



**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!



Henry A  
Year 10  
49HP



Riley M  
Year 8  
55HP



Isla S  
Year 7  
58HP



Oscar W  
Year 7  
184HP

## #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	1h 9min	75%	Isabelle R	Isabelle R
11	28h 22min	75%	Charlie L-W	Charlotte S
10	132h 5min	62%	Henry A	Leighton G
9	125h 53 min	59%	Noah H	Megan T
8	16h 35min	73%	Jessica M	Isaac Y
7	66h 23min	63%	Oliver F	Elsie H-G

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



# KEEP LEARNING. KEEP ACHIEVING!



Your hard work today leads to your **success** tomorrow.

Every minute you spend on Seneca is building knowledge, confidence and **brighter futures.**



**370h 32m**  
STUDY TIME

That's 370 hours of learning invested in your success!



**63%**

AVERAGE SCORE

Keep aiming high and challenge yourself every day!

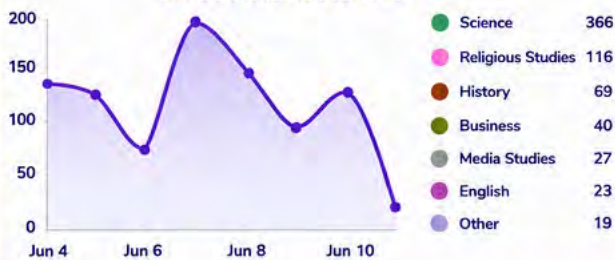


**CONSISTENT EFFORT  
CREATES BIG RESULTS!**

Keep up the momentum – every session, every quiz, every topic counts!

## WHERE YOU'RE ACTIVE

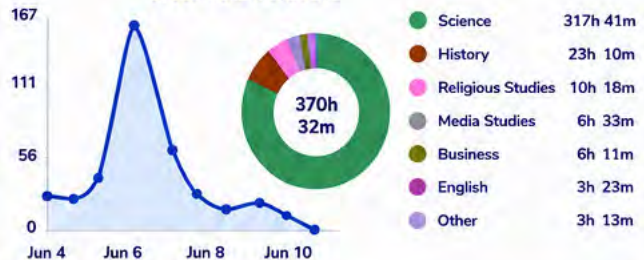
ACTIVE STUDENTS OVER TIME



Over 400 students are getting involved – let's keep it growing! **You've got this!**

## TIME WELL INVESTED

STUDY TIME OVER TIME



370+ hours of learning this month – incredible effort! **Keep making every minute count.**

## PROGRESS ACROSS YEAR GROUPS

### ACTIVE STUDENTS

Average 63

Year 7	125
Year 9	122
Year 10	102
Year 8	63
Year 11	24

### STUDY TIME

Average 52h 56m

Year 10	132h 5m
Year 9	125h 53m
Year 7	66h 25m
Year 11	28h 22m
Year 8	16h 35m

### AVERAGE SCORE

Average 69%

Year 12	75%
Year 13	75%
Year 11	75%
Year 8	73%
Year 7	65%

### EVERY YEAR GROUP IS MAKING PROGRESS!

Keep using Seneca regularly and watch your confidence (and scores!) rise.



## TOP STUDENTS BY STUDY TIME

10	Charlie L.	Year 11	6h 8m
2	Henry A.	Year 10	5h 37m
3	Katherine P.	Year 11	3h 48m
4	Kuna M.	Year 10	3h 39m
5	Jed S.	Year 11	3h 31m
6	Noah H.	Year 9	3h 29m
7	Sophie N.	Year 10	3h 11m
8	Florence K.	Year 10	3h 5m
9	Jaden K.	Year 9	3h 5m
10	Grace N.	Year 10	3h 5m



## TOP STUDENTS BY AVERAGE SCORE

10	Emily C.	Year 7	100%
2	Isaac Y.	Year 8	100%
3	Fliss T.	Year 8	100%
4	Imogen G.	Year 8	100%
5	Charlotte S.	Year 11	100%
6	Emma P.	Year 7	100%
7	Roubin M.	Year 11	100%
8	Summer W.	Year 9	100%
9	Jessica M.	Year 8	100%
10	Janet Z.	Year 7	100%



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**DON'T JUST STUDY.  
STUDY SMART!**

- ✓ Log in regularly
- ✓ Watch the videos
- ✓ Answer the questions
- ✓ Review and improve
- ✓ Keep going!

**SMALL STEPS  
EVERY DAY LEAD  
TO BIG RESULTS!**

**LOG IN TO SENECA TODAY  
AND TAKE CHARGE OF  
YOUR FUTURE!**

[senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com)



# D OF E EXPEDITION!

On Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th June some of our Year 10 students headed out on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition.

The expedition requires students to walk for seven hours per day, across three days, including two nights of camping.

Students are required to be self-sufficient and thus carried their own tents, sleeping bags, clothing and food in their rucksacks across the expedition.

There was a mixture of weather conditions, which really tested resilience and forced the students to dig deep, particularly on the last day. The students should be extremely proud of their efforts; they showed great teamwork and determination throughout.

