

George Abbot Bulletin

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

27 May 2022



All,

This half term break is a welcome one – for our young people and staff, it has arrived at a very good time. This week is important for catching up on sleep, seeing friends, watching some good films and for getting some exercise. It is important for our Year 11s and Year 13s to rest as well as to revise; to enjoy some fresh air as well as to focus on that one topic they know can sometimes evade them. Our exam students are participating in a marathon, not a sprint – pacing themselves is all important. I am very proud of the way they have approached their exams, with courage and stoicism and composure. Well done to our Year 10s who have now sat both of their GCSE RE papers – they too, approached this challenge admirably.

Thank you in advance to Mr Hartley and our Senior Choir for performing at The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting Ceremony at the Cathedral, where they have been selected to represent the young people of Guildford at this prestigious event on 2 June 2022. They are performing a specially composed anthem which will be sung across the country as Beacons are lit in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's exceptional reign.

As we move into the final half term of the school year, there are some important dates ahead. These include:

- Year 10 Parents' Consultation afternoon **Tuesday 7 June**: school closes at 1.30pm
- Year 7 Examination Week (Maths, English, Science) **w/c 13 June**
- Year 12 Parents' Consultation evening **Thursday 16 June**: 4pm – 7pm
- All year groups may wear their House polo shirts from **Monday 20 June**
- **INSET Day – Friday 24 June**
- Year 13 Prizegiving and Prom – **Monday 27 June**
- Year 6 into Year 7 Induction Days – **Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 June**
- Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Day – **Thursday 30 June**
- Year 10 Ypres trip – **Friday 1 July**
- Sports Day – **Wednesday 13 July**
- GAbbot Fest – **Thursday 14 July**
- End of Term – **Thursday 21 July, 12pm**

There will be House events for Years 7, 8 and 9; Year 12 Next Steps events; Silver DofE & Gold DofE; Year 11 Thorpe Park reward trip; Year 10 and Year 12 exams. We will keep you updated with reminders and more details as the academic year begins its final 7 weeks.

Until then, thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting your children and supporting us. A reminder that, if things are getting overwhelming and anxiety is a significant concern over the half term break, there is a source of help that we would recommend in Mindworks Surrey. For more information, please click the following link: <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/> or access their free crisis helpline, available 24 hours a day, on 0800 915 4644 (option 1).

We look forward to seeing our students back on 6 June. May half term bring all some rest and recuperation.

Kate Carriett
Headteacher



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Year Group	Exam/Assessment	Dates
7	Examination Week (Maths, English and Science)	Monday 13 June—Friday 17 June
8	Termly Assessment Week	Monday 13 June—Friday 17 June
9	Termly Assessment Week	Monday 13 June—Friday 17 June
10	Year 10 Parent Subject Consultations Formal Internal Exams*	Tuesday 7 June Monday 27 June—Tuesday 5 July
11	Formal GCSE Exam period	Monday 16 May—Wednesday 29 June
12	Year 12 Parent Subject Consultations Formal Internal Exams	Thursday 16 June Wednesday 22 June—Friday 24 June* * Wednesday 6 July—Monday 11 July
13	Formal A Level Exam period	Monday 16 May—Wednesday 29 June

* Please note, a schedule for these internal assessments is available on the following page of the website <https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/examinations/> after half term.

* * Please note this is an INSET Day for all other year groups, except for Year 12 undertaking the formal assessments and Year 13 taking public examinations.

Notices	
Whole School	<p>⇒ REMINDER: Early school closure for Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings on Tuesday 7 June 2022</p> <p>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.</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 Monday 6 June.</p> <p>Please be reminded that school buses will run at the usual times.</p> <p>⇒ Vacancies at George Abbot</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Administrator • Senior Finance Officer <p>⇒ Request from Music</p> <p>Do you have any musical instruments that you never use, that take up space in the house and just collect dust? The Music department at George Abbot would gratefully welcome any instruments that you may have and no longer need – we are particularly on the lookout for keyboards (see picture), guitars and ukuleles! If you have anything you are willing to donate, please email Mr Hartley – mhartley@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk—thank you!</p>
	
	<p>Year 12</p> <p>⇒ Year 12 Parent Subject Meetings—Wednesday 7 June 2022</p> <p>Please see important information attached regarding Year 12 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p>

