



The Abbey School

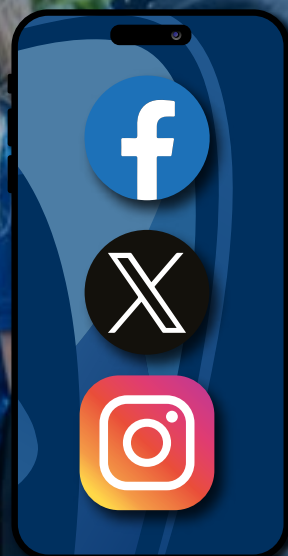
"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

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THE HOWARD
Academy Trust



A photograph of four students in school uniforms (blue blazers) sitting at a table, looking down at papers or books. The image is slightly blurred and has a blue tint, serving as a background for the text.

Sixth Form Open Evening 2024

Wednesday 27th November

5 till 7pm

We would like to invite you and your son/daughter to an evening which will allow you to gain crucial insight into supporting them ready for their exams this year and to join our 6th form open evening. The purpose of the 6th form open evening is to provide you with the opportunity to talk to our subject specialists in a variety of different subjects, speak to Universities about higher education and gain an understanding as to how our brilliant Sixth form works. We are proud of the environment we have created for post 16 education for our students, and we hope to be able to offer a place to your son/daughter next year.

The step up event will begin at 5pm in the main school hall. This will be an opportunity to hear from Dr Speller and the Directors of Learning for English, Maths and Science about the opportunities available to support students with their work and revision this year. Attendees will also be provided with a bespoke guide about how best to revise for each subject, created by the Heads of Subject at the Abbey. There will then be a talk at 6pm specifically in relation to 6th form, followed by an opportunity to visit our subject specialists in the canteen. For any student who is interested in the Football Academy, there will be a talk, delivered by our football academy manager, Mike Sandmann, at 6.30pm.

We would be delighted to see you and your son/daughter and would be grateful if you could register your interest in attending using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CtFWTn5Gy5>

Christmas Card Competition

This year we are running our annual Christmas card competition for our two fantastic charities: The Teenage Cancer Trust (red, dark blue, light blue) and Young Lives vs Cancer (purple and black colours)

Your Christmas card should be festive and should have some link to one of these two charities (think about kindness, support, care, fun)

This is open to all years and should be done on half an A4 sheet of paper. Entries must be given to your tutor to pass on or direct to Dr Moseley in A6 (you must have name, form and house, and which charity you are linking to, on the back).

The deadline for the entries is Friday 29th November. The best ones will be made into cards and sold in the school for these amazing charities.



Please click on what year group you are in below to access all of the Knowledge Organisers for Term 2!

Year 7



Year 8



Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 12th December we are going to be celebrating Christmas jumper day. This is an opportunity for students to wear their own Christmas jumpers and celebrate a great cause – Save the Children.

If students wish to take part in this, they may wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school one, but all other uniform rules apply, such as shirt, tie, skirt, trousers, jewellery and school footwear but they do not need to wear their blazers.

The Heads of House will be coming into form rooms on the Thursday and Friday to collect voluntary donations for Save the Children.



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



Year 13



Faversham Foodbank Advent Calendar 2024

Starting on Monday 18th November, The Abbey School will be collecting donations which will then go to the Faversham Food Bank. Each day we are asking you to donate something different. Any donation big or small will be hugely appreciated and will go a long way in supporting those who need it most!

| November | | | | | December | |
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| 18 th Bags for life  | 19 th Chocolate  | 20 th Teabags  | 21 st Biscuits  | 22 nd Fruit Juice  | 25 th Tins of Carrots  | |
| 26 th Hot Chocolate  | 27 th Coffee  | 28 th Sweets  | 29 th Long Life Milk  | 2 nd Dried Pasta  | 3 rd Soup Packets  | |
| 4 th Pasta Sauce  | 5 th Cereal Bars / Snacks  | 6 th Tinned Potatoes  | 9 th Instant Noodles / Pasta  | 10 th Fruit Squash  | 11 th Crisps  | |
| 12 th Sponge Pudding  | 13 th Tins of Tuna  | IF YOU MISS A DAY, YOU CAN DONATE ANY OF THE ITEMS ABOVE ON THE 16 TH AND 17 TH DECEMBER! | | | |  The Abbey School |

Food Bank Donations

The Abbey School will be collecting donations which then go to the Faversham Food Bank. Each day we are asking you to donate something different! Please see the image above with all the details about what to donate each day.