Miss Harris would like to pay thanks to Mrs Legrand, Mr Oyewole and Mr Jarman-Howe for giving up their time to help the students in successfully carrying out their expeditions.

This expedition was a practise for their qualifying expedition which will take place in September. We look forward to the next expedition, and hope for kinder weather!



# SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE!

## New Arrivals

We are delighted to welcome Bridget, our new leopard gecko, to the Science Department. Bridget will provide students with a wonderful opportunity to learn about reptiles, animal adaptations, habitats, life cycles, and responsible pet care.

Through observing and caring for Bridget, students will gain hands-on experience and develop a deeper understanding of biology and the natural world. We look forward to the excitement, curiosity, and valuable learning experiences that Bridget will bring to our school community.



We are delighted to welcome Popcorn, Nagini, and Rosie, our wonderful corn snakes, to the Science Department. These fascinating reptiles will provide students with an exciting opportunity to learn about animal adaptations, habitats, life cycles, and responsible animal care.

By observing and caring for Popcorn (white corn snake), Nagini (black corn snake), and Rosie (orange corn snake), students will gain hands-on experience and develop a deeper understanding of biology, ecology, and the natural world. Their different colours and unique characteristics will also help students explore topics such as genetics and variation within a species.

We look forward to the curiosity, discovery, and valuable learning experiences that Popcorn, Nagini, and Rosie will bring to our school community.



## Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's Birthday

This month, people around the world celebrated the 99th birthday of David Attenborough on 8 May. Sir David is famous for his wildlife documentaries, including Planet Earth and The Blue Planet, which have inspired millions of people to learn about nature and protect the environment.

To mark his birthday, many organisations, celebrities and members of the Royal Family paid tribute to his incredible work. A special BBC video celebrated his 70-year career in broadcasting, and Prince William praised his dedication to protecting the natural world.

Sir David also released a new documentary called Ocean with David Attenborough, which focuses on the importance of the world's oceans and the need to protect marine life. In the film, he explains how healthy oceans are vital for the future of our planet and encourages people to take action to help the environment. His birthday celebration was not only a chance to recognise his achievements but also an opportunity to remind people about the importance of conservation and looking after the Earth for future generations.

[Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on the BBC - Everything you need to know](#)

## Year 8/9 Heart Dissection in Biology

Year 8/9 students recently took part in a heart dissection as part of their Biology studies on the circulatory system. The practical lesson gave students the opportunity to examine a real mammalian heart and identify key structures, including the chambers, valves and major blood vessels.

Students carefully followed safety procedures while investigating how the heart is adapted to pump blood around the body. The activity helped bring classroom learning to life and provided a valuable hands-on experience to deepen their understanding of human biology.

The students showed great enthusiasm and maturity throughout the lesson, asking thoughtful questions and making detailed observations. It was an engaging and memorable experience that helped develop both scientific knowledge and practical laboratory skills.



## YOUNG CARERS WEEK!

**This week we are celebrating Young Carers!**

Did you know that we have more than 35 young carers in our school community?

But do you know what a young carer does?

A young carer is someone who helps look after a family member, friend, or neighbour who is ill, disabled, or otherwise needs support. They take on these responsibilities while also managing their everyday lives, attending school, and completing their schoolwork.

At school, we recognise and celebrate our young carers through weekly group sessions with Ms Bowden and drop-in sessions with Ms Punt. However, we know there is always more we can do to support them.

If you are a young carer, or you know a young person who is a young carer, please encourage them to speak to our friendly pastoral team. We can help ensure they receive the support, understanding, and recognition they deserve.



# SPOTLIGHT ON ART!

Clay work year 7: making clay cakes in response to the work of ceramic artist Madelene De la Rosa. Current work. This will be glazed and fired over the next few weeks.

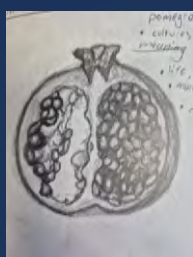
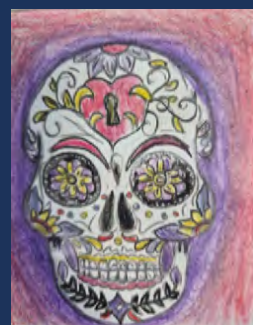


Year 9 current clay work in response to their 3D project "Afternoon Tea". This will be glazed and fired over the next few weeks.



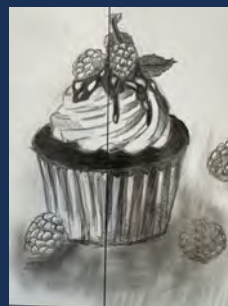
Year 8s have been exploring art from other cultures including Day of the Dead sugar skulls and skateboard designs. This term they are creating fruity bowls inspired by working ceramicist Yasmin Falahat

Yasmin Falahat is a ceramicist and multidisciplinary artist whose work is inspired by her Iranian and Turkish Cypriot heritage. She creates pomegranate and fig ceramics as a way of exploring her personal connections to her mixed culture through art and food.



Year 9 have responded to the theme "Afternoon tea" by making a range of drawings inspired by four different artists using various drawing techniques.

