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School**

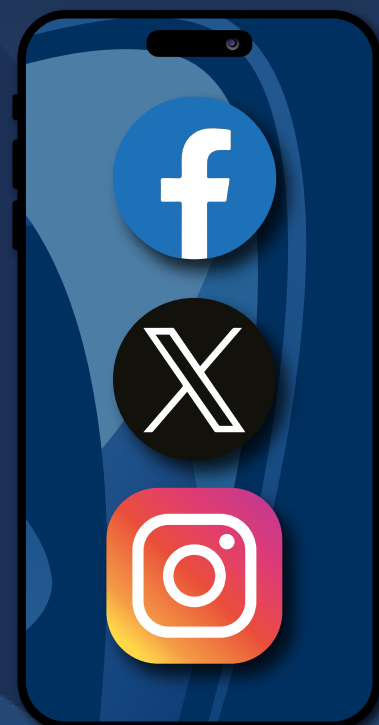
“Be The Best You Can Be”

Weekly Newsletter

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following students for collecting the most house points this week!
KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



Mili S
Year 8
43HP



Gvidas A
Year 8
37HP



Charlie B
Year 8
88HP



Poppy A
Year 7
39HP

#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

CANTEEN MENU 2025/26

Click the images below to view the canteen menu for Term 6!

What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY
Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight false payments may be a red flag. Fraudsters often apply pressure by rushing decisions and they check, where it is possible, to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS
Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES
Be wary of invoice details that don't match those previously received. Check items, quantities, reference numbers and contact names. Fraudsters often send email details to avoid criticism. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

MINOR EMAIL CHANGES
Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS
Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not receive may be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will go paid into no question. Check receipts and confirm with the supplier before processing any unanticipated requests.

UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE
Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual regular communications may indicate a scam. Check the sender's email address and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS
Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

CROSS-CHECK INVOICES
Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier to question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL
Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This does not extend to or control and reduce the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY
If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 103 or their official number and report to Report Fraud online or by calling 2020 333 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter-fraud alerts, see DE counter fraud guidance. You can find the Invoice Fraud tool on the National Crime Agency website.

Meet Our Expert
Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education, having led the Nation's first for many years. He has been an avid proponent of communication, and innovation. He proudly oversees the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having backed to counter fraud for 18 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2005.

The National College

See full reference list on our website

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SENECA CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Learning Time	Average Score	Time Champion	Score Champion
12 & 13	2h 18min	90%	Isabelle R	Liam W
11	Exams finished - no data			
10	30h 55min	67%	Alexandros P	Amelie B
9	19h 53min	57%	Izabella C	Harriet S
8	21h 55min	74%	Ellie M	Harry C
7	61h 34min	66%	Abiola O	Ikmat M

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



“supported”

*“motivated to
succeed”*

“safe”

*“inclusive
culture”*

“calm”

*“broad range
of enrichment”*



*“meaningful
opportunities”*

*“significant
positive change”*

*“the curriculum
is ambitious”*

OFSTED RESULTS!

“Pupils feel part of a community that believes in them, challenges them and helps them to succeed.”
The Abbey School is proud to share our latest Ofsted Report, following our January inspection, which took place under the new Ofsted framework.

Inspectors noted that “the school has been through significant positive change”, judging Personal Development and Wellbeing and Post-16 Provision to be Strong Standard, and confirming that Curriculum and Teaching, Attendance and Behaviour, Inclusion, and Leadership and Governance are operating at the Expected Standard.

Particular praise was given to our Pastoral Support Team, with inspectors commenting that “Pastoral support is a strength. Pupils trust staff to help them manage worries, and... feel safe and supported”.
“We are pleased that Ofsted recognised the strength of our work in personal development, safeguarding and sixth-form provision, which reflects the values and culture we work hard to build every day.

