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Weekly Newsletter

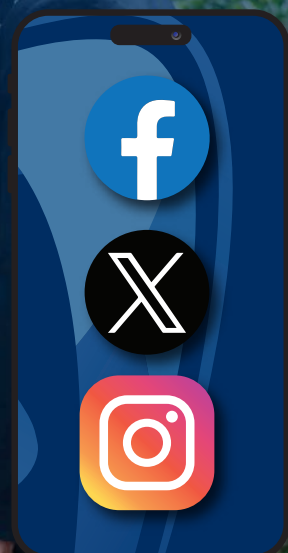
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THE HOWARD
Academy Trust



BOOK A TOUR TODAY!

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. At The Abbey School, we provide a supportive, inclusive, and high-achieving environment where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential.

What You Can Expect to See on Your Visit:

- Engaging Lessons & Inspiring Teaching – See our dedicated staff in action, delivering high-quality education.
- Excellent Facilities – Modern classrooms, specialist subject areas, a well-equipped sports hall, and vibrant social spaces.
- Strong Pastoral Care – A nurturing and inclusive community where every child is supported.
- Enriching Opportunities – A variety of clubs, trips, and extracurricular activities that enhance learning and personal development.
- A Safe and Welcoming Environment – High expectations, respect, and ambition at the heart of everything we do.

Accessibility & Inclusivity

We are committed to making The Abbey School accessible for all visitors. Our site offers:

- Step-free access and wheelchair-friendly pathways.
 - On-site parking, including accessible bays.
- Easily accessible location with good transport links.

Come and see The Abbey School in action! Book a tour today and experience firsthand why we are the perfect choice for your child's future.

CLICK THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK YOUR TOUR!



YEAR 7 CULTURE DAY

This week, Year 7 students participated in a culture day.

Our students had to get their thinking caps on to discover who the perpetrator of a crime was and then report from the perspective of a journalist!

During the morning, students got the chance to take fingerprints, examine hair under microscope and also test how different fibres burn with bunsen burners in order to find out who the perpetrator was.

In the afternoon, students worked with their class teachers to co-ordinate their forensic knowledge from science earlier the day to produce a spectacular newspaper report. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, investigating, exploring, piecing together the puzzle and the creatively putting together their own newspaper articles.

We hope your child enjoyed their experience!



SPOTLIGHT ON MFL

BARCELONA TRIP!

Day 2

We had a fun-filled day visiting a bakery and supermarket for lunch, followed by a trip to the Paradox Museum, which the students loved. We then took the Monjuic Cable Car and enjoyed a sunny afternoon exploring Parc Guell. After returning to the hotel to rest, we ended the evening with a group walk to see shops and La Pedrera.

Day 3

Today was packed with activities: a scenic boat trip, a city bus tour, a fascinating visit to the aquarium, and a relaxing afternoon on the beach. We also explored the iconic Sagrada Familia. The day ended with a small awards evening to celebrate the students' enthusiasm and participation.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. It's been a joy to watch them grow, use their Spanish, and gain confidence. We've thoroughly enjoyed their company and showing them the beauty of Barcelona.





"Barcelona was such a great experience. I enjoyed seeing all the sights like Parc Güell, La Sagrada Família and the views from the cable cars. I made so many memories that I won't forget it was brilliant."
Chloe T, Year 11

"Spain was such a fun experience I really enjoyed the cable car while being in there singing are hearts out and how beautiful the inside of the la Sagrada Família was 100% recommend"
Izzy J, Year 9

"The Sagrada Familia was a brilliant experience"
Stella S, Year 10

"It was very good. I had lots of fun, made some new mates and had a laugh"
Niall S, Year 11

"The beach was amazing"
Ethan B, Year 10

"I enjoyed Barca because I loved seeing the Sagrada Familia" I enjoyed talking to the people"
Reece B, Year 11

"The Barcelona trip was very fun and an enjoyable experience. The best part was the Sagrada Familia. The trip has massively improved my spanish speaking skills."
Jack H, Year 11

SPEAKING EXAMS:

A shoutout to year 11 students that have completed their speaking exams this week, both French and Spanish.

