

George Abbot Bulletin

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

13 May 2022

All,

As May marches on, school is a busy place. This is the month when staff might seek new opportunities for September, the month that we set (and work very hard to balance) the school budget, prepare our examination cohorts and staff a vast examination season. Thrown into that, the life of the school continues, lesson by lesson. Yesterday, we held one of our regular fire drills to ensure every member of our community feels confident in the knowledge that our systems work and they know exactly what to do in a Health and Safety emergency.

Also, this week, we have enjoyed a mufti day, a nice change from the every day. In so doing, £1,348 was raised towards outdoor water fountains. Thank you so much to all of you who supported this cause; ridding school of plastic bottles remains our mission. On Wednesday, we held a joyous 'Into the Wild' fashion show. Many of our students were involved in designing, making and modelling some glorious creations of colour, texture and style. Our dancers also performed with energy and verve to an invigorating soundtrack. A great production from beginning to end and thank you to every student who participated, in whichever way.

A special thanks to the entire Creative Arts staff team for all of their hard work, planning, energy and commitment in making this event happen. They are wonderful!

Today, our secondhand and vintage clothes sale takes place after school and then continues tomorrow, Saturday 14 May, from 11.00am to 3.00pm in Raynham Hall. We have an array of donations and the week has been marked by our Year 12 Leadership Team students moving up and down from Elmslie to Raynham clutching carrier bags, moving clothes rails and wrestling with clothes hangers. I am looking forward to selecting something with history and charm on Saturday morning.

Monday sees the launch of exam season and school will take a slightly different tone. We know how challenging it has been for our exam students to prepare for their final exams after such a disrupted set of school years. We know they can do this...they have been taught well, they have done their preparation. Now, it is about a calm and steady focus and digging deep.

Good luck to Year 10 for their RE exams, to all of our Year 11s and all of our Year 13s. We are rooting for every one of you.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



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Into the Wild!



Notices

Whole School

⇒ **PE extra curricular next week**

Afterschool PE clubs on Thursday 19 May and Thursday 26 May are cancelled due to PE staff training. Clubs will continue as normal on all other days. Apologies for the inconvenience.

⇒ **Early school closure for Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings on Tuesday 7 June 2022**

Please be reminded that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 7 June for us to conduct the Year 10 Parent Subject 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 Monday 6 June.

If you notify us that your child will be remaining in school and your arrangements change, it is essential that 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.

Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.

⇒ **Food and Nutrition**

As the summer term continues, please can you remind students of the following information regarding food and nutrition ingredients:

- Only foods that are high risk, e.g. fresh meat, fish and dairy should be dropped off to the food rooms by 8.25am.
- These products should be in separate containers or their original packaging with the student's name, teacher's initials and the period of the day it will be used.
- It is absolutely essential that all containers are clearly named.

⇒ **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:

- Premises Manager
- Home School Link Worker
- Teacher of PE
- Science Technician

⇒ **Webinars for Parents from Eikon**

Eikon webinars are open to all parents/carers, please can sign up via the topic links below.

- [Supporting your Child Through Year 10 & 11](#) - 16 May 2022 from 7pm to 8pm
- [Supporting your Child's Wellbeing and Mental Health \(Primary\)](#) - 7 July 2022 from 7pm to 8pm

These webinars are FREE for Surrey schools. If you have any queries, please email schools@eikon.org.uk

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 13 Biology and Chemistry Revision session—change of venue

Please note, the Year 13 Biology and Chemistry revision session tomorrow, Saturday 14 May, will be held in the labs in the Raynham Science corridor, and not in Wilson as originally advertised.

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 11 Treble Science Biology Revision session—change of venue

Please note, the Year 11 Biology revision session tomorrow, Saturday 14 May, will be held in the labs in the Raynham Science corridor, and not in Wilson as originally advertised.

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. 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).

