

#### A message from our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As Term 4 draws to a close, I want to extend my thanks to all members of our school community for their support, energy and commitment over the past six weeks.

This final week before the Easter break has been a vibrant and inspiring one. It has been packed with highlights that reflect the depth and richness of school life at The Abbey. Our students have shone in a range of settings: from the exceptional performances in the Year 11 Drama and Dance practical exams, to the pride and celebration of our year group Prize Giving events. These moments have been a reminder of the talent, resilience and spirit that define our young people.

We've also seen our MFL trip to Barcelona, giving students a fantastic cultural and linguistic experience abroad. Our Prize Giving events gave us the chance to honour the dedication and growth of our students as they progress on their shared learning journey.

Behind the scenes, our staff continue to work tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly - from safeguarding and attendance to curriculum planning and budget preparation. I remain deeply grateful to them for their dedication.

Looking ahead, we return in Term 5 revitalised and re-energised. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, there are now only a small number of school days remaining before the May exams begin. These final weeks are absolutely crucial. Year 11 students who have been identified for targeted tuition will be expected to attend after-school sessions (as they have all year) but I will be tightening expectations further. Attendance at these sessions will now be monitored even more closely, and we will be using both our rewards and sanctions systems to ensure maximum engagement in the run-up to the exams. I encourage Y11 parents and carers to look at the separate message that has been sent about this that clarifies the arrangements for after the Easter holidays.

Term 5 begins with an INSET day on Tuesday 22nd April, and students return on Wednesday 23rd April. I encourage all students to use the break to recharge, reflect, and come back ready to make every moment count.



## **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 9 kicked off the prize giving awards on Wednesday and saw numerous students awarded certificates for their excellence shown in subjects. Subject teachers have had the challenging job of selecting students amongst a cohort of excellent achievers. We would like to congratulate everyone for their hard-work and dedication to their studies.

As well as subject awards, we recognised 100% attendance with a number of students receiving their 100% badge to add to their blazer.

Well done to everyone who won an award!

# SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE EXCELLED THAT WEEK:

Year 10s have started their new topic for Paper 2: Superpower Relations. This is a challenging topic as students need a strong understanding in the political ideologies of world powers in 1945. However, they are doing absolutely brilliantly in understanding the differences between communism and capitalism. Keep up the good work year 10!

> Extra-curricular activities or accomplishments outside of school: Targeted Tuition - Tuesday and Thursday (Year 11 only)

#### STAR PUPIL OF THE WEEK OR STUDENTS WHO'VE GONE **ABOVE AND BEYOND:**

Joey J, 7 JHt4, Joey has been contributing consistently throughout the term to an exceptional level and is always eager to give 100% effort and go above and beyond

Amelia B, 7t HT2. Amelia is incredibly helpful, well-mannered and polite, and always offers to hand out the books or do the house points for me. She is an outspoken opinionated individual, who isn't shy of offering her viewpoint on a question. Her Midterm assessment results have been equally impressive as her performances in class, getting a grade 7 on Term 4's assessment! I hope she continues to be the best she can be and keeps up all the ward work she is putting in history. Well done Amelia!



# SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HISTORY



Studying History can open so many doors as it gives you lots of interchangeable skills. You don't just have to be a History Teacher!

Did you know these famous people studied History at University: Louis Theroux - Studied History at the University of Oxford Sacha Baron Cohen - Studied History at the University of Cambridge Steve Carell - Studied History at Denison University Shakira - Studied Ancient History at UCLA

#### **REVISION**

Paper 1 for GCSE History is 16th May - This is the Medicine Through Time paper. So, make sure to revise medieval medicine, Renaissance medicine, 18th and 19th century medicine, modern medicine and medicine on the Western Front. As always, use different revision methods to help your revision time be more active and engaging!



FROM EVERYONE IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT, HAVE A GREAT EASTER BREAK!

## **CANTEEN MENU TERM 5**

Please click either of the links below to view the food options available at lunch time during Term 5 and also a price list!





**PRICE LIST** 

## EASTER EGG DONATIONS

We wanted to take this opportunity to say how overwhelmed we all are at Abbey School with so many generous donations of Easter eggs for the residents of Canterbury care home. Some students have been coming in with 7 Easter eggs to donate to them. It means such a lot to belong to a community of such generous students, parents and carers and I want to sincerely thank you for these donations. Mrs Nicholson will kindly be taking these to the care home at school on Friday, so that the residents will be able to enjoy an egg this Easter.

Wishing you too, a very Happy Easter.

Massive Thanks to the following students for taking the time to donate!