EXAM DATES:

French: Listening and Reading on the 21st

May Writing on the 5th of June

Spanish: Listening and Reading on the 10th of

June, Writing on the 17th of June.



Staff Awards 2025

3 Weeks left to Nominate

Nominations close on **Tuesday 20th May**

There are only 3 weeks left to nominate a member of THAT Staff for an award at this year's THAT Staff Awards!

Click here to submit your nomination:



The deadline for the nominations is 20th May at midday.

GOLF ACADEMY TASTER SESSION

On Tuesday 29th April, Mr Long took 6 pupils for a taster session at Faversham Golf Course. They all had the opportunity to see what it would be like if they joined the academy this September.

They were all given a brief tour of the course and then had the opportunity to go on the driving range to practise their skills as well as have a small lesson from the club pro Stuart! It was great to see the progression they made from a brief lesson from Stuart and to see the potential each student has.

We have got 2 more taster sessions coming up over the next few weeks and if you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with Mr Long.



Faversham Golf
Academy

UNSUNG HERO AWARD!

In addition to winning a Faversham Gem Award, Louise has been awarded the Unsung Heroes Award. This award reflects Louise's unwavering commitment to helping others, often dedicating her free time to supporting those around her. Louise volunteers for the St John's ambulance cadets and tutors a younger student in Spanish, demonstrating both her academic strengths and her willingness to support others in their learning journey.

Her actions consistently reflect kindness, responsibility and make her a true role model among her peers.

Well done Louise!



STAFF APPRECIATION

We'd like to send a big congratulations to the mens first team at Faversham Strike Force for gaining promotion last weekend with a 2-1 victory! It was a great game to watch and to see the excitement at the final whistle.

Mr Wren (Dover Academy Graduate), Mr McCormack, Mr Lott (Dover Academy Graduate), Mr Bond (Dover Academy Graduate) and Mr Earls (Dover Academy Graduate) are all apart of the squad and have been for the last few seasons.

We look forward to hearing how next season will pan out for you all!



SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

Good Luck to year 10 and 11 students who are about to complete their English Literature exams!

Reminder - exam revision for Y10 and 11 - gcse pod, past papers on Teams, revision booklet, and Seneca.

STAR Readers KS3

Year 7s

Emily C from 7j/En1 has successfully read 2,195,659 words since the beginning of the academic year.

Holly D from 7j/En1 has successfully read 1,506,823 words since the beginning of the academic year.

Fliss T from 7j/En1 has successfully read 1,402,710 words since the beginning of the academic year.

Year 8s

Emmanuel G from 8t/En3 has successfully read 621,277 words since the beginning of the academic year.

Lily-May H from 8j/En2 has successfully read 497,690 words since the beginning of the academic year.

Jacob L from 8j/En1 has successfully read 316,117 words since the beginning of the academic year.

STAR Students in English

- Poppy S Yr 7 – Has showed enthusiastic, journalistic skills and impressive team work.
- Lottie H YR8- She has been working consistently hard in her lessons and has shown impressive improvements in pupil improvement time.
 - Jess W YR 9 - Has grown in confidence and has contributed impressive analytical responses.
 - Evelyn S YR9 – Has shown impressive, analytical contribution to class.
- Logan S YR10- He has been working hard on his GCSE literature writing, consistently looking to improve his work.
 - Charlie K Yr 11 – Persistent hard work at school and at home.

STAR Students in English

Student with the most amount of books read/borrowed: Emily C
Student Librarian of last term: Sophie H

Reminder that book club is running on Thursdays after school in the library, we're currently reading FireLight by Sophie Jordan. Staff and students of all reading abilities are welcome.

SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

English Seneca Champions

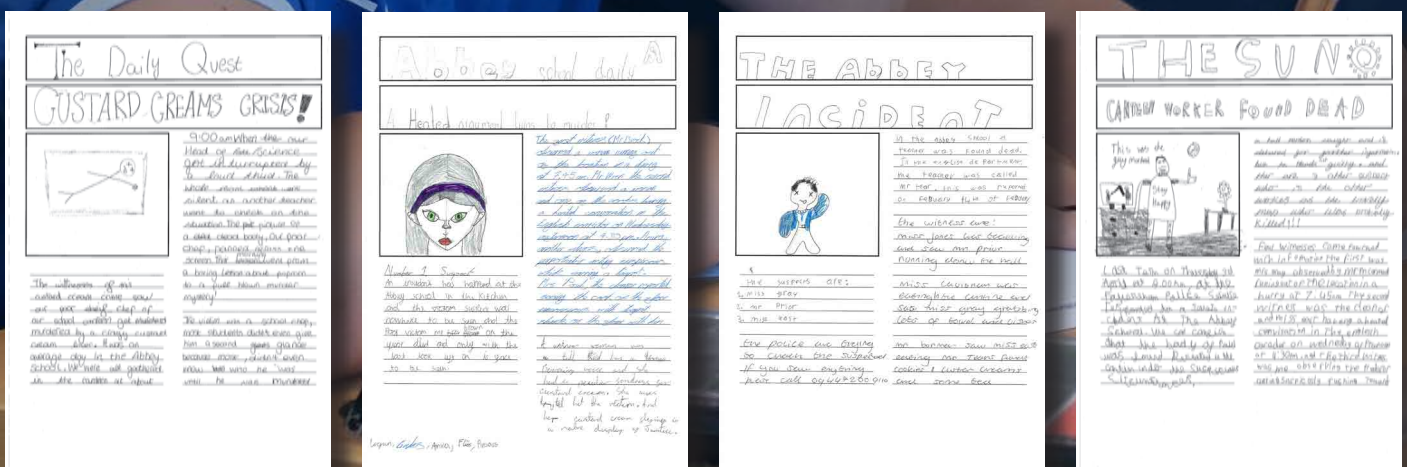
YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
SOPHIE H	KAITLYN B	DAMILOLA S	ELODIE L	CHARLIE K
LACEY F	ANDRE S	JORJA J-C	CELESTE L	ABBIE P
JAYDEN G	JODI F	LUCY M	ISLA H	JAYDEN L-A
ELLIE M	EVELYN K	BAILEY K	WILL G	LIAM W
MITCHELL J	SIDNEY O'H	HENRY A	RICHARD T	HENRY H
		LEIGHTON G	LILY W	

Year 7 Culture Capital Workshop

Our fantastic year 7s spent the afternoon on Tuesday, working together in teams, to write and report on 'The Murder at The Abbey School'. Each student had a role to play for their newspaper and worked together to investigate what had happened and to report on their findings.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the creativity of the task. Further showing impressive leadership skills, communication skills and working under pressure.

Well done !!



WHAT IS STUDENT VOICE IN THE ABBEY COMMUNITY?

Hello, we are the head of house team, who have been nominated to represent your student voice. We are a team of 10 pupils, from years 7-10: Lexzi B; Sophie H; Aiden B; Izzy J; Maddie S; Stella S; Olivia I; Logan W; Bella H; Charlotte S.

Each year we take on multiple projects that help improve the Abbey Community. In the past, we have been involved in a vaping project, which we delivered to the whole school, outlining the dangerous of vaping and the damage it may cause.

We are very environmentally conscious, and we have taken part in several litter-picks, around the Abbey school, to make the surroundings better, especially on the field. We have also been involved in planting trees, to ensure that the school is surrounded by wildlife, and to absorb the fumes from the A2.

This year we have a number of project that we have taken part in:

We have sold raffle tickets for the Kent Air Ambulance, raising over £150, we have helped arrange focus days and collected money for our charities: The Teenager Cancer Trust and Young Lives vs Cancer, where we raised over £1500.

