



# The Abbey School

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

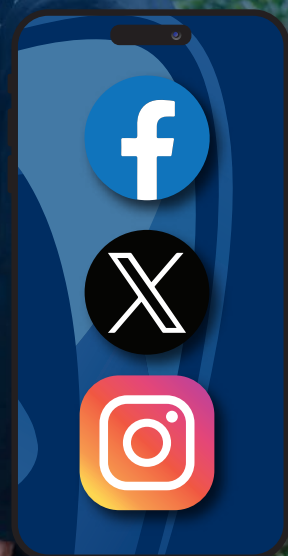
## Weekly Newsletter 2024/25

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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.







# YEAR 11 PROM

Year 11 prom took place last Friday, and what a night it was! Everyone looked the part to celebrate the time they have had at The Abbey School.

The evening was filled with laughter, dancing, and unforgettable memories as students marked the end of their school journey together. From glamorous outfits to heartfelt goodbyes, it was the perfect send-off for an amazing year group.

To the Class of 2025, we wish you all the very best in whatever comes next. Whether you're heading to college, an apprenticeship, or new adventures, you'll always be a part of our school community.  
Farewell and good luck!

Massive thanks to all staff involved on the night to allow a great night like this happen!

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# PRINCIPALS AWARD

A huge congratulations to Jack H (Year 11), who was awarded this year's Principal's Award, as well as the KS4 Boys' PE Prize!

Although Jack was unable to attend the End of Year Prize Giving due to being away on holiday, we want to take a moment to recognise and celebrate his outstanding achievements.

The Principal's Award recognises not just academic success, but also leadership, positive attitude, and an all-round contribution to school life. Jack has consistently demonstrated excellence, both in and out of the classroom, and has been a role model to his peers throughout his time at school.

We are also incredibly proud of his accomplishments in PE, where his commitment, sportsmanship, and performance have stood out in every way.

Well done, Jack you've truly earned it!



# SPORTS DAY 2025

On Friday 4th July, The Abbey School held its annual Sports Day for Years 7, 8 and 9. Once again, students were competing for their house and against their personal bests in a number of athletic events and football tournaments, some aiming for school records, some just enjoying taking part.

The temperature was perfect, with lovely sunshine and a light breeze. We saw a number of excellent performances from our students on the track, in the field and on the football pitch. The support from the students and staff was amazing all afternoon. The students loved having their faces painted in the colours of their houses and cheering as the competitors raced by.

It was brilliant to see the joy on the students' faces as they stood on the podium to receive their medals and the numerous displays of sportsmanship, teamwork, and encouragement were fantastic and a real credit to the school.

The teachers also played their part as the whole school cheered on the staff relay at the end of the day.

Overall, Voyager ran out clear winners with 716 points.

|     | Year 7          | Year 8          | Year 9          | Overall         |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Voyager - 248   | Pioneer - 210   | Discovery - 219 | Voyager - 716   |
| 2nd | Endeavour - 202 | Voyager - 190   | Voyager - 208   | Pioneer - 582   |
| 3rd | Discovery - 165 | Endeavour - 184 | Pioneer - 204   | Discovery - 513 |
| 4th | Pioneer - 98    | Discovery - 109 | Endeavour - 84  | Endeavour - 490 |





# END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

As we get ready to wrap up another amazing school year, here's what you need to know about the final day of term:

It's a non-uniform day – so leave the blazers at home and come in your comfiest (school appropriate!) clothes.

Our school fete will be running all morning – a perfect chance to spend those well-earned house points on games, goodies, and prizes. You've worked hard all year and now it's time to enjoy it!

Staggered dismissal starts at 12:10pm, so you'll be heading off into summer a little earlier than usual.

Phone lines will be closing at 12.30pm.

Let's finish the year with a smile, some fun, and a well-deserved celebration!

We all hope you have a great summer break!





# PRIZE GIVING!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of all our students who received an award for attainment this term!

This kind of achievement is a vital part of school life because it builds a strong foundation for future learning, helps develop self-belief, and encourages a positive attitude towards education. It shows that when you set goals and work steadily towards them, success will follow.

Keep reaching high, setting new goals, and striving for excellence.