Any donation, big or small will make a big difference to someone else's life.

You can click the image below to view the calendar!



Thank you as always for your support!



WINTER CONCERT

We warmly invite parents and carers to celebrate the start of the Winter Season with our Year 7 Students.

There will be a medley of songs; a showcase of creative work; a sweet treat (or two); and the chance to donate to our School Charities 'Young Lives vs Cancer' and 'Teenage Cancer Trust'!

Date: Thursday 28th November

Time: 2pm - 3pm

BOOK TICKETS HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/MF8ilkeimK](https://forms.office.com/e/MF8ilkeimK)
(MAX 2 PER PERSON ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS)



To book your tickets, please click the link below!

<https://forms.office.com/e/MF8ilkeimK>

The focus for this first cultural curriculum day is Midwinter, and students will be engaged in activities throughout the day connected to this, culminating in a fantastic Midwinter concert, where they will be sharing their songs, craft and readings with people within the school community.

The running order of the day will be as follows:

- Period 1 – Learning about Midwinter symbols and creating their own
- Period 2 – Practising their Midwinter songs
- Period 3a – Getting creative by writing their own lyrics, poems and reflections
- Period 3b Lunchtime
- Period 4 – Practising for the concert

2:00pm – Midwinter concert, with Mrs Le Brunn-Healey, Reverend Dan Corcoran and the Year 7s and guests.

Friday 29th is the Pantomime!

#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At The National College, our **Wake Up Wednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Parents and educators are invited to share these guides with their children and young people. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explores how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

- 1. PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**
Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own choices. However, it's important to ensure that the money is given to them in a way that is safe and secure. Consider giving them a prepaid card or a bank account in their name. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 2. USE A PREPAID CARD**
Prepaid cards are a great way to give children money. They can be used at any shop or online, and they don't have an expiry date. This means children can use the money whenever they want to. It's also a good way to teach them about budgeting and saving.
- 3. PRACTISE BORROWING**
Although it's not ideal, borrowing is a useful skill to learn. It teaches children to plan ahead and to understand the value of money. You can practice borrowing by giving them a small amount of money to borrow from you. They can then use it to buy something they need. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 4. ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**
Children often have questions about money. It's important to encourage them to ask questions and to have open conversations about money. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 5. DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**
Children often feel pressure to spend money. It's important to discuss this with them and to help them understand that it's okay to say no. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 6. TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'**
It's important to teach children the difference between 'need' and 'want'. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 7. ENCOURAGE SAVING**
Encouraging children to save money is a great way to teach them about budgeting and saving. You can encourage them to save by giving them a piggy bank or a savings account. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 8. SPARK INTEREST IN INVESTING**
Investing is a useful skill to learn. It teaches children to plan ahead and to understand the value of money. You can spark interest in investing by giving them a small amount of money to invest. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 9. PAYING FOR CHORES**
Paying children for chores is a good way to teach them about budgeting and saving. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.
- 10. PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**
Children are often targeted by scammers. It's important to teach them how to protect themselves from scams. This will help them learn to manage their money and understand the value of money.

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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/10-top-tips-for-parents-and-educators-educating-children-on-spending-and-saving>

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SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT,
CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR PREVIOUS
NEWSLETTER!



Uniform Donations

If you have any old uniform, would you consider donating to The Abbey School to help out those who need it. Any shirts, blazers, trousers, skirts, shoes, PE kit and ties will happily accept. Thank you for your support!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 18th November 2024!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



Jake B
Year 8
54HP



Liam C
Year 9
49HP



Gladys A
Year 10
49HP



Freddie C
Year 10
63HP



STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES W/C 25TH NOVEMBER

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mon, Tues, Thurs | 3.20 | 3.25 | 3.30 | 3.15 | 4.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 |
| Friday Only | 1.55 | 145 | 1.50 | 140 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |



Please click on the image below to view results of the Attendance League!