We had a talk by Ms Wilson and Mrs Holliday in the Centre and learned about challenges of neurodiversity as well as solutions. We are currently putting together a poster to make the school community aware of neurodiversity and how we can find ways to accommodate all types of learners.

Our big project this year is "Onion space" – this is a space that will be built in the old minibus, where students can go to share their problems with a 6th former. We are really hoping to find a sponsor to help us refurbish the minibus with new seating, inspirational quotes and posters, and beautiful flowers.

We are aiming for this to be up and running by September. If anyone reading this has contacts or experience in refurbishing interiors, and would be willing to volunteer to help with this, we would be so grateful, as this would help our vision come to life and benefit so many people. If you would be willing to help, please can you contact the school office.

We also present a house assembly each term, to let the school know what is happening in student voice, and how we can work to address issues that you raise. This year we have come up with solutions, such as: wearing the PE kit all the time; sitting with friends at family lunch; more trips and visiting speakers.

As part of the wider Trust Community, Sophie and Charlotte attend a Trust Pupil parliament three times a year, to represent the Abbey school and to share ideas with the Trust about how we can work together to improve school life for all pupils.

Finally, student voice is also shared in our house council, which reps from each form attend, and meets every other term. The heads of house then create an action plan about how we can work to move these things forward.





Faversham Golf *Academy*

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025

TASTER SESSION DATES

29th April 4PM

6th May 4PM

13th May 4PM

If you are considering our Golf Academy this September, make sure to attend one of our taster session dates coming up in term 5.

Each session is a great chance to see the course, meet the staff involved and get some coaching.

To attend you need to make sure you contact Faversham Golf Academy via golfacademy@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk or message on Instagram, you can not attend without prior contact.

We look forward to meeting you soon.



Abbey School Sixth Form

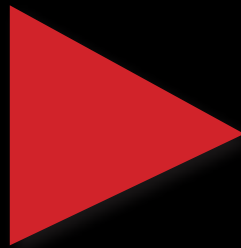
Are you ready to take the next step in your academic journey? At The Abbey School, our Sixth Form offers an outstanding opportunity for you to thrive, not just in your studies, but as an individual.

We are a vibrant and inclusive community which supports our young people to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make the successful transition to the next stage of their education or employment.

Find out more about our Sixth Form here:

<https://www.theabbey-that.org.uk/sixthform>

Click the box below to watch The Sixth Form Promotion Video



PASTORAL SPOTLIGHT ON... HEALTHY CHOICES

Sleep Routines

We all lead busy and stressful lives, and young people in particular can spend a significant amount of time using screens and technology.

Many of our students are studying for exams which can have an effect on the downtime they have in the evenings and weekends.

There is a great deal of evidence to show that some time spent relaxing, and away from screens, can be beneficial for good quality sleep. Stress is disruptive to sleep, and the blue light and brain stimulation from screens and devices disrupts the chemicals in the body – melatonin in particular – which then disrupts the natural circadian rhythms of the body.

Sleep deprivation can lead to a range of difficulties such as poor focus, low energy, poor cognition and recall, and physical health problems.

There are things we can all do to ensure good quality sleep.

- Try to keep to a routine involving switching off devices
 - Spend some time relaxing away from devices
 - Listen to music
 - Read a book
 - Gentle exercise such as walking or yoga
 - Journaling or drawing
 - Avoiding stimulants such as caffeine
- Use a mindfulness app such as Headspace

Making small adjustments to your routine can lead to improvements in wellbeing, setting us up for a positive day.

Online help can be found at –

www.nhs.uk
www.calm.com
www.headspace.com



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ATTENDANCE REWARDS

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN?