Inspectors recognised that pupils are learning well, feel safe, and are prepared for their next stage, including strong sixth-form retention and positive destinations. Our priority now is to continue strengthening key stage 4 outcomes so they fully reflect the learning and progress we see across the school.” - Dr Speller, Principal

“I would like to recognise the commitment of the leadership team and staff who have led this work with determination and care. Together they have focused on ensuring that pupils feel safe, supported and that they truly belong within their school community.” - Owen McColgan, Chief Executive of THAT

Read the full report by clicking the image below!



THE ABBEY SCHOOL DANCE SHOWCASE

AT
THE GULBENKIAN THEATRE



FRIDAY
26 JUNE 2026



SHOW STARTS
6PM



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
VIA THE GULBENKIAN WEBSITE -
THE ABBEY SCHOOL
DANCE SHOWCASE

A Celebration
OF STUDENTS WORK

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!



MIXTURE OF
YEAR 11
EXAM PIECES



WHOLE CLASS
PERFORMANCE



EXTRA
CURRICULAR



AND
MORE



There are still tickets available for this evenings show! Book your tickets by clicking the link below:

<https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/events/abbey-school-dance-showcase/>



SIXTH FORM PROM!

Sixth Form Prom!

We hope you all had a fantastic evening celebrating your sixth form journey with your friends and teachers.

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you back in August for Results Day. Wishing you all the very best!



WELL DONE TO EVERYONE AFTER A HOT WEEK!

As we come to the end of a long and incredibly hot week, we want to take a moment to say a huge well done to all our staff and students.

Despite the challenging temperatures and the tiredness that naturally comes with such demanding conditions, you have shown resilience, positivity, and determination throughout the week. Your effort, patience, and commitment have not gone unnoticed.

To our students, thank you for continuing to work hard, stay focused, and support one another.

To our staff, thank you for your dedication, care, and the energy you bring each day to support our school community.

You have all handled this week with great spirit, and that deserves recognition. We hope everyone has the chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy a well-earned weekend break



FOOTBALL ACADEMY PRESENTATION!

Congratulations to the boys who won an award at The Academy's presentation event, well done!

Players Player Whites - Zak H
Players Player Blues - Zach D

Manager Player Whites - Fenn R
Managers Player Blues - Mosie C





FREDDIE UPDATE!

With the recent heatwave, Freddie has been staying safely at home where it's nice and cool. He's been taking it easy, enjoying plenty of rest, fresh water, and shaded spots to keep comfortable during the hotter days.

We're happy to share that he's doing well and being well looked after.

BUSY WEEK AHEAD!

We have a busy and exciting week coming up as we welcome our Year 6 students for their transition week.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to begin settling into their new school environment, meet new friends, and get to know some of the teachers who will be supporting them in September. Throughout the week, students will take part in a range of activities designed to help them feel confident, comfortable, and excited about the next stage of their school journey.

Transition week is always a special time, helping students build confidence and prepare for the move to secondary school. We hope all students enjoy the experience, make wonderful new connections, and create positive first impressions and memories.

We wish all of our Year 6 students a fantastic week and look forward to seeing them thrive as they begin this exciting new chapter.

At the end of the week, we will also be holding our annual Sports Day, always a highlight of the school calendar. We look forward to a fun-filled day of teamwork, determination, and friendly competition, with plenty of opportunities for students to showcase their sporting talents and school spirit.

Fingers crossed the British weather will be on our side!





WHATS HAPPENING IN TERM 6

19th
JUNE

SIXTH FORM
PROM



6th
JULY

SIXTH FORM
INDUCTION DAY



26th
JUNE

DANCE
SHOWCASE



6th - 8th
JULY

YEARS 7, 8 & 9
REWARD TRIP



29th - 3rd
JULY

YEAR 6
TRANSITION WEEK



9th
JULY

END OF YEAR
PRIZEGIVING



3rd
JULY

SPORTS
DAY



15th - 16th
JULY

COMMUNITIES
DAYS



3rd
JULY

YEAR 11
PROM



17th
JULY

END OF TERM
SCHOOL FETE



FETE DONATIONS!

We are planning to hold our Rewards Fete on the final day of the Summer Term. This is one of our main opportunities to reward students for their efforts and achievements throughout the academic year.

