



**The Abbey  
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!



**Taila R**  
Year 9  
47HP



**Frederick B**  
Year 8  
37HP



**Evelyn T**  
Year 8  
37HP



**Polly C**  
Year 9  
40HP

## #WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

## CANTEEN MENU 2025/26

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



## 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”*

*“calm”*

*“inclusive  
culture”*

**Ofsted**

*“meaningful  
opportunities”*

*“broad range  
of enrichment”*

*“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



# GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP!



COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK, PRACTISE TIMES TABLES AND USE SPARX – SEE THE RESULTS FOR YOURSELF!

EVERY QUESTION YOU ANSWER, EVERY MINUTE YOU PRACTISE, MAKES A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE!



**CLASSES GETTING INVOLVED!**  
30 classes across Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 have earned an amazing:



**22,923**  
XP EARNED THIS MONTH!



EVERY BIT OF EFFORT HELPS YOU HIT YOUR TARGETS AND GROW YOUR XP BOOST!



**CONSISTENCY = SUCCESS!**  
Completing homework on time builds great habits, improves your maths skills and boosts your confidence.



## TOP SPARX MATHS CLASSES BY XP EARNED THIS MONTH

YEAR 7 <span>7 classes</span>			YEAR 8 <span>8 classes</span>			YEAR 9 <span>7 classes</span>			YEAR 10 <span>7 classes</span>		
CLASS	XP		CLASS	XP		CLASS	XP		CLASS	XP	
1 7j/Ma1	1,260		1 8t/Ma2	1,377		1 9j/Ma1	1,504		1 10t/Ma2	1,057	
2 7t/Ma2	1,155		2 8t/Ma1	1,355		2 9j/Ma2	1,421		2 10t/Ma1	870	
3 7t/Ma4	1,161		3 8j/Ma2	1,377		3 9j/Ma3	850		3 10j/Ma2	835	
4 7j/Ma2	1,098		4 8t/Ma2	1,139		4 9t/Ma1	850		4 10j/Ma1	595	
5 7t/Ma1	1,084		5 8j/Ma1	1,018		5 9t/Ma2	843		5 10j/Ma3	495	
6 7t/Ma3	1,032		6 8t/Ma3	886		6 9t/Ma3	752		6 10t/Ma3	305	
7 7j/Ma3	813		7 8j/Ma4	585		7 9j/Ma4	607		7 10j/Ma4	50	
8 8t/Ma4	427										

Keep up the brilliant effort, Year 7! You're building strong foundations for future success.

Excellent work, Year 8! Keep staying consistent and aiming high.

Super effort, Year 9! Keep pushing, and you'll achieve even more.

Keep working hard, Year 10! Stay focused and finish the year strong.



## WHY USING SPARX MATHS MAKES A DIFFERENCE



### BUILDS UNDERSTANDING

Hundreds of questions help you master topics step by step.



### PERSONALISED FOR YOU

Sparx adapts to your level and gives you the right questions to help you improve.



### INSTANT FEEDBACK

Learn from your mistakes straight away and see exactly how to get better.



### MORE PRACTICE, BETTER RESULTS

The more you practise, the more confident you'll feel in lessons and exams.



### TIMES TABLES = MATHS POWER

Practising your times tables helps you work faster, solve more and score higher.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

- Complete your homework on time
- Practise your times tables every day
- Use Sparx regularly

You've got this – let's keep smashing it!



KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AND TURN EFFORT INTO ACHIEVEMENT!

TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE AMAZING THINGS!

LOG IN. ANSWER. IMPROVE. SUCCEED.

SPARX MATHS – YOUR TOOL TO SUCCESS!





# GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP!

Our Year 12 Geography students recently visited Stratford as part of their A Level Geography studies, investigating the area's transformation and regeneration.