Warren B	Ben D	Alina E	lmogen G	Jay T
Isaac Y	Liam C	Milo Y	Holly C S	Summer S
Lacey F	Ava B	Ewan C	River E	Charlie H
Jake B	Harry P	Sid A	Everlyn T	Daniel J
Brandon H	Gvidas V	Maisie T	Matthew S	Bradley M
Sydney O	Demid K	Rufus V D R	Summer W	Oliver S
lmogen B	Maxwell S	Molly D	Matthew M	Maie E
Alice B	Katherine P	Arthur H	Kara W	
Oscar C	Johny H	Isabella G	Riley R	



# SPOTLIGHT ON PERFOMRING ARTS

#### HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to all the Year 11 GCSE Drama students who performed their Component 2 (scripted) pieces to a visiting examiner this week. They have been working so hard over the last few weeks/months to prepare; attending extra rehearsals at lunchtime and after school and planning their costumes and staging/props with great attention to detail. Well done! A special mention goes to Star Pupils Heather B and Florence U for their tear-jerking performance of Romeo & Juliet.

Congratulations also to the Year 11 GCSE Dance students who have been undertaking their choreography performances this week. Students have demonstrated their creativity to devise engaging and meaningful performances, and have been dedicated to extra rehearsals after school and lunchtime.





#### **OUT-OF-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

Kent Music's Summer School at Benenden is back this July! KMSS courses are exciting and engaging, perfect for giving students an ensemble experience outside of their music lessons. They offer the opportunity to build on their love for music while expanding social and musical horizons.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON PERFOMRING ARTS

#### **OUT-OF-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED**

The focus of the Summer School music courses is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team. From new starters to experienced players, it's a place for everyone to enjoy themselves and enrich their summers, making friends and memories to last a lifetime!

KMSS offers something for all young musicians. Ability, experience and finances needn't be barriers to entry. All courses are audition-free, and they can offer generous financial assistance to students who meet the criteria. Visit the online brochure for more details Interactive-Brochure-KMSS-2025.pdf



#### MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS

There are still some spaces available for instrument lessons. If you are interested in learning the drum kit, piano or guitar then please apply through the Andrew Parry Music website www.andrewparrymusic.com where you can also find details about lessons and prices.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their graded examination on the drum kit this term:

> Michael S (Year 8) - Grade 2 Fred B (Year 7) – Grade 1

Anna P (Year 9) Grade 1 and now working towards achieving Grade 3!

#### **SUPERBLOOM**

Superbloom is in full swing for PEC, the SRP and Gardening club. Students have been working hard sowing seeds, filling tyres as planters, and potting up seedlings ready for the big plant out after Easter.

Kayne A has worked really hard with the Site Team, particularly Matt, learning how to build our new large planters outside Dr Speller's Office.

Our new planters will be home to a Buddleia, Roses, lavender and annual bedding plants, as well as vegetable produce currently in the Greenhouse. Outside PEC last years beds are home to Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Garlic, Onioins and Parsnips in one and Rhubarb, Raspberries and a Fig in the other. Our remaining two will provide home to the tomatos and strawberries. This year we are waging war on the bunnies stealing our strawberries and building





## DOVER ATHLETIC FOOTBALL ACADEMY

# CUP FINAL

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL @HERNE BAY FC KICK-OFF 7.45 PM







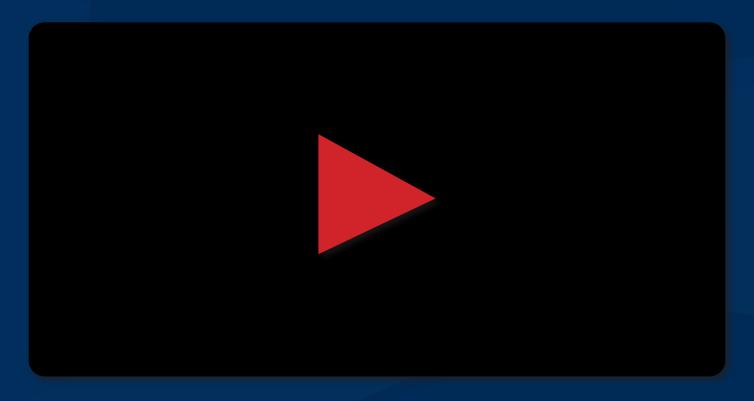
# Abbey School Sixth Form

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.... THE WIDER ABBEY SCHOOL COMMUINITY

Here at school, your children will see many people as they move through the day.

Wearing our dark blue or purple lanyards, students will see teachers, cover supervisors, teaching assistants, pastoral, safeguarding, SRP, reflection and PEC staff.