One of the stalls we will be running at this year's fete is a tombola, and we are looking for donations of prizes for our students. If you have any spare items that you would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Examples of suitable items include:

- Toys and games
- Clothes and fashion accessories
- Toiletries

This is not an exhaustive list, and any items suitable for children aged 11–14 would be gratefully received. We kindly ask that all donations are clean and in good condition.

If you are able to donate, please place the items in a bag clearly marked "Fete" and send them in with your child for the attention of the Main Office. Alternatively, you are very welcome to drop them off at the Main Office yourself.

We would also love to hear from any local businesses that may be willing to support the fete through a prize donation. If so, please contact sdannell@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk.

Thank you very much for your continued support.



FORSTERS DISCOUNT!

Just a reminder that we're offering parents a 10% discount on all orders over £20 until 30th June.

To redeem the offer, simply enter the code FORSTERS10 at the online checkout or visit us in store.



COMMUNITIES DAYS 2026



COMMUNITIES DAYS 2026 ARE LOADING...

Something different is coming this July.

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July, students in Years 7–10 will step beyond their normal timetable and take part in two days packed with opportunities, experiences and challenges designed to inspire, surprise and maybe even change the way they see the world.

Expect new faces, new ideas and experiences you won't find in a classroom.

Over the two days, students will have the chance to:

- Meet people with incredible stories to tell
- Discover organisations making a real difference in our communities
- Take on exciting challenges and projects
- Explore future opportunities, careers and interests
- Develop new skills, confidence and connections
- Try something new and step outside their comfort zone
- Have fun with friends and make new memories

We're keeping some of the details under wraps for now, but trust us when we say...

THIS YEAR HITS DIFFERENT.

And the excitement doesn't stop there...

Communities Days will be followed by The Abbey School Fete on Friday 17th July, bringing our school community together for a fantastic celebration and a memorable way to round off the academic year.

Keep an eye out over the coming weeks as we reveal more about what's in store.

Communities Days 2026: Loading...

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON...

ATTENDANCE REWARDS TERM 6!

We are excited to share the fantastic attendance rewards available for students in Term 6!
There are three amazing rewards up for grabs!

Wingham Wildlife Park Trip

Students who receive an Attendance Golden Ticket during Term 6 will be entered into a prize draw to attend a trip to Wingham Wildlife Park.

For every full week of attendance, students will receive an additional entry into the draw — so the more they attend, the greater their chance of winning!

VIP Access at the Summer Fete

All students who achieve 100% attendance during Term 6 will receive exclusive VIP access to one of our hired inflatables at the Summer Fete on the last day of term.

These students will enjoy the inflatable exclusively for the first 40 minutes of the fete!

100% Attendance Grand Prize Draw

Students who achieve 100% attendance for the entire school year will be entered into our grand prize draw, with the chance to win one of these

fantastic prizes:
A brand-new PS5
A 32" Smart TV
Two tablets
A laptop

Best of all, entry into all of these rewards is completely free — students simply need to attend to have the chance to win!

SPORTS DAY 2026



Friday 3rd July



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THE HOWARD
Academy Trust




☀️ YOUNG CARERS GROUP ☀️


Do you help care for someone at home?


Why not come along to our Young Carers Group and meet other young carers from different year groups in school?


 Wednesdays

 Period 4 (1:30 pm)


Join Ms Bowden for:


 Friendly conversations


 Gentle activities

 A chance to connect with others who understand

No pressure, no expectations – just a relaxed space to chat, take part in activities, and spend time with other young carers.

 Drop-In Session

 Thursdays

 2:30 pm

If you'd prefer, you can also drop in and see Ms Punt for a chat.

Interested in either session?

Please speak to a member of the Pastoral Team for more information.

 You are always welcome.

YEAR 9 VACCINATION INFORMATION!

Recently, the Immunisation Service visited school to offer the TdIPV and MenACWY vaccinations to our Year 9 students. While many pupils received their vaccinations, overall uptake was 59%, which is below the national target of 90%.