BE IN 100% OF THE YEAR. BE IN 100% FROM 03/03/2025. ATTENDANCE GOLDEN TICKETS. YEAR 11 BE IN 100% UNTIL END OF TERM 5. YOU COULD BE ENTERED INTO ALL OF THESE IF YOU MEET EVERY ONE OF THE ATTENDANCE LEVELS! YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!

THE LINK BETWEEN ATTENDANCE & ATTAINMENT

THE IMPACT ABSENCE HAS ON YOUR ATTENDANCE RATE:

TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OFF IN A SCHOOL YEAR	ATTENDANCE RATE %	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	LEARNING HOURS LOST
0	100%	190 DAYS	0
10	95%	180 DAYS	475
20	90%	170 DAYS	95
30	85%	160 DAYS	142.5
40	80%	150 DAYS	190



ABOVE 95% ATTENDANCE =

VERY GOOD CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

ABOVE 94% ATTENDANCE =

GOOD CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

ABOVE 92% ATTENDANCE =

FAIR CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

ABOVE 90% ATTENDANCE =

LESS THAN 50% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

88% ATTENDANCE =

LESS THAN 35% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

LESS THAN 85% ATTENDANCE =

LESS THAN 30% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

100%	190 DAYS	0
95%	180 DAYS	475
90%	170 DAYS	95
85%	160 DAYS	142.5

FAIR CHANCE OF 5

ABOVE 90% A

LESS THAN 50% CH

88% ATTEND

LESS THAN 35%

LESS THAN 85%



Easy Fundraising Initiative

Supporting our Schools Together

The Howard Academy Trust has launched a new fundraising initiative to benefit all schools within the Trust, including The Abbey School. The Easy Fundraising platform provides an effortless way for parents, carers, staff, and the wider community to raise funds simply by shopping with participating retailers.

Getting involved is easy:

Visit the Easy Fundraising page for The Abbey School:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-abbey-school-faversham/>
or click the QR code below.



Register and select The Abbey School as your cause.

Shop as usual with participating retailers, and donations will be made automatically.

We would also greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word about this initiative to your networks. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference across the Trust.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please visit the link below which will take you to a FAQ page.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/#hiwfaq>

SIXTH FORM PRE EXAM CELEBRATIONS

Today, Year 13 students were given a pre-exam celebration to recognise all the hard work they have done in their time in Sixth Form. Kind words were exchanged in the common room before heading to an escape room in the afternoon!

A Year 13 prepares for their next steps, whether that's a university, an apprenticeship, a gap year, or something entirely different. Everyone at The Abbey School is incredibly proud of you all. You've grown not only in knowledge but in character, and that will carry you far.

We wish you all the best in your upcoming exams!





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CLICK THE QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!



HISTORY REVISION

As we approach the exam season there are a couple of key announcements from the History Department.

Revision Breakfasts

With exams around the corner, it means the return of the popular 'Revision Breakfasts' that the History Department will be running throughout the exam period. On the morning of each exam, students are invited to come to A1 – from 7:30am – to have some light breakfast snacks and go over key content and exam skills to fuel up and calm their nerves before the big event.

We have run these revision breakfasts for four years now, and they have been well received by students every time. It is a great opportunity to calm the nerves, and past students have consistently remarked on how helpful it was to have that final push before going into the exams hall.

Dates for each of the sessions are below:

- Friday 16th May – Medicine Through Time
- Thursday 5th June – Anglo-Saxon & Norman England + Cold War Superpower Relations
- Tuesday 10th June – Weimar & Nazi Germany

There is no need to confirm attendance, however if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch by email:

wkenning@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk

Resources Return

You may recall that earlier in the year I wrote to inform you of the Revision Pack that students were given – comprising a resource booklet and Pearson Edexcel GCSE History Flashcards. Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say that if they have been gathering dust across the past couple of months – now is the time to get stuck in to them! They are a fantastic resource, and save students hours of crucial revision time as well as meaning that they can do revision on the go.