<p>Year 10</p>	<p>⇒ Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings—Wednesday 7 June 2022 Please see important information attached regarding Year 10 Parent Subject Meetings and instructions for booking appointments.</p> <p>To ensure maximum availability for Miss Vandenstein's English classes, she will also be available on Wednesday 8 June between 3.30 and 5.30pm for appointments, in addition to Tuesday 7 June. Bookings open at 6.00pm this evening (27 May).</p>
<p>Year 9</p>	<p>⇒ Maths Exam The Year 9 summer Maths exam will take place in Maths lessons on Tuesday 21 June.</p> <p>Students 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> <p>Please encourage your child to look at SatchelOne and speak to their teacher who can advise where practice can be found to aid revision and the topics that will be covered.</p> <p>⇒ Science Exam The Year 9 summer Science exams will take place in Science lessons starting Friday 17 June and finishing Thursday 23 June. 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. Exams will test everything covered this year.</p> <p>The science Heads of Department will send out further information to all Year 9 students in due course, via show my homework (SatchelOne). 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>
<p>Year 8</p>	<p>⇒ Maths Exam The Year 8 summer Maths exam will take place in the w/c 13 June. The assessment will contain all learning covered this year. Revision resources including video tutorials, practice questions and answers can be found on the SLE or on the following link: Year 8 Maths Lessons 2021-2022.xlsx (sharepoint.com)</p> <p>It is a calculator paper and standard Maths equipment is required, including a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.</p>
<p>Year 7</p>	<p>⇒ Year 7 Examination Week—w/c 13 June Year 7 will be tested on Maths, Science and English. All exams will take place within classrooms and during lesson times. Further information below and more will follow after half term.</p> <p>Maths Exam The assessment will contain all learning covered this year. Revision resources including video tutorials, practice questions and answers can be found on the SLE or on the following link: Year 7 Maths Lessons.xlsx</p> <p>It is a calculator paper and standard Maths equipment is required, including a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.</p> <p>Science Exam The exam will test most of the material covered this year. The Science Heads of Department have sent out information to all Year 7 students, via Show My Homework (SatchelOne), which explains which topics will be covered in the exam..</p> <p>This exam, together with end of topic tests, will be used to decide on science sets for Year 8.</p> <p>English Exam The assessment will focus on non-fiction writing.</p>

Drama Extra-curricular

CLUB	WHAT ARE WE DOING?	WHERE	WHEN
YEAR 9 DRAMA CLUB	Drama games Working with script Characterisation/getting into role Performance	DRAMA STUDIO	Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm
YEAR 8 DRAMA CLUB	Drama games Working with scripts Improvisation Characterisation exercises Working with props Costume and character	DRAMA STUDIO	Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm
YEAR 7 DRAMA CLUB	Drama games Improvisation and spontaneous improvisation Characterisation exercises	DRAMA STUDIO	Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm

Careers

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

- Army Careers June Newsletter
- BAE Systems Works Skills Event—27-29 July

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

- Surrey Satellite Technology IT Apprentice—September 2022

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

- NHS Allied Work Experience Programme—5 June

Are you interested in learning career-related skills in a unique and exciting workplace?



BAE Systems Work Skills Event

At BAE Systems Submarines we design, build and test nuclear submarines for the Royal Navy. Why not come and learn about the range of roles we offer including:

- Cost Estimation
- Engineering
- Project Management
- Business Development

You will also work on a challenging project that will let you develop and show-off your new and existing skills.

Where: BAE Systems, Lyon Way, Frimley, GU16 7EX

When: 27 - 29 July

Who: Years 10 and 11

Learn about what the company does and explore potential career paths. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please refer to the accompanying email.

baesystems.com

Focus on: German competition success!

Every year, the Oxford German Network runs a German themed competition for students nationwide. This year, on the 10th Anniversary of this German Olympiad, the competition was titled Der Rhein. Students could choose from a series of age appropriate tasks linked to this title. Three students from George Abbot entered: Lucy G in Year 9 as well as Dari Vand Ollie N in Year 10, who submitted a joint entry. We are very proud to announce that Dari and Ollie won their category, where they had to produce a video presentation about the historical importance of the Rhine. Here is the video of their winning entry:



Well done to all three students for their efforts!

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Tormead
SCHOOL



AUDITIONS

are happening for Tormead School girls
and George Abbot School boys for a
joint production of

LEGALLY BLONDE

to be performed in March 2023
on the mainstage at
THE YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

**Auditions will be taking place at Tormead School's
JCS Building on FRIDAY JUNE 17th from 4-7.30pm.**

You do not need to bring anything (other than your talent!) but some prior knowledge of the plot might be helpful. You will be asked to dance in a group, sing in a group with a small solo section and perform as a range of characters so please wear suitable clothing.

**Rehearsals will then take place on Tuesdays and Fridays
from 4.00-6.00pm from September.**

Any questions or if you really cannot make that date but would still like to audition then please email Mr Campbell:
acampbell@tormeadschool.org.uk

We hope to see lots of you there!



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