We would like to remind parents and carers that appointments are still available through local community clinics.

Community Clinic Appointments Available

The Immunisation Service runs community clinics during weekends and school holidays to ensure that no child misses their routine immunisations.

If your child missed their TdIPV and MenACWY vaccinations during the recent school visit, you are encouraged to book an appointment at one of the community clinics.

Parents and carers who previously gave consent but whose child was not vaccinated should have received an automated email containing a booking link.

Alternatively, families can contact the Immunisation Service directly on 0300 123 5205 for more information about clinic availability and booking appointments.

Further information can also be found on the [Immunisation Service website](#)

STUDENT SHOUTOUT!

We love celebrating our amazing students and their achievements!

Parents and carers, we'd love to hear from you! If your child has achieved something they're proud of (big or small!), send it in and we will share this with our school community.

Achievements could include:

- Academic successes
- Sporting achievements
- Creative talents
- Personal milestones
- Acts of kindness or resilience

To take part, simply email us with:

Your child's achievement
Their name
A photo (optional)

info@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk

Let's work together to celebrate our students and recognise their hard work!

#BeTheBestYouCanBe



We have worked with you
listened to your ideas and made lots of changes
over the last few years.



You asked.....

*"Can we sit with our friends in the canteen
at lunchtime?"*

We did.....

*"You are allowed to sit with your friends in
the canteen – we hope this makes lunch
enjoyable for you."*



THE WORRY BOX

Checked daily during school hours

www.theabbey-that.org.uk/worrybox

Not checked at the weekends or evenings. For urgent help, contact
NSPCC, Action for Children or Childline



SchoolHire 



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HIRE OUR FACILITIES

CLICK THE QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!



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.



Secondary School of the Year

Recognising the exemplary use of STEER to proactively safeguard children and young people, and your role in supporting proactive safeguarding across your sector.

2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Walker'.

Simon Walker
STEER Founder



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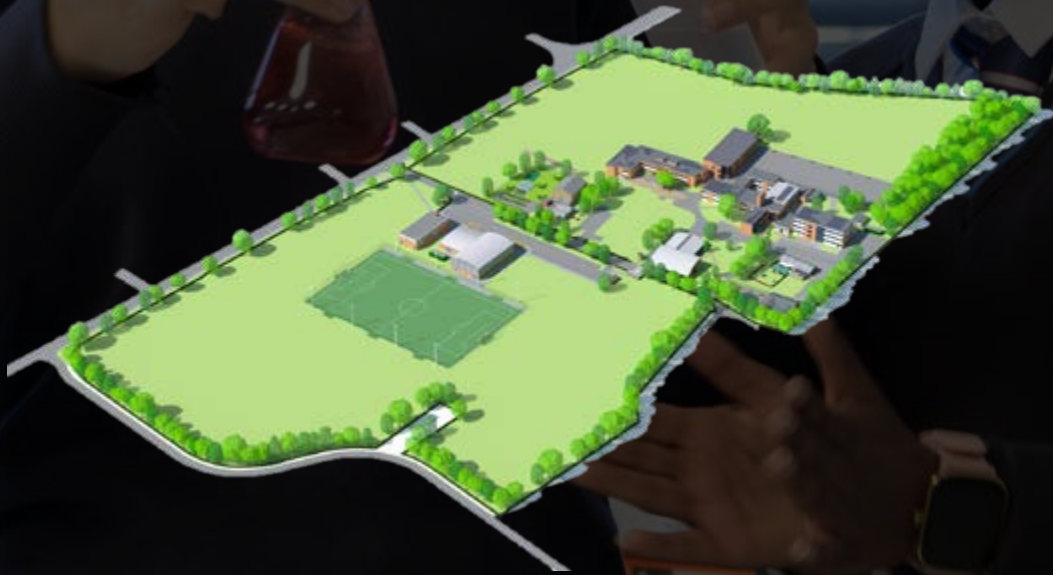
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