



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Remembrance Week

At The Abbey School, we have been marking Remembrance 100 this week with a range of powerful assemblies aimed at giving our students an insight into why the 11th November is so significant.

In Years 7 and 8, we shared that remembrance is a time where we give thanks for the people who help and protect others now, and who have done so in the past. We showed images of remembrance monuments such as The Sikh War Memorial in Coventry and The Cenotaph in London, and told the story of the late Joan Bunn who volunteered for The British Legion.

For Years 9 to 13, we presented the incredible story of Bill Marks (aged 95) who had served in The Royal Navy during World War 2 and had been a part of the D-Day operation. We also explored how other countries and cultures mark their own Remembrance; for example, in Australia and New Zealand they remember with Anzac Day on the 25th April.

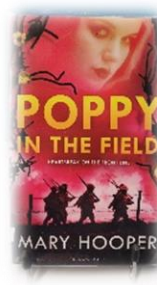
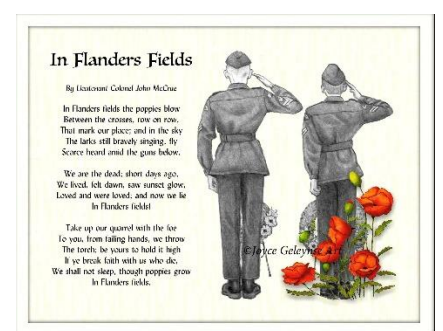
Finally, all groups were read the poem 'We Remember' by Laura Mucha. The messages within the poem are powerful, thought-provoking and provide a much needed moment - or two - of reflection.

Remembrance Parade

Today, at 11.00am, the whole school took part in a remembrance parade out on the playground. We all watched the cadets march past under the leadership of Mr Afful and they were then inspected by Dr Speller. Just before 11am, the Last Post was played and then every single one of us respectfully observed the two-minute silence which was humbling and very touching. Mr Stucken gave a sombre reading of 'In Flanders Fields' and, finally, a prayer was read by Reverend Dan Corcoran.

Our students were incredibly respectful and totally understood the importance of such an event – we could have heard a pin drop.

Our guides, cadets and scouts performed with honour and respect – we really did feel so very proud of each and every one of them.



Ms Evans has created a display in the Learning Resource Centre with a fabulous book she recommends; a brilliantly researched book, inspired by real-life events, big and small. Poppy in the Field is a story about the forgotten bravery of women on the front line, told through the eyes of a young woman determined to play her part.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 7th November 2022



Bella Armstrong Y8
Leighton Glass Y7
Both with
30 House Points



Alexander Ivil
Y7
29 House Points



Henry Webb
Y7
28 House Points



Cameron Lewis
Y9
54 House Points

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 14th November 2022

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	3.15pm	3.10pm	3.30pm	3.25pm	3.20pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
Thursday only	2.15pm	2.10pm	2.30pm	2.25pm	2.20pm	2.30pm	2.30pm

Spotlight on...6th form History Success

On Tuesday evening, Mr Kenning had the pleasure of attending the Historical Association Great Debate hosted at the King's School Canterbury. Our very own Toby O'Keeffe (year 13) and Henry Keating (year 13) participated in this prestigious public speaking competition, on the question: Why does history matter in 2022? The Great Debate is a public speaking competition where students have five minutes to present their speech arguing their answer to the question.

Both represented the school immaculately. Toby delivered a speech on Francis Fukuyama's End of History thesis, and Henry Keating on how his experiences of Whitstable and its history have allowed him to connect to the wider world.

We are delighted to say that for the second year in a row, the Abbey walked away with a prize. Toby was awarded second place for the debate out of a cohort of around 16 students, coming from schools across the county. Through his outstanding argument and response to questioning, he was able to beat off competition from local grammar and private schools, including Kings and both Langton Grammar schools.

We are all exceptionally proud of both Henry and Toby's achievements and the way they represented the school. Henry is looking to study primary education and Toby History or Archaeology so a fantastic pathway for them both.



6th Form UCAS Support from CCCU

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to have colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University working with our year 13 students in 1-2-1 appointments, reviewing their personal statements for their UCAS applications. We are extremely grateful to Dylan and Iva for their expertise and in helping our students to 'be the best they can be'!

Mental Health First Aid Training

Last Friday, 4th November, 16 Sixth Formers were involved in a whole day of Mental Health First Aid training which equipped them with a set of skills to support their peers and students in lower school, should the need arise, in regard to their mental health. Not only will this support mental health throughout the school, but will also increase the employability of these individuals.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Youth Resilience UK and MHFA England for their support in delivering the training.



