

# George Abbot Bulletin

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

1 July 2022



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This week, I met with representatives from the Guildford Business Crime Reduction Partnership. They work in close liaison with Guildford Borough Council and the police to address antisocial behaviour in our town.

Towns across the county have noticed a sharp increase in young people gathering in large groups in town centres. This began in 2020 and coincides with children and families' usual routines being disrupted by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. You will know how hard it has been and continues to be for local shops and businesses to re-establish the practice of regular in-person shopping in our town centres.

In Guildford, there is a concern that youths from many different school groups are gathering in large numbers causing difficulties for businesses and indeed members of the public as they enjoy their time in our town. There are some particular hotspots I want to alert you to: in so doing I really urge you to discuss this matter with your child. I know that none of us would want our children to be associated with, involved in, or on the edge of antisocial behaviour. The areas of real concern include the Bedford Road car park, the area around the Odeon Cinema where there are temporary building works, the riverside area that runs behind the Odeon along towards the old Debenhams building. Our young people should not be gathering in any of those places.

Additionally, and sadly, the Friary Centre is seeing increased gatherings of youths in their upstairs food court.

Young people from many different schools are vaping, shouting, play fighting, throwing food and compromising health and safety for the centre. The staff there work really hard to make the environment welcoming and the security team do an excellent job. However, the young people of Guildford aren't always making that work easy.

I hope that by including this reminder it will spark a conversation and opportunity to keep every George Abbot child safe and making a positive contribution to our community.

Kate Carriett  
Headteacher

Year Group	Event	Dates
10	Formal Internal Exams	Monday 27 June—Tuesday 5 July
12	Formal Internal Exams	Wednesday 6 July—Monday 11 July

Notices	
<b>Whole School</b>	<p>⇒ <b>Gabbot Fest—Sustainability GA Leaders stand— donations needed!</b> Please donate any <b>new miscellaneous items</b>, such as books, pencil cases, stationery, that you may have lying around your house for our Gabbot Fest event. Donations can be dropped off in Elmslie Reception foyer. Thank you!</p> <p>⇒ <b>Vacancies</b> Please see the following page of the school website for further details on our current vacancies: <a href="https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment/">https://www.georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment/</a>. Please do forward to any friends or colleagues you think might be interested. Current opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Nutrition Technician</li> <li>• Design Technology Technician</li> <li>• Premises Team supervisor</li> </ul>
<b>Year 9</b>	<p>⇒ <b>Year 10 Subject Choices</b> Letters confirming your child's subject choices for Year 10 have been given to students in form time this morning. Please make one last check of the subjects your child has chosen, and email curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk by <b>9am on Monday 11 July</b> if the information is incorrect.</p> <p>If your child is not in school today, they will be given their letter when they return to school.</p> <p>⇒ <b>Year 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio final school booster and the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination-catch up session</b> The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is visiting George Abbot School on Monday 18 July 2022 to give the above vaccinations to any children who missed their vaccination last time they were in school.</p> <p>If you have not yet completed a consent form previously and still wish your child to attend this session, please complete the <a href="#">e-consent form</a> by 4pm on Thursday 14 July 2022. If you have any enquiries regarding immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation team directly. Tel: 01483 794887 Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net Please note, the school are unable to accept telephone or email consent from you.</p>
<b>Year 8</b>	<p>⇒ <b>Year 8 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination catch up session</b> The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is visiting George Abbot School on Monday 18 July 2022 to give the above vaccinations to any children who missed their vaccination last time they were in school.</p> <p>If you have not yet completed a consent form previously and still wish your child to attend this session, please complete the <a href="#">e-consent form</a> by 4pm on Thursday 14 July 2022. If you have any enquiries regarding immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation team directly. Tel: 01483 794887 Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net Please note, the school are unable to accept telephone or email consent from you.</p>
<b>Year 7</b>	<p>⇒ <b>September 2022 Year 8 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination e-consent</b> The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is visiting George Abbot School on Wednesday 14 or Thursday 15 September 2022 to give the HPV vaccination to Year 8 students (current Year 7 students). You can access the <a href="#">e-consent form here</a>.</p> <p>If you have any enquiries regarding immunisations, please contact the School Immunisation team directly. Tel: 01483 794887 Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net Please note, the school are unable to accept telephone or email consent from you.</p>

# Clandon Park Run

Kelly's Clandon Park Run is tomorrow! We have a 5k and 10k route on offer, all taking place within Clandon Park itself. It is not too late to sign up, just follow the link: <https://charity.kellystorage.co.uk/e/kellys-clandon-park-run-8267>

Don't forget, we've added a discount code exclusively for George Abbot students, parents/carers and staff:  
**GA10K** will take the 10K entry donation to **£15**                      **GA5K** will take the 5K entry donation to **£10**

Alternatively, we are also welcoming people to turn up and register on the day.