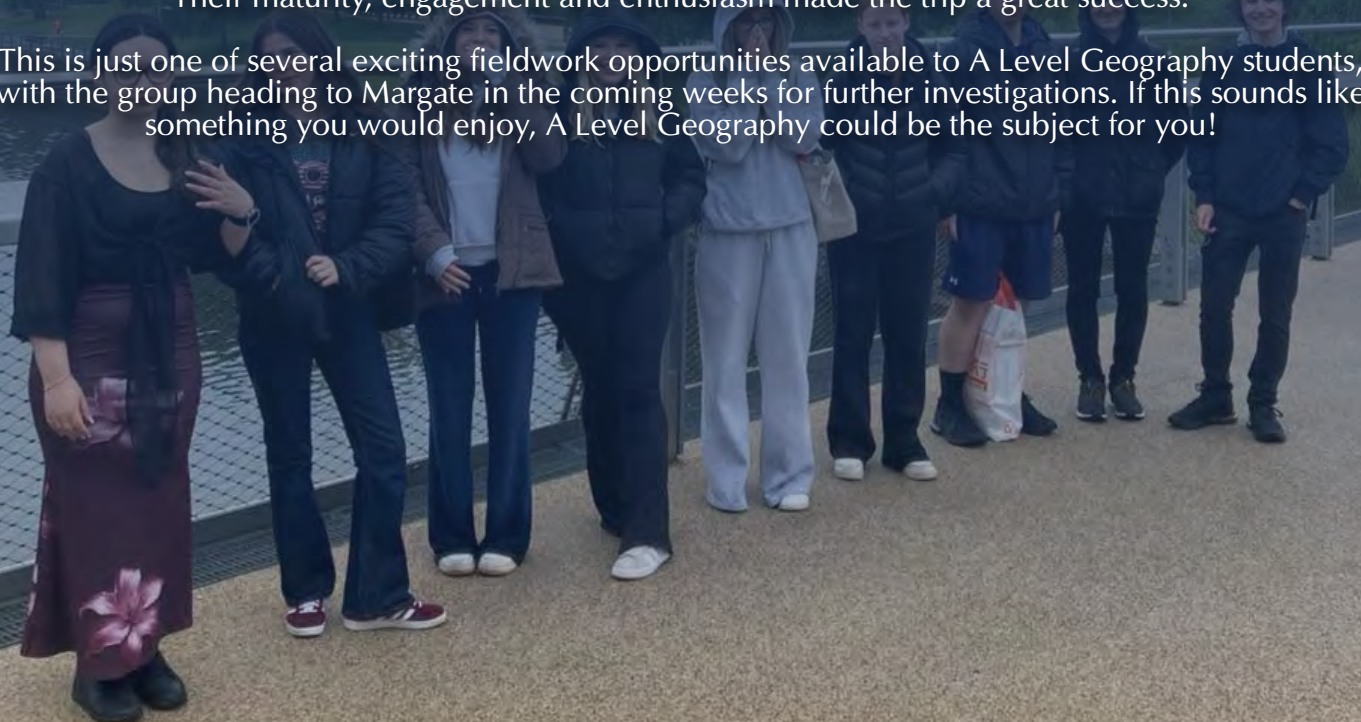
The day began with students carrying out a range of surveys in contrasting residential areas of Stratford. Despite spending the entire morning battling persistent rain and getting absolutely drenched, students remained enthusiastic, engaged and committed to collecting high-quality fieldwork data. Their positive attitude and resilience in challenging conditions were particularly impressive.

After a well-earned lunch break at Westfield Stratford City, where students had the opportunity to enjoy some food and do a little shopping, the group continued their investigations in the afternoon. We explored the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, examining how the area has been regenerated following the 2012 Olympic Games and considering the social, economic and environmental impacts of redevelopment.

The visit also included a trip to the V&A East Museum, where students explored a range of fascinating exhibitions and artwork, further enhancing their understanding of Stratford's cultural development.

Throughout the day, our students were impeccably behaved and were a real credit to the school. Their maturity, engagement and enthusiasm made the trip a great success.

This is just one of several exciting fieldwork opportunities available to A Level Geography students, with the group heading to Margate in the coming weeks for further investigations. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, A Level Geography could be the subject for you!



# NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all the incredible teachers and staff at The Abbey School.

Your passion, commitment, and kindness help make our school a place where students can learn, grow, and succeed. You are always there to support students, whether they need help with learning, guidance through challenges, or simply someone to listen to. No matter the issue, you consistently go above and beyond to ensure every student feels valued, supported, and encouraged.  
Thank you for the positive impact you have every single day!



## CONGRATS TO YEARS 11 & 13 FOR COMPLETING YOUR EXAMS!

Congratulations to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students on completing your GCSE and A Level exams.

Reaching this point is a significant achievement, and you should be incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished. The dedication, resilience, and hard work you have shown throughout the year, particularly during the exam period, have been remarkable.

Whether you are moving on to sixth form, university, apprenticeships, employment, or exploring new opportunities, we hope you take time to celebrate this milestone and reflect on how far you have come.

Thank you for your contribution to our school community. We wish you a restful summer and every success and happiness in the next chapter of your journey.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Results Day and celebrating your achievements with you:

- Year 13 A Level Results Day – Thursday 13th August - 10am till 12pm
- Year 11 GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20th August - 10am till 12pm

Well done, Year 11 and Year 13!





## ACADEMY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Enyinnaya E on signing his first professional contract with Dover Athletic ahead of the 2026/27 season.

What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that Enyinnaya is still currently in Year 12, balancing his education while reaching incredible heights in football. This speaks volumes about his discipline, determination and work ethic.

We are all very proud of you Enyinnaya and all the best with next season!

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP!



On Tuesday 16th June, a talented group of Year 8 students represented The Abbey School at the District Athletics Championships held at Canterbury Academy. Selection for the event was a fantastic achievement in itself, with students chosen because they had been identified as some of the strongest performers in their events across the school.

Both the boys' and girls' teams were outstanding throughout the day and did the school proud with their effort, attitude and support for one another. The boys' team performed particularly well, finishing 3rd out of 11 schools, only narrowly missing out to two grammar schools. This was an excellent achievement and a real reflection of the athletic talent, determination and teamwork within the group.

There were a number of standout individual performances. Daisy C (100m) and Billy S (Discus) were both exceptional, winning their respective events and earning superb victories for the school. The relay teams were another major highlight of the afternoon. Both the boys' and girls' relay squads showed excellent speed, teamwork and composure under pressure, producing performances that were a credit to the school.