We are proud of each and every one of you.

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# 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!



# POETRY LIVE

We're thrilled to announce an inspiring trip to Poetry Live! at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London on Thursday 12th February 2026!

Our current Year 9 students (soon to be Year 10) will get the incredible chance to hear top GCSE poets perform their work live, discuss meanings and themes, and take part in a Q&A — all supporting their AQA English Literature Paper 2 exam prep!

Tickets go on sale Monday 8th September via Arbor. Set a reminder — places will go fast! Don't miss this unforgettable chance to bring poetry to life!

#PoetryLive #AbbeyEnglish #GCSEReady  
#LoveLiterature

The Poets appearing on the day



Simon Armitage



John Agard



Carol Ann Duffy



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## COMING SOON....

We all want the best for our children and attending school every day plays a huge part in securing that. There is clear evidence to show that good attendance is linked with academic success, but that is not the only reason children should attend school. Good attendance is also key in supporting children develop:

- effective social skills
- positive sense of well-being

We are closely monitoring attendance using the new 'Attend' system which will allow us to communicate with you much more regularly around punctuality and attendance. This will mean you are informed more frequently with the attendance success and challenges your child experiences.



# 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 535635 or email Clair Foskett, PA to Principal [cfoskett@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk](mailto:cfoskett@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk) for more information.



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# Abbey School Sixth Form

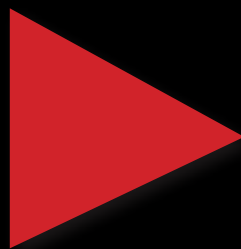
Are you ready to take the next step in your academic journey?

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<br>OFF IN A SCHOOL YEAR | ATTENDANCE<br>RATE % | ACTUAL<br>ATTENDANCE | LEARNING<br>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



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 6

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

District Athletic Championships **Tuesday 10th June**

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

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

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

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

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

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Year 13 Prom **Friday 27th June**

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

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

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Sports Day **Friday 4th July**

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Year 11 Prom **Friday 4th July**

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

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

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## 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!



INTERNATIONAL ONLINE TALENT COMPETITION 2025

**UTUK**  
UNDISCOVERED TALENT UK

**VOTE**  
**MEGAN!**

**SERIES 10**  
**AUDITIONS**



TikTok: [megan.does.magic07](https://www.tiktok.com/@megan.does.magic07)

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY ON UNDISCOVERED TALENT UK  
INSTAGRAM FACEBOOK YOUTUBE



# 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](mailto:pastoralhub@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk)  
[safeguarding@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk)



# END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING!

A massive thank you to all the parents and students who attended our End of Year Prize Giving on Thursday, 10th July.

It was a fabulous evening for everyone involved, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students being recognised for the incredible effort, dedication, and achievements they've demonstrated throughout the school year.

From academic excellence to sporting success, creative arts to community spirit, the evening was a true celebration of talent, hard work, and perseverance. We are so proud of every student who received an award, and equally proud of all our learners who have grown and developed in so many ways this year.

Thank you to our amazing staff team who helped organise the event, and to the parents and carers whose ongoing support makes such a difference.

We look forward to another year of inspiring learning, continued success, and new opportunities.

Enjoy the summer break!

Photos will be available next week, so stay tuned to our socials!



# CONGRATS TO FINLEY H IN YEAR 7

We are incredibly proud of Finley, who recently competed at the Kent County Show on July 5th, 6th, and 7th. Finley was selected to represent the East Kent Hunt Pony Club in the Mounted Games Competition, riding his pony, Gypsy.

This is a remarkable achievement, and Finley's dedication truly shone through he earned rosettes on all three days of the event, showing great resilience by competing in both torrential rain and 30-degree heat.

Well done, Finley an outstanding effort and a brilliant example of perseverance and sportsmanship!



## CANTEEN MENU 2025/26

Click the images below to view the canteen menu for Term 1 in September!



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



Deborah S  
Year 10  
47HP



Casey H  
Year 10  
36HP



Will M  
Year 9  
56HP



Jacob H  
Year 9  
38HP

## #WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

## Celebrating Your Achievements



Email us your child's achievement  
[info@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk](mailto:info@abbey-school-faversham.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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