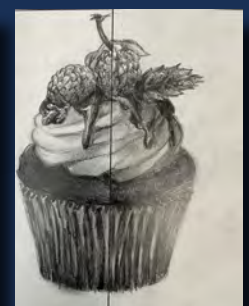
This enables them to look closely and understand 3D forms before attempting to make some of them in clay, cardboard and eventually paper. They have produced some amazing outcomes.



Hetu

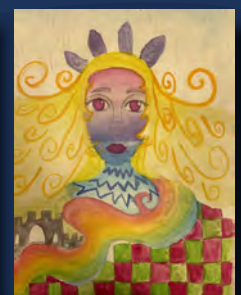
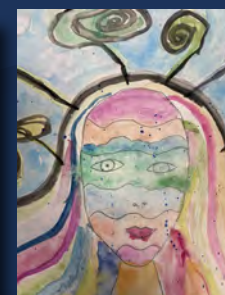


Oscar D



Casey

"Hundertwasser Faces and Places" At the end of last term yr 7 made some fantastic paintings based on their understanding of artworks by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. They learnt how to proportion a face correctly then place their portrait in a landscape inspired by local landmarks to create some truly original art.



# 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.

Big thank you to the following students who have donated this week:  
**Dylan C, Florence K, Emma P and Sonny S**



# 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



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THE HOWARD  
Academy Trust



# EXAM READY!

As GCSE examinations in full flow, we would like to remind families about the extensive additional support available for Year 10 & 11 students both before and after school.

Please note, Year 10 support is for the early entry English Literature exam only.

These revision sessions form an extremely important part of students' final preparation, and we strongly encourage all pupils to attend every session relevant to their subjects.

Experience consistently shows that students who take full advantage of these final support opportunities often enter the exam hall feeling more confident, focused and well prepared. The sessions are carefully designed to provide final revision of key topics and concepts, essential guidance on exam technique and timing, clarification of common misconceptions, opportunities for students to ask questions and gain reassurance, and valuable last-minute advice from subject specialists on how to maximise marks.

In particular, the "before exam" breakfast sessions are highly beneficial. During the final hour before an exam, teachers are able to reinforce the most important content, remind students of successful strategies and help them approach the paper calmly and confidently. These sessions can make a real difference to students' performance.

Support sessions for next week are available as outlined below.

[Timetable](#)

## 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](#)

# STAYING CALM AND PREPARED: EXAM SEASON TIPS!

With the exam season in full flow, it's completely normal to feel a mix of pressure, nerves, and anticipation. Whether you're sitting your GCSEs or A-levels, these next few weeks are important, but how you approach them can make a big difference to both your performance and your well-being.

One of the most valuable things you can do is stay calm. Stress can build up quickly, especially when exams feel high-stakes, but keeping a clear head helps you think more effectively and avoid burnout. Simple habits like getting enough sleep, taking short breaks, and stepping away from your desk when needed can really improve your focus.

Equally important is having a good revision schedule. Instead of cramming everything at once, try to plan your time across the weeks ahead. Break subjects into smaller topics, set realistic goals for each session, and rotate subjects to keep things fresh. A structured plan not only helps you cover everything you need, but also gives you a sense of control and progress.

Finally, don't forget that exams are just one part of your journey. Do your best, stay organised, and look after yourself along the way. Good luck to everyone, you've got this!

Please see the link below which will take you to the exam timetable.

[Exam Timetable 2025/26](#)

From the 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be putting daily reminders about the exams that will be happening taking place the next school day!

## STUDENT SHOUTOUT!

Busy over the Half Term Break? We'd love to know what you get up to.

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@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk](mailto:info@abbey-school-faversham.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.

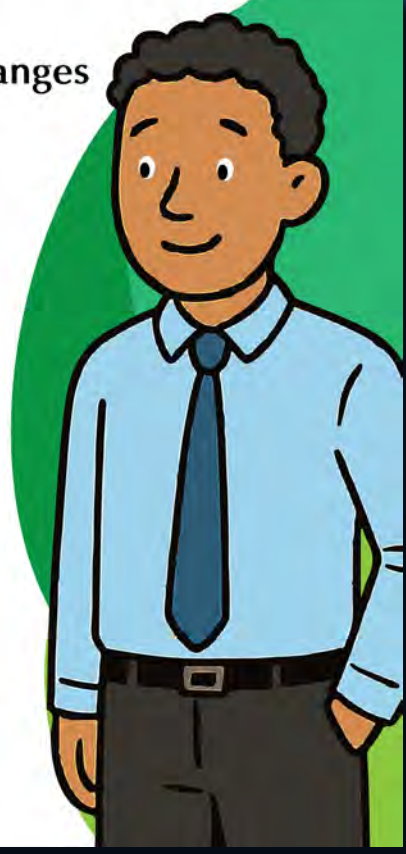


**You asked.....**

*"Can I be collected for my detention as I sometimes forget?"*

**We did.....**

*"Afternoon line up means you don't have to worry about forgetting to go to your detention – you will be collected from your line, just listen out for your name."*



# THE WORRY BOX

Checked daily during school hours

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

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

Jo Walker  
STEER Founder





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