A huge well done to every student who competed. Their commitment, sportsmanship and performances were excellent, and they represented The Abbey School brilliantly throughout the competition.



# WHATS HAPPENING IN TERM 6

19<sup>th</sup>  
JUNE

SIXTH FORM  
PROM



6<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

SIXTH FORM  
INDUCTION DAY



26<sup>th</sup>  
JUNE

DANCE  
SHOWCASE



6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

YEARS 7, 8 & 9  
REWARD TRIP



29<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
JULY

YEAR 6  
TRANSITION WEEK



9<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

END OF YEAR  
PRIZEGIVING



3<sup>rd</sup>  
JULY

SPORTS  
DAY



15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

COMMUNITIES  
DAYS



3<sup>rd</sup>  
JULY

YEAR 11  
PROM



17<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

END OF TERM  
SCHOOL FETE



# SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH!

We are delighted to announce that Year 9 students will be taking part in Macbeth workshops on Thursday 9th July.

We are welcoming expert practitioners from Shakespeare's Globe including professional actors, directors, and education specialists, who will deliver engaging, GCSE-focused sessions throughout the day.

What students can expect:

- **Interactive 2.5-hour drama workshops for each class**
- **Practical rehearsal methods used by real actors and directors**
- **A lively "Whoosh" storytelling approach to secure plot and characters**
- **Opportunities to annotate extracts in a provided resource booklet**
- **Clear guidance on how this learning supports written exam success**
  - **Resources for students to keep**

Students will be fully involved throughout, learning actively, helping them build confidence and a deeper understanding of Macbeth. These workshops will provide an excellent foundation for their AQA GCSE English Literature Paper 1 exam next academic year, helping students strengthen their knowledge of plot, character, and theme and develop ideas for their written responses.

Students need:

- **Normal school uniform**
- **Usual equipment**
- **Arrive to school as normal**

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience Shakespeare as it was intended-performed, explored, and brought to life

# SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA!

Our Year 9 GCSE Drama students have been working incredibly hard this term, creating, writing, and rehearsing their monologues in preparation for their upcoming showcase.

They have produced some outstanding pieces of work inspired by the theme 'Oppression and Liberation', exploring powerful ideas and bringing their characters' stories to life through performance. We are incredibly proud of their creativity, commitment, and dedication.

We are excited to share their work in the coming weeks - watch this space!

**P.S We are about to start rehearsals for a school production... keep an eye out for additional info!**



# 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> July



The Abbey  
School




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?


 17 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

 17 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](mailto: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.....**

*“Do we have to be spoken to outside and inside the canteen?”*

**We did.....**

*“No, once is enough. Your HOY will give you any messages outside when you are in STAR so there is no need for you to stand when you get inside.”*



# THE WORRY BOX

Checked daily during school hours

[www.theabbey-that.org.uk/worrybox](http://www.theabbey-that.org.uk/worrybox)

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



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# 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 'S Walker'.

Simon Walker  
STEER Founder



**The Abbey  
School**

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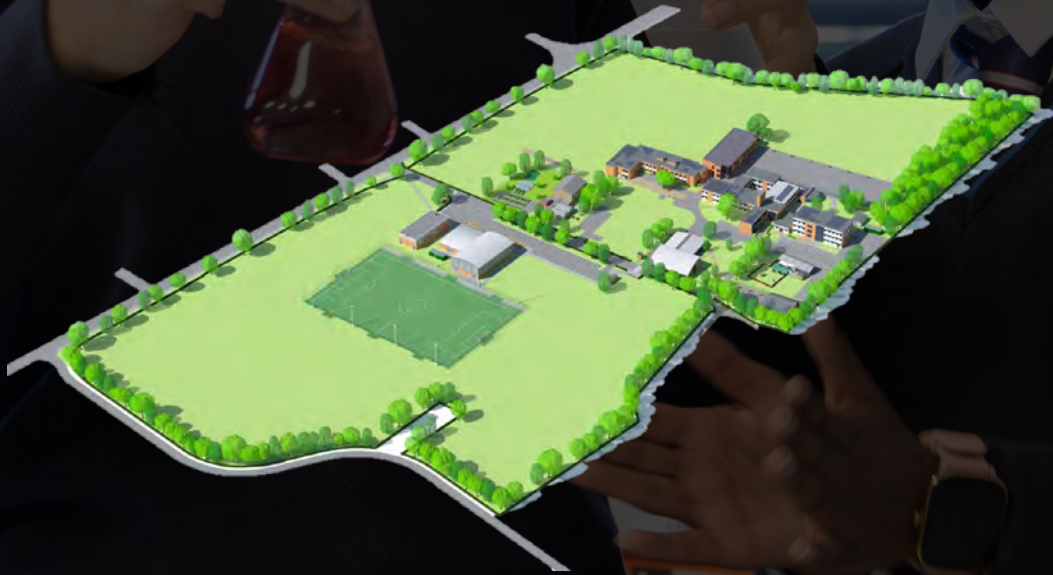
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