Continued Success for Dover Athletic!

The Academy made history this week reaching the second round of the FA Youth Cup for the first time in our Academy history.

The 6th form Academy players playing for Dover Athletic, made history with a 3-2 triumph against Langley, reaching the second round of the FA Youth Cup. The team were fantastic and displayed a true sense of 'being the best they can be'. This is the first time that DAFA have made it this far and they are already in preparations for their game against Lowestoft Town in the second round – a win here will mean DAFA will reach the third round when all the Premier League Clubs enter the competition.



Not surprisingly, Manager, Mike Sandmann, was full of praise for his talented youngsters. He said: "What a great achievement and what a fantastic performance – I couldn't be prouder of the players. We showed great character after missing the penalty and the players didn't allow it to affect them, which is important. I felt we could have been in front by more at half-time but you have to give Langley credit for making it difficult. As the manager, I'm always going to be looking to improve, but I don't want to take anything away from the players – they were excellent and have made history getting to this stage, and let's see where it takes us. I would also like to thank the fans who came to watch, so thank you so very much for your ongoing support of the Academy lads – they do really appreciate it."



Swale Youth Forum

On Wednesday, Abbey students attended the Swale Youth Forum where they learnt about the roles of councillors plus contributed ideas to local action plans for safety, education and mental health. One of the councillors mentioned that one of the biggest parts of their role was to correct misinformation or to keep people informed and students identified ways in which young people can access facts and supporting materials.



The students were then given the opportunity to question the council about past, current and future initiatives. From discussions, it was clear that key information, such as resources for students to support mental health, did not always reach the students. Ideas to build this information into school resources and how to promote them to young people were suggested.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday 7th December. There are spaces available on the Swale Youth Forum who meet at least once a term and work on projects throughout the year. Interested students need to contact Mrs Green if they would like to be a part of future meetings.

Launch of Online Gaming Club

From Monday 14th, our new Gaming Club will be available to each year group daily, except when they are in the canteen eating. There are 26 spaces and the room is managed by duty staff.

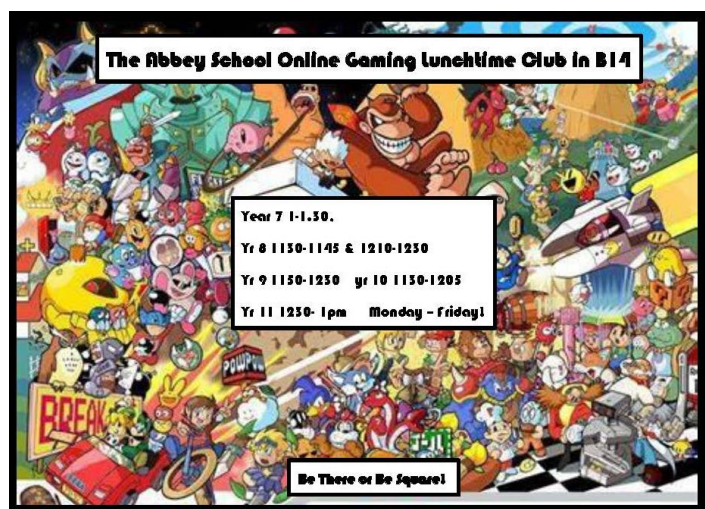
B14 will be the location the club which will run from 1130am daily and will be accessible through 3A and 3B, as long as the staff supervising are present in school. If the staff are absent then the club will not run that period.

The IT support department will allow certain approved online games to be played on the PCs in that room.

STUDENTS DO NOT have permission to use their phones in this room - so NO change to the ruling on phones. The staff in charge will monitor who is permitted in the room and obviously no food or drink is to be consumed in the room and when the room is full - it is full!

Students must leave when asked and be in good time for their turn in the Canteen, or lessons, or whenever asked to leave by the member of staff in charge.

We are hopeful that this club will be a useful addition to lunchtime activities for our students.



Science Revision Schedule

Please see below our Year 11 after-school revision which started this term and will run until Term 5.

