



The Abbey School

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

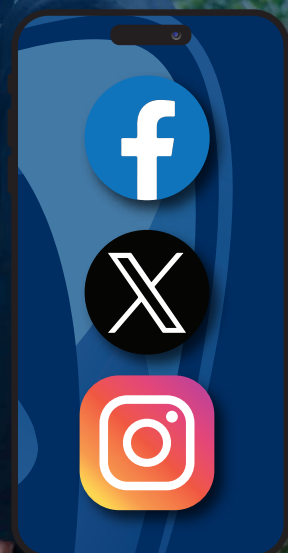
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THE HOWARD
Academy Trust



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.



WELL DONE YEARS 11 & 13 FOR COMPLETING YOUR EXAMS

With the exam season coming to a close, everyone at The Abbey School wants to say a huge congratulations to all of you for completing your GCSE and A Level exams! We know how much hard work, dedication, and resilience it has taken to get through this exam season, and we couldn't be prouder of you.

No matter what comes next, whether it's college, sixth form, university, or apprenticeships, take a moment to reflect on everything you've achieved. You've overcome challenges, pushed yourselves, and shown real strength.

We can't wait to see what your next chapter holds!

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SIXTH FORM PROM

The Abbey school Sixth form, Year 13 prom 2025 was a fantastic event. With an excellent DJ, photo booth and a red carpet the atmosphere was brilliant and the students came dressed to impress.

With only a couple of A Level exams remaining, the students were able to let their hair down and enjoy some downtime together outside of their studies and work. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night and one we hope they will remember. It was also extremely pleasing to have some of our 6th form teachers join the evening to celebrate with the students and just reiterates how important our professional relationships are with our students in helping them to develop.

We are extremely proud of them all and will miss them immensely.

We wish them all the best for the future and are excited to see them on results day.

Mrs Crouch, Mrs Chittenden, Mr Sandmann and the 6th form team!

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SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

These students have shown dedication to reading this term, supporting their progress in English.



Year 7

Emily C
Sophie H
Summer M
Joe T
Scarlet G
Archie R

Year 8

Abdul-Raschid R
Erin C
Jayden K
Gianella G
Emmanuel G
Mustaqeemah Taiye A

RECOMMENDED READS!

Wanting to look for something new to read? Why not try one of these books recommended by students and teachers.

"The Last Dreamwalker"
by Rita Woods

"Firelight"
by Sophie Jordon

STAR Students in English

These students have shown dedication and hard work during their English lessons this term. Excellent work!

Faith O Yr 10
Gamu M Yr 10
Molly G Yr 8
Praise U Yr 9
Beatrice B Yr 9

Seneca Champions in English
Fantastic dedication to learning outside of school!!

Keiron B – Yr 8
Jayden M - Yr 9
Ethan R- Yr 7
Andrea S - Yr 8
Evelyn K – Yr8
Ava B - Yr 7

The Abbey School Book Club

Book club runs on Thursday lunch time and Thursday after school in the library, staff and students are welcome.



STAR Library Helpers

Sophie H - Yr 7
John G - Yr 9



100% ATTENDANCE REWARDS

We are pleased to share with you our rewards for 100% attendance!

We have a few amazing prizes up for grabs: a PS5 and game, Xbox Series X and game, laptops, smartwatches, tablets, and vouchers. To be in with a chance of winning one of these prizes, you must have had 100% attendance from either last September or from the 3rd of March.

Names will be drawn on the final day of term! Parents will be contacted to collect prizes for the lucky students.

Best of luck!

STEM CLUB

The theme this term in STEM Club is 'Science Sketchbook' and we're using our scientific enquiry skills to get creative! This week, we had a visitor [The Darkroom at Beach Creative | Facebook!](#)

Emily taught STEM club how to make chemigrams using light sensitive paper along with photographic developer and fixer as an alternative photographic printing process.



DOVER ATHLETIC TRIP

The Football academy safely arrived in Spain on Saturday, for the Copa Catalunya tournament. Their first U19s game was a success with a 4-0 win. Today the U17s have their first two games of the tournament! The boys have been training hard and we hope this pays off!



SPORTS DAY 2025

FRIDAY 4TH JULY

We are excited to announce Abbey School's Sports Day on Friday 4th July, a celebration of athletic effort, teamwork, and house spirit! The event will run from 9:30am to 12:30pm on the school athletics track, with all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part.

The day begins with an extended form time at 9:00am, allowing for registration and final preparations. Forms will leave their rooms by 9:15am to ensure a prompt start at the track. All students should come to school in Abbey School PE kit.

A full morning of events is planned, including traditional races (100m, 200m), house football finals, and the highly anticipated staff relay! Every point won will count toward the Sports Day Championship, as Discovery, Endeavour, Pioneer and Voyager battle it out for victory!

Students must bring:

A refillable water bottle

Sunscreen and a hat

A small amount of money for refreshments
(ice pops, drinks, hot dogs, etc.)