They will also regularly see our premises team and our cleaning team, the canteen staff and the office and attendance teams.

We have lots of regular external visitors too, who may wear a red or a green lanyard.

We have members of the Emotional Wellbeing Team in school most days – they are part of the NHS and work with our students to support wellbeing.

We have regular visits from our child-centred police officer, PC Amy Tyler – you may see her police patrol car outside school. PC Tyler comes to advise, support and offer a friendly face to our students.

We have external speakers who may deliver an assembly or a workshop in the hall.

We have regular visits from the NHS Immunisation Teams, to deliver vaccinations.

We have visitors in school from the Howard Trust - these are people who support in the organisation and running of our school.

We all have visitors from Social Services, Kent Connexions, and invigilators.

We have external teachers who come into provide music lessons for our students.

We have Reverend Dan in school for assemblies and to provide advice and support.

Here at The Abbey we aim to provide a welcoming, enriching and safe space, and our visitors help us to do this. We welcome visitors who provide a valuable link to the wider Faversham community.





## 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



FREE for the young people of Teynham, starting on Tuesday 1st April we are going to run weekly sessions solely for young people from Teynham!

3:45pm - 5pm 8-11 years (Primary)

5:15pm - 6:30pm 11+ years (Secondary)

The aim of the sessions is to give young something to do; we will be working with our local police officer and the child centred police team to try to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

Our local officer may attend some of the sessions to meet with and get to know the young people and he will give me names of any young people that are not allowed to take part each week due to their behaviour around the village. No need to pre-book but we will need to take names, D.O.B and emergency contact details.

Young people at some point may take part in archery, axe throwing, low ropes, assault course, team building, climbing, abseiling, high ropes, zipline, survival skills, crossbows, orienteering, catapults and more

Paul Oxberry (APIOL)

**Creed Outdoor Learning** 

Millennium Woods, Teynham

Website; www.creedoutdoor.co.uk

Tel; 07923 011923

Email; paul@creed-outdoorlearning.co.uk



Richard Divers

Police Constable 30702

Beat Officer for Teynham and Lynsted,

West Downs and Woodstock

Email: 30702@kent.police.uk

# All Change!

#### Exciting news as we announce our new PE kit!

Taking on board feedback from our school community about cost and availability, we have been working with our uniform providers to source good quality, lower price kit for sport and are delighted to share with you the new items available from Monday 27th January.

The new PE kit will be phased in over time and all current kit remains part of the PE kit uniform until it is out grown or worn out - we do not expect anyone to purchase the new kit until their child needs it.

Student feedback to the items has been positive and we look forward to seeing it being worn in the months ahead.

Kit can be purchased (when required) from all three of our sports kit providers:

Rival School & Dancewear 116 West Street **Faversham Kent** ME13 7 |B 01795590473 Email: sales@rivalschoolwear.co.uk www.rivalschoolwear.co.uk

Forster's School Uniform 17-19 East Street Sittingbourne Kent **ME10 4BQ** 01795665540 Email: info@forsterskent.co.uk Website: www.forsterskent.co.uk

Marc Leader Global Leader Ltd 01795608840 07840658936 sales@globalleaderlimited.co.uk www.globalleaderlimited.com







#### STEM CLUB TERM 4

It's been a very busy term for STEM Club, which faces fresh challenges. This term's challenge was to see if the students had what it takes to survive on a desert island!

Each week, they were presented with a different task to complete, ranging from creating their own toothpaste to maintain basic hygiene to making campfires to keep warm during the night.

They all have had a fantastic time over the last few weeks and its been great to see them working well as a team and having a great time away from their usual classroom lessons!

Big thanks to Ms Humphreys for running this club!

We look forward to next term to see what they get up to next.















#### **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 NOT DO Monopolise the whole pavement space by walking in a group Move aside on the pavement to allow forcing elderly, those with prams or indeed anyone from the to use it. community into the road. Shriek, shout, threaten or swear to those around you, be they Speak using appropriate tone and at a sensible level to those you are with, friends, members of the public or students who attend other using language that is not offensive or schools - this is intimidating behaviour brings our school into disrepute and this will be followed up and dealt with. 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

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.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 31st March 2025! **KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!** 



LILLY-MAY S Year 9 36HP



KATHERINE P Year 10 39HP



LLYBIAH C Year 10 57HP



**HOLLY D** Year 7 113HP

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STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES W/C 23RD APRIL									
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13		
Mon, Tues, Thurs	3.20	3.25	3.30	3.15	4.30	3.30	3.30		
Friday Only	1.55	145	140	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.00		

# #WAKE UP IEDNESDAY



# Celebrating Your Achievements







# BUSE

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.