Term	Date (Monday 3.30 – 4.30) in B1/B9	Subject	Topic	Teachers
2	31/10/22		No session (mock week)	
	07/11/22	Biology	B1 – Cell biology	Miss Pettipher , Mr Rigden
	14/11/22	Chemistry	C1 – Atomic structure and the periodic table	Mr Bond , Dr Sutton
	21/11/22	Physics	P1 - Energy	Mr Oyewole , Mr Arcadian
	28/11/22	Biology	B2 - Organisation	Mr Rigden , Mr Wilmot
	05/12/22	Chemistry	C2 - Bonding	Dr Sutton , Mr Bond
	12/12/22	Physics	P2 - Electricity	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Arcadian
3	09/01/23	Biology	B3 – Infection and response	Mr Wilmot , Miss Pettipher
	16/01/23	Chemistry	C3 – Chemical calculations	Dr Sutton , Mr Oyewole
	23/01/23	Physics	P3 and 4 – Particle model of matter and atomic structure	Mr Arcadian , Mr MacFarlane
	30/01/23	General	Paper 2 preparation for mocks	TBC
	06/02/23	General	Paper 2 preparation for mocks	TBC
4	20/02/23	Biology	B4 - Bioenergetics	Mr Oyewole , Miss Pettipher
	27/02/23	Chemistry	C4 – acids and bases	Dr Sutton , Mr Bond
	06/03/23	Physics	P5 - Forces	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Arcadian
	13/03/23	Biology	B5 – Homeostasis and response	Miss Pettipher , Mr Wilmot
	20/03/23	Chemistry	C5 and 6 – energy changes and rates of reaction	Mr Rigden , Mr Oyewole
	27/03/23	Physics	P6 - Waves	Mr Arcadian , Mr MacFarlane
5	17/04/23	Biology	B6 – inheritance, variation, and evolution	Mr Wilmot , Mr Rigden
	24/04/23	Chemistry	C7 and 8 – Organic chemistry and chemical analysis	Mr Bond , Dr Sutton
	01/05/23	Physics	P7 – Magnetism and electromagnetism	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Oyewole
	08/05/23	General	Paper 1 preparation	TBC
	15/05/23	General	Paper 1 preparation	TBC

Note – teacher in bold will lead the session; other teacher available if a large number of students attend.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November, we are encouraging all children and staff to wear **odd socks** to school (no donation) to celebrate the diversity of all our children at The Abbey School and to help raise awareness around this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme: Reach Out.

To spread the message and raise awareness at The Abbey School, we are looking for **donations of odd socks before the 15th November**, which we will use for a display on diversity. Therefore, if you have any brightly coloured odd socks, please hand in to Main Reception so we can start to grow our collection!

FAQs:

My child wears tights what should I do? If your child wears tights, it is fine for them to wear the odd socks over their tights!

Is there a donation required? No, we are not asking for a donation, we just encourage you to spread and share the message of 'Reach Out' with your child(ren). For example, why don't you encourage them to talk about how they would reach out if they needed to?

Here is a link to the 2022 [#AntiBullyingWeek](https://t.co/E6lGaya2GC) [#ReachOut](https://t.co/E6lGaya2GC) video if you haven't already seen it and want to watch it together: <https://t.co/E6lGaya2GC>

We look forward to seeing all the quirky sock combinations on Monday the 14th November and we will be sharing some of these on our social media!

Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Key Dates

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Odd Socks Day

Student Council Meeting with Caterers

6th Form Open Evening

Big Explore 10 Year 9 students

Kenward Trust drugs focus sessions

[Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening](#)

District Cross Country Championships

KS5 Business Studies Day, London

Mock Practical Art Exam Y11

Year 7, 8, 9 Flu Vaccinations

Y11 Big Interviews

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[Year 12/13 Consultation Evening](#)

[Year 9 Consultation Evening](#)

[Year 10 Consultation Evening](#)

[Year 8 Consultation Evening](#)

[Year 7 Consultation Evening](#)

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Tuesday 15th November

Wednesday 16th November

Tuesday 22nd November

Wednesday 23rd November

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Friday 25th November

Tuesday 29th November

Wednesday 30th November

Monday 5th December

Wednesday 7th December

Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Wednesday 17th May 2023

Date for your diaries:

Sixth Form Open Evening 2022



THE ABBEY SCHOOL
A BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

**6th Form
OPEN EVENING**
5.00pm—7:00pm
Wednesday
16th November

Main Hall
Presentation—5:30pm or 6:30pm

Dining Hall
Course Displays
University Representatives
CXK Advice

Join a 6th Form where you can be part of:

- A community school with student leadership opportunities and outstanding teaching from subject specialists
- A dedicated team that will support you to your destination whether that be Russell Group universities, high level apprenticeships or into the workplace
- A 6th Form where results have yet again been excellent in 2022 and where over 40% of students achieved A*/A in their A-levels/ BTECs.
- The most successful male football Academy in Kent affiliated with Dover Athletic FC

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NEXT WEEK: ANTI-BULLYING WEEK