants.



Celebrating Creativity, Nature, Fashion and Sustainability, 9 - 14 May

The upcoming **Fashion and Dance Show 'Into the Wild'** on 11 May has catalysed other events in what is fast becoming our own version of a 'Fashion Week'. The Media Club will share their investigative journalism exploring staff and student perspectives on Fast Fashion and Sustainability in assemblies and there are **two other important dates for the diary:**

'Wear it Wild' Mufti Day, Tuesday 10 May

As part of a week of activities across the school celebrating creativity, nature, fashion and sustainability we are holding a Wear it Wild mufti day. Students can wear either clothes which are second hand/vintage, or that celebrate nature - such as animal print, or with a pictures/prints of animals. Please pay £2 via WisePay (under General Payments and the option is entitled 'Wear it Wild Mufti Day Tuesday 10 May 2022'). Any payment queries please contact the Finance Team: finance@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk. **All proceeds will go towards the outdoor water fountains we hope to install in all playgrounds this summer.**

Second Hand/Vintage Clothes Sale, 13-14 May

The Year 12 leadership team are holding a second hand clothing/vintage sale in Raynham Hall **after school on Friday 13 May** and from **11.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday 14 May**, in order to encourage more sustainable and creative clothes shopping habits. Please come along to browse and purchase new items for their wardrobe which don't cost the earth! All purchases to be made by card in line with our cashless school policy. **All proceeds will go towards the outdoor water fountains we hope to install in all playgrounds this summer. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Donations for our second hand/vintage sale are still very welcome-could you please leave bags of any unwanted clothes in the Elmslie reception, after school hours.**

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