School Calendar Term 2

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 27 th Nov | Sixth Form Open Evening |
| 28 th Nov | Winter Carol Service |
| 29 th Nov | Year 7 Panto |
| 2 nd Dec | Vaccinations (All Years) |
| 3 rd Dec | Vaccinations (All Years) |
| 4 th Dec | Y11 Subject Consultation |
| 9 th Dec | DofE Celebration Event |
| 11 th Dec | Y12 & 13 Tutor Consultation |
| 13 th Dec | Y11 Dance Exam Year 10 Winter Wonderland Trip |
| 16-19 th Dec | Y11 Food Practical Exam |
| 18 th Dec | Christmas Dinner Performing Arts Winter Showcase |
| 20 th Dec | Teenage Trust Non-uniform Day Term Ends |

Winter Weather Season

As the colder weather draws in, we would like to take an opportunity to remind everybody of our uniform expectations as we aim to keep warm during the winter season.

- Layer up and stay warm but no hoodies, sports tops, body warmers/gilets, branded jumpers or fleece jumpers are permitted. If non uniform items are worn once over the crossing, they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.
- School uniform jumpers (plain blue v neck jumper Year 7 - 10, or plain black v neck jumper Year 11) are encouraged if students wish to wear an additional layer underneath their blazer; these are optional and must not be worn in place of blazers.
- Winter coats are advised for travelling to and from school and when walking around the site, but cannot be worn during lessons or PE lessons.
- Crocs are not acceptable footwear at any point of the school year - they should not be being worn onto the premises under any circumstances.
- Students wishing to wear tights and socks need to wear their plain black socks underneath their tights
- Leggings/footless tights are socks are not permitted.
- Nose studs (metal or plastic), large earrings, hoops or drop earrings and earrings in the top of the ear, are not permitted

We ask that all students are in full, correct, school uniform by the time they reach the zebra crossing and enter the main school site.

If students breach these rules, they will face having items confiscated until the end of the school day. Any refusal may lead to them spending time in Reflection and contact home being made.

We would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support on this matter.

KYCC Elections and House Council

On Friday 15th November, students had the opportunity to take part in two events; KYCC elections, and house council. The Kent Youth County Council elections took place in the canteen, and students had the opportunity to exercise their democratic vote, by selecting one of 9 candidates who had put themselves forward to represent students and young people in Kent.

We were very pleased to have one candidate from Abbey School standing, Antani S. He has always worked incredibly hard for the student body, attending house councils, as well as representing the Abbey Student voice in Trust parliament meetings. The three key issues that he put forward to work on, should he be nominated, were:

1. Helping People from Other Countries Feel Included
2. Accessibility for Disabled People
3. Easier School Access.

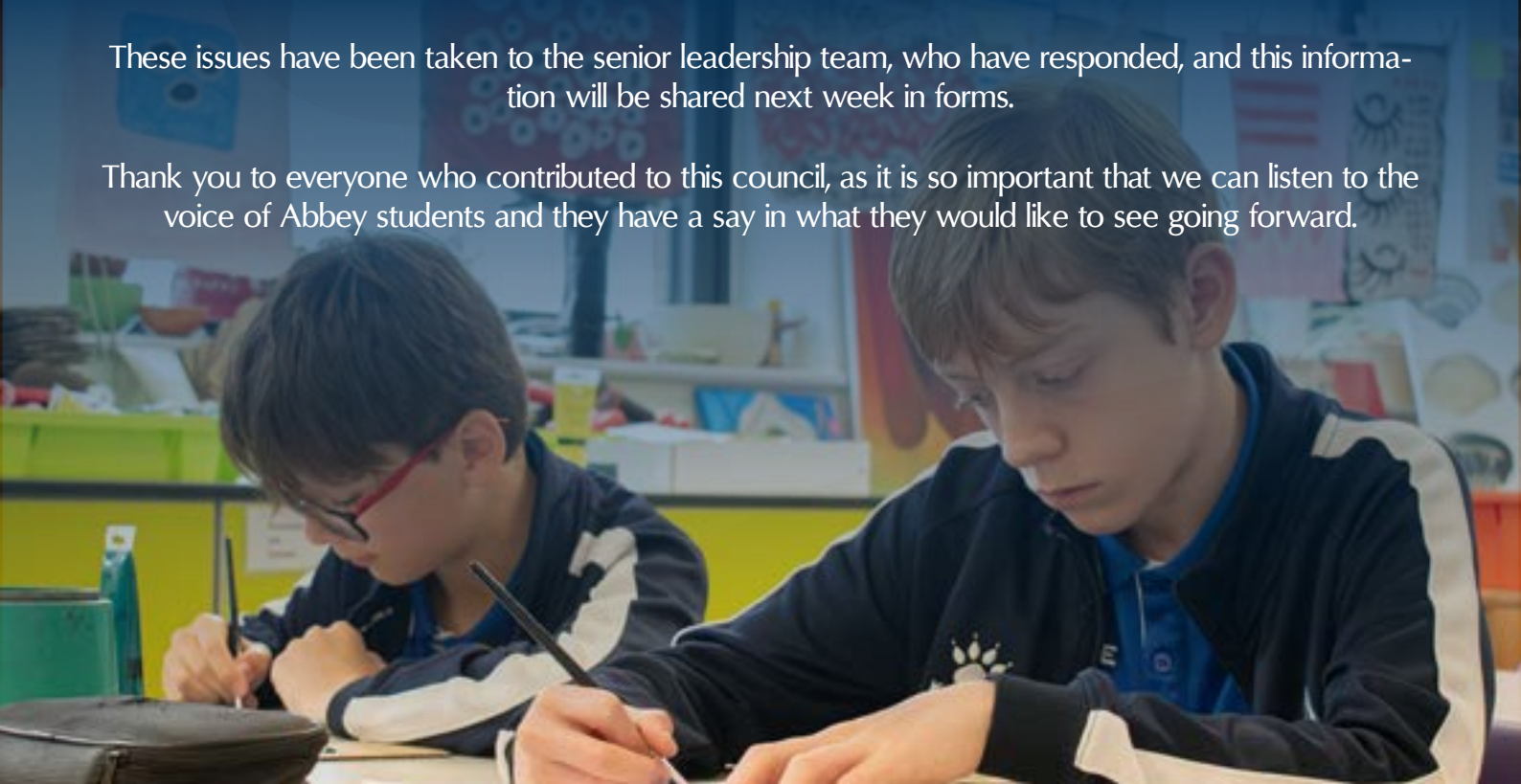
The votes close this week, and we will then hear if he has been successful. We wish him good luck and hope that he is able to represent young people in the council, alongside Oliver, in year 12, who currently holds a seat on the KYCC.

The house council was well attended by students who had volunteered to represent their form. At the house council we discussed a number of issues:

- Charities, and activities we could do to raise money for them, such as the Christmas card competition and selling cakes and toys.
- The house system and how to make it more competitive with activities such as a Spelling Bee, and Art competitions.
- Changes students would like at Abbey, such as a girls' football team, non-uniform days as rewards, keeping the canteen cleaner for the last year group in
- Working with VIBE - setting up working groups to work on our chosen policies to present to Faversham council: A cafe/clothing swap-shop; safer crossings; an arcade and bowling alley; the onion space (more to be revealed about this later in the year!

These issues have been taken to the senior leadership team, who have responded, and this information will be shared next week in forms.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this council, as it is so important that we can listen to the voice of Abbey students and they have a say in what they would like to see going forward.



NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

At The Abbey School, we strive to create a **safe and secure** environment for the school community. Our school is a **welcoming and inclusive place** where we all show one another respect and look out for each other.

We will not tolerate any **threatening, abusive or violent** behaviour and action will be taken when necessary.



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