Secondly, as we look toward preparing revision packs for next year's cohort, we kindly ask that these flash cards and folders be returned by the end of the history exams. I will be able to collect them at the final revision breakfast (10th June), but will also keep an amnesty box in my classroom for students to drop them off.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Consideration In The Community

Most of you are wonderful ambassadors of the school through your kind and considerate actions towards others in our local community, especially when travelling to and from school.

Remember its **not fair** for anyone to be allowed to deliberately make life miserable for others. **We will never tolerate nasty behaviour or bullying towards those in our school community.** Always ask an adult for help if you are being treated unkindly or if you feel frustrated about the ways others are treating you.

DO

Move aside on the pavement to allow to use it.

Speak using appropriate tone and at a sensible level to those you are with, using language that is not offensive or swearing.

Cross roads safely, using the bridge to navigate the A2 and by looking up and checking the traffic for all other streets where there are no pedestrian crossing facilities

DO NOT

Monopolise the whole pavement space by walking in a group forcing elderly, those with prams or indeed anyone from the community into the road.

Shriek, shout, threaten or swear to those around you, be they friends, members of the public or students who attend other schools - this is intimidating behaviour brings our school into disrepute and this will be followed up and dealt with.

Run across the A2, this is a busy road with TWO speed cameras on it for a reason - the number of accidents. DO NOT become a statistic (injured or worse). Do not walk out directly in front of cars and expect them to stop.

Knowledge Organiser

The Abbey School

Please click on what year group you are in below to access all of the Knowledge Organisers for Term 5!

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

Year 13



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 28th April 2025!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



HENRY A
Year 9
113HP



KIAN C
Year 7
104HP



POPPY-MAY S
Year 7
121HP



RILEY R
Year 7
227HP



STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES W/C 6TH MAY

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Thurs	3.30	3.15	3.20	3.25	4.30	3.30	3.30
Friday Only	1.55	1.40	1.50	1.545	2.00	2.00	2.00

#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Celebrating Your Achievements

 **The Abbey School**



Email us your child's achievement
info@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. Wake Up Wednesday shares responsibility for keeping our children safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

- 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS**
Morning 'practice' journeys with children... (text continues)
- 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**
Visibility is key during darker winter days... (text continues)
- 3 EYES UP**
Encourage children to look up and away from their phones... (text continues)
- 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS**
When possible, devices that should be put away... (text continues)
- 5 SLOW DOWN**
Discuss the importance of slowing down... (text continues)
- 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB**
Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb... (text continues)
- 7 CROSS SAFELY**
Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road... (text continues)
- 8 PARKED VEHICLES**
Crossing between parked vehicles is a very dangerous... (text continues)
- 9 REVERSING VEHICLES**
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle... (text continues)
- 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE**
When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to move away... (text continues)

Meet Our Expert
Wake Up Wednesday is a peer-reviewed resource that aims to encourage safe road travel... (text continues)

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

<https://www.wake-up-wednesday.org.uk>

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT,
CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR PREVIOUS
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SATEDA
Empowering women, ending domestic abuse



**citizens
advice**



ageUK



**Kent
Family
Hub**



**SOUTHERN
HOUSING**



**SHEPPEY
MATTERS**



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Swale
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**SUNDAY
8TH
JUNE**

SWALE POLICE COMMUNITY DAY

**APPLEYARD SPORTS GROUND
GORE COURT RD. ME10 1QN
10AM - 3PM**



**FREE
ENTRY**

COME ALONG TO LEARN ALL ABOUT SERVICES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE IN SWALE!

- Free NHS health checks available on site
- Domestic abuse support
- Housing support
- Drug and alcohol services
- Animal welfare support
- Mental Health Support
- Support for the elderly
- Fire safety advice
- Youth engagement
- Community Projects
- Come have a go at Archery, Football and more
- Music by Sheppey FM

**BBQ, DRINKS, ICE CREAM AND FACEPAINTING
AVAILABLE ON SITE
DISPLAYS TO WATCH THROUGHOUT THE DAY**



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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