**After the event, Years 7, 8 and 9
will have lunch as follows:**

Year 7 – 12:35pm

Year 8 – 12:55pm

Year 9 – 1:15pm

In the case of poor weather, Sports Day will be postponed to Friday 11th July, and the normal school timetable will apply on the Friday 4th July.

Let's show our house pride—Discovery, Endeavour, Pioneer and Voyager—who will take the crown this year?

***Unfortunately, due to logistics and safeguarding reasons we are unable to invite parents/carers to Sports Day**



WE ARE RECRUITING!

APPLY NOW

The Local Academy Board at The Abbey School is seeking to recruit new parent governor, preferably with experience or knowledge in education, safeguarding, careers, or other public sector organisations.

We welcome applications from individuals with a genuine interest in school improvement, and training will be provided.

Local Academy Board members are typically involved in monitoring activities aligned with the School Development Plan and current improvement priorities.

The Board meets four times per year, with a mixture of face-to-face and virtual sessions. Meetings focus on key areas such as student progress and attainment, attendance and engagement, well-being, teaching and learning, community links, finance, personnel, and site management.

In addition to attending meetings, Local Academy Board members are encouraged to support the school through formal and informal visits, with opportunities to participate in events throughout the academic year.

If you would be interested in being a Local Academy Board member, please contact the school on 01795 533633 or email Clair Foskett, PA to Principal cfoskett@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk for more information.



**The Abbey
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Abbey School Sixth Form

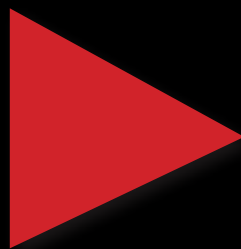
Are you ready to take the next step in your academic journey?

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>



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

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88% ATTEND

LESS THAN 35%

LESS THAN 85%



SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 6

There is a lot happening this term, please see some key dates below:

District Athletic Championships **Tuesday 10th June**

DoE Bronze (Year 9) **Friday 13th - Saturday 14th June**

Year 7 & 8 Internal Exams **Monday 16th - Friday 20th June**

Year 10 Mock NEA **Monday 16th June - Thursday 19th June**

Year 9, 10 & 12 Internal Exams **Monday 23rd - Friday 27th June**

FA Spain Trip **Saturday 21st - Friday 27th June**

Year 13 Prom **Friday 27th June**

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations **Monday 30th - Tuesday 1st July**

Sports Personality of the Year Assembly **Wednesday 2nd July**

Sports Day **Friday 4th July**

Year 11 Prom **Friday 4th July**

End of Year Prizegiving **Thursday 10th July**

Fate / Last Day of Term **Friday 18th July**

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Click the image below to view the extra curricular programme for term 6.



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.



HIRE OUR FACILITIES

CLICK THE QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!



PASTORAL SPOTLIGHT ON.... AI BOTS

Our young people are growing up in a world with AI – Artificial Intelligence.

Whilst AI can have many positive uses and can be used to help in many areas of life, it does also pose some risks to young people in certain formats.

We are seeing an increase in young people using AI ChatBots. These are often designed in a format to deliberately tempt young people to engage, offering character chats and interactions, and storyline chats. The images used on these unregulated websites can appeal to younger children, but they are not necessarily reflective of the content of the website.

Some may well be suitable, but in the main these AI sites are unmonitored and unfiltered websites, with content that is not only age inappropriate but also extremely unpleasant, with flags for violent content and emotive topics that need trusted adult support to fully understand.

There are some safer AI options such as Chat GPT – however this requires an age of 13 minimum and parental or guardian consent to use, up to age 18. Please be aware of what your children are accessing and remember that if they are interacting with AI then their algorithms on their devices will then suggest more and similar sites.

If in doubt or if you need further help, please reach out to us at -

pastoralhub@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk
safeguarding@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk

YEAR 6 TRANSITION WEEK

As we are getting closer and closer to welcoming Year 6 pupils for their transition week that is happening from 30th June - 3rd July, we would like to share some news that should make for a positive pick-up experience.

During that week, Years 7 to 10 will be leaving line up no later than 3.15 pm in order to reduce traffic in the car park.

Please ask all Year 6 parents not to arrive on site until after 3:25 pm to help reduce traffic.

We hope this will create fewer traffic issues for everyone arriving to and from site that week! We appreciate your cooperation as always.

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.



Please click on what year group you are in below to access all of the Knowledge Organisers for Term 6!

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 23rd June 2025!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



Bradley M
Year 7
52HP



Ellie M
Year 7
40HP



Darcy H
Year 10
33HP



Ava B
Year 7
37HP

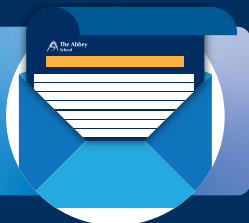
#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Celebrating Your Achievements



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

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



Staggered Dismissal Times

Staggered dismissal times have now been replaced with afternoon line up on the playground. Each year will then be dismissed one at a time in no particular order. In the event of wet weather, afternoon line up will be cancelled and we will revert to dismissing each year group one at a time from their classrooms.



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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