## On the day

Please plan your journey in advance and allow plenty of time to travel to and from the event. We are asking participants to arrive from 10.00am. The What3Words location can be found here: <https://w3w.co/lucky.toys.left>. **Please note the entrance is not the entrance on the National Trust car park.** At the roundabout by the Guildford Park and Ride, take the third exit onto Epsom Rd/A25, then take the first left onto the dirt track to the event HQ. Look out for signage on the main road.

You will be directed where to park by our marshals, and then please make your way to the HQ Area. Car park charge will be £1 per car, CASH & CARD payments accepted. HQ will house a variety of stalls and entertainment on the day, including food and drink, and dance. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to enjoy this scenic route and spend some time soaking up the summer sunshine. Dogs are allowed at the event, too, but must be kept on a lead at all times.

This year, the fundraising theme is 'Back to Basics', so all money raised will go back into core purchases for the school. From new sports and art equipment, to transforming the dance studio into a small-scale theatre space, the money will directly benefit the students at the school.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you on Saturday!

# Careers

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

- Spectris—Engineering opportunities
- UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair—Friday 11 November

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

- National Apprenticeship Vacancies

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

- NHS Allied Work Experience programme
- Get into Veterinary Conference—Saturday 24 July

**Going on a road trip?**

Pack a Wheelers online E-library book with you.

- 1) Download the Wheelers app on your phones
- 2) LOGIN: Username: Firstname.secondname (no gaps) Student password: Gabbot
- 3) Browse and borrow!

## ⇒ Burpham Wellfest

Happening on Sunday 17 July, 10am until 6pm, at Sutherland Memorial Park, all are invited to take part in the Burpham Wellfest event. Come along for free demonstrations, talks and activities. For a list of participants and for schedules of the day, click the links below:

- *Schedule for the day:* <https://www.burphamwellfest.com/schedules>
- *List of participants:* <https://www.burphamwellfest.com/whos-who>

If you cannot make this event, click the links below for information about activities, therapies and treatments that can be accessed in the Burpham area:

- [Map of Wellness](#)
- [Timetable of Wellbeing](#)

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## Focus on: Year 7 Writing Masterclass

Twenty-four of our most enthusiastic Year 7 creative writers had a fantastic time on 23 June in a masterclass run by local author, Sarah Hegarty. Sarah, a former journalist turned novelist, shared many useful tips for writing with the students and very generously presented them all with a colourful notebook as a souvenir at the end of her workshop.

Her time with our young people featured activities such as free writing exercises, creating characters based on a random curiosity pulled from a cloth bag and using an extraordinary collection of inspirational pictures to spur imaginations. Our Year 7 participants found the session richly rewarding and the most common observation made at the end was that they wished that the workshop could have lasted twice as long! Thank you Sarah.

## Amazing DofE Award participants!

Our amazing DofE students spent 2704 hours volunteering, from April 2021 to March 2022. The social value of these hours is £12,492.48. A huge well done to all involved!

## Intermediate Biology Olympiad success!

Well done to those who recently participated in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad 2022. Over 12,566 students from 608 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. A particular "congratulations" goes to those Year 12 students who managed to achieve an award!

Student name	Medal
Matthew C	Gold
Felix A	Gold
Sarp O	Silver
Lily M	Silver
Cerys F	Silver
Jasmine A	Silver
Sofia S	Bronze
Jess N	Bronze
Amy S	Bronze
Bethany W	Highly Commended
Patricia P	Highly Commended
Omar H	Highly Commended
Lottie W	Highly Commended
Samuel HI	Highly Commended

Student name	Medal
Sophia O-B	Highly Commended
Charlotte T	Highly Commended
Mobina H	Highly Commended
Maisie B	Highly Commended
Mariam B	Highly Commended
Gemma M	Highly Commended
Lauren P	Commended
Ben C	Commended
Jasmine A	Commended
Honor L	Commended
Tanya L	Commended
Issey M	Commended
Maia T	Commended



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