



# The Abbey School

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

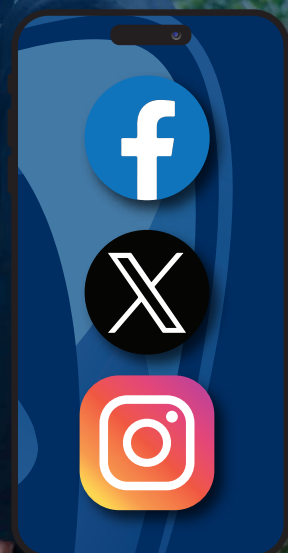
## Weekly Newsletter 2024/25

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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.







# WELL DONE YEAR 6

## FOR COMPLETING YOUR TRANSITION WEEK

A massive well done to all of you for completing your transition week at The Abbey School!

You've done an amazing job stepping into your new school with courage, energy, and big smiles. From showing great focus in archery to getting absolutely covered (and loving it!) during the colour run, you've already made some brilliant memories

We're so proud of how you embraced every challenge and showed kindness, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the week.

We can't wait to see you again in September as you begin your Abbey School journey for real.

Have a fantastic summer!

# SPOTLIGHT ON PERFORMING ARTS

## Highlights this week!

On Friday 27th June, GCSE Music students and choir members from Years 9 and 10 visited St Edmund's School in Canterbury for an inspiring singing workshop led by renowned choral director Mark De-Lisser. Joining over 100 members of the public, the students took part in a dynamic three-part harmony choir, culminating in powerful performances of Let's Stay Together and Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now.

It was a truly unforgettable experience, offering students the chance to deepen their understanding of choral and ensemble singing while performing with passion and enthusiasm.

## Tesco Stronger Starts

The Abbey School calls out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund! The Abbey School is bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. Stronger Starts provides grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people. Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive grant awards and Tesco customers can vote for the group they think should take away the top award in their local Tesco store.

The Abbey School is one of the groups on the shortlist in Faversham. Our project is called Orchestral Visit Faversham and involves a professional orchestra visiting Faversham schools to provide a unique musical experience for EVERY child. Voting is open in all Tesco stores from July to the end of September 2025. Customers will cast their vote using a blue token given to them at the check-out each time they shop, so please support us and remember to do this when you shop in Tesco, Faversham! Thank you!





# 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.



# SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

## Year 9 Business Lesson Highlights

In their latest business lesson, Year 9 students, under the guidance of Mr. Kusi, demonstrated exceptional creativity and application of knowledge as they created promotional materials for a fictional trainer company. This task required them to integrate the concepts and skills they had learned in previous lessons, showcasing their growing understanding of business principles. These pieces serve as brilliant examples of the continued hard work and progress of the Year 9 class, as they move closer to understanding and applying real-world business strategies. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the standard of work produced in this project.



## Year 6 Trainers!

During Transition week, Year 6 had the chance to create their own designs on a pair of trainers. Below are the top 4 trainers created by the students. I'm sure you'll agree what a great job they did!



## Attendance To Lessons

As we progress through the school year, just a quick reminder about attendance and the significant impact that regular attendance has on our students' academic outcomes. Each lesson is an important building block in their learning journey, and consistent participation plays a vital role in their progress and success.

Your continued support in ensuring that students attend all lessons is deeply appreciated, and I am confident that this collaboration will help our students achieve their best. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and commitment to their education.



# 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

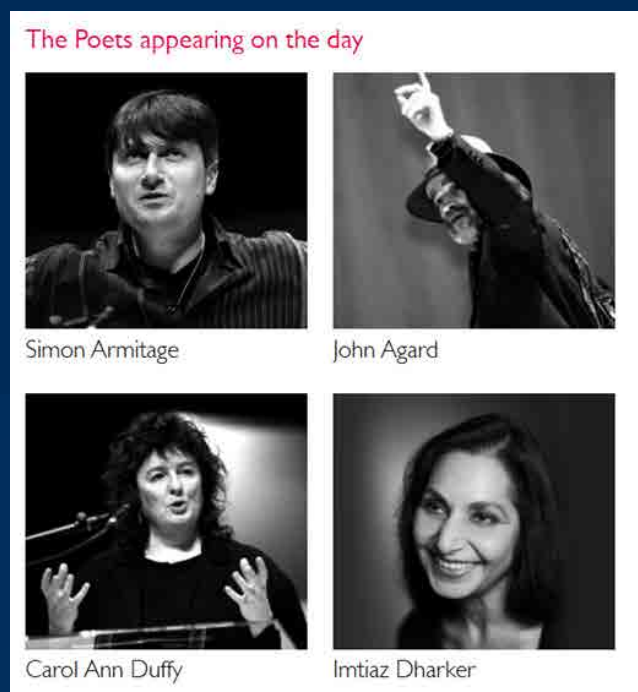
We're thrilled to announce an inspiring trip to Poetry Live! at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London on Thursday 12th February 2026!

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





# 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 534634 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

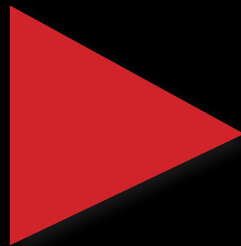
Are you ready to take the next step in your academic journey?

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 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

# 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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Fare / 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!





# 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)



# PRIZE GIVING!

A reminder that Prize Giving is next Thursday.

This is an invite-only event, and selected parents and students have been emailed invitations to attend.

This year, we're doing something different! We will be donating money to charity and you can help decide how much each charity receives. You'll be given a small ticket, which you can place into one of four boxes. Each box represents a different charity.

The charities are:

The Faversham Food Bank  
Faversham Umbrella Club  
The Faversham Almshouses  
The Faversham Cottage Hospital

We hope to see as many of you there as possible to celebrate your son's or daughter's achievements!



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



Jake B  
Year 8  
32HP



Matthew M  
Year 8  
35HP



Reiss W  
Year 8  
37HP



Jack R  
Year 7  
33HP

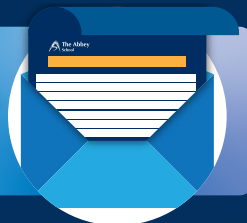
## #WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

## 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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