Year 10	<p>⇒ Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—Wednesday 7 June 2022</p> <p>Please see important information attached regarding Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p>
Year 9	<p>⇒ Summer Science Exam</p> <p>The Year 9 summer Science exams will take place in science lessons starting Friday 17 June and finishing Thursday 23 June.</p> <p>Students will take the Physics exam in their first science lesson during this period, Chemistry in the second science lesson and Biology in the third science lesson.</p> <p>Exams will test everything covered this year. The science Heads of Department will send out further information to all Year 9 students in due course, via show my homework (SatchelOne).</p> <p>This exam, together with the science exam that Year 9 students took earlier this year, will be used to decide on setting for Year 10, and to decide who is offered a place on the treble science GCSE course.</p>
Year 7	<p>⇒ Reading Support Booklet</p> <p>One of the best things you can do in KS3 is to encourage your child to read for pleasure. Reading habits that were established in primary school should not be stopped once they start Year 7. Research shows that children who enjoy reading do significantly better at school and parents/carers play an important role in helping to develop a love of reading. The study also found that parents/carers who talk to their children about books, TV programmes and films help to keep their children interested in reading. Having books, newspapers and magazines around at home also made a difference to how interested children were in reading. For more information on how to support your child with reading, please click here, or visit our Reading Hub.</p>

Cheerleading success!

A big well done to Year 12 student, Katie, who recently competed, with her cheerleading team, at the Summit Cheerleading Championships in Florida. This is one of the most prestigious cheerleading competitions internationally, and the Surrey Starlets finished 3rd overall, beating all the other UK teams in their division. Congratulations Katie, a wonderful achievement. We are so proud of you! To watch their performance, please click the following link: <https://youtu.be/J5pMHh3IWL8>



Careers

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

- Law Mentor—Get into Law Conference, Saturday 14 and Saturday 28 May
- Young Professionals Live Careers Event—Thursday 7 July

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

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

UK university & apprenticeship search fairs

Event Opens 9:30am
Event Closes 2:30pm

UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR
BRIGHTON SUMMER
Friday 10th June
Amex Stadium, Village Way, Brighton BN1 9BL

Specialist Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships

Opportunities and Resources



Goodbye grey skies

**MRS COTECHINI'S
UMBRELLA ART CLUB**

Create . Paint . Decorate

Let your creativity pour out...

3:15-4:15 Wednesdays 18 May-29 June

All materials and umbrellas provided . 10 spaces . Art Room PJ97



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FREE WEEKLY ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Register them for the
Speccavers Surrey Youth Games 2022

- FREE beginners' training this April & May near you
- Make new friends & learn new skills ahead of Surrey's biggest multi-activity youth event
- Designed for 7-16 year olds who don't attend clubs & would like to be more active

Scan or visit: www.activesurrey.com/SYG








Mental Health Awareness Week - Getting Support

One in six young people aged 5-16 were identified as having a probable mental health difficulty in July 2021. That's 5 people in every classroom. (YoungMinds)

You might notice you (or a friend) need mental health support if you:

- avoid certain situations
- stop caring about yourself, others or things you enjoy
- notice physical symptoms such as fast heart rate, feeling sick, shortness of breath or headaches
- experience friendship or relationship difficulties
- feel a lack of energy or motivation
- start sleeping too much or too little
- notice sudden weight or appetite change
- notice a drop in academic performance

Make an account on Kooth.com for free, safe and anonymous support. 

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YOUNGMINDS

Click on one of the links above to find more information.

In a YoungMinds survey, 53% of young people said they didn't know how to access mental health support without going to their GP.

Speak to a member of staff in school about getting support.

Save a crisis number in your phone for if you or a friend ever need it:

ChildLine 0800 1111

SAMARITANS 116 123

Mindworks Crisis Line: 0800 915 4644

Challenge! Have a conversation about mental health with a friend.

Made by your Mental Health Support Team



Second Hand/Vintage Clothes Sale, Friday 13-Saturday 14 May 2022

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 your wardrobes 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.

Please note, there will also be a second hand uniform sale on Saturday at the same time, run by the PTA.

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