



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

### Term 4 Week 3 update:

#### Subject information mornings

The 6<sup>th</sup> form subject information mornings have taken place over the past couple of weeks with students in year 11 being invited to meet with Subject specialists and 6<sup>th</sup> form subject ambassadors. We have been really pleased with the level of engagement and also the maturity shown by students and are excited to work with them further. Mrs Crouch is welcoming any students with questions to make contact with her to discuss.

#### Apprenticeship fair

On Friday, 14 students across year 12 and 13 visited the Maidstone apprenticeship fair, following an invite from Tracey Crouch MP. The event consisted of a large number of industry specialists promoting apprenticeships in their field. The purpose of the visit was to allow the students the opportunity to speak to employers, colleges and providers of Apprenticeships to discover what opportunities are available to them.



#### Attention Year 13 students:

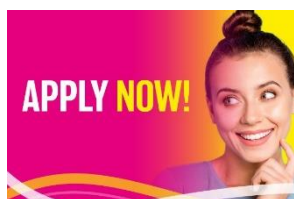
To all of you who are going to Uni, please see the below link for when and how to apply for finance. This is really important for you so please take note!

You will find lots of useful information here about applying to university and answers to lots of common questions, such as:

- Tuition costs
- Living Costs
- Maintenance Loans
- Step-by-step tutorials
- Info for parents and carers

....and lots more.

[Student finance: get ready for 2023 to 2024! – Get ready for 2023 to 2024!](#)



### Coming up next week:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Form interviews

The 6<sup>th</sup> form interviews will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science Week next week. Year 7 and Year 8 students will forego their usual science lessons in favour of completing STEM activities during lesson time which are linked to the theme of the week which is 'CONNECTIONS'. We are running a poster competition and would encourage all students to get involved and submit an entry:

Here is the link : [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

Watch this space for more on this in the next issue.



#### Young Carers' Action Day

Young Carers Action Day is on Wednesday 15 March 2023. It is an annual event organised by Carers Trust to raise awareness of young carers and the challenges they face, as well as celebrating the incredible contribution they make to society.

We know it's easy for young carers to start feeling overwhelmed because of everything they need to do for their caring role on top of all their school work and revising for exams.

The theme for Carers Week 2023 is 'Recognising and supporting carers in the community' and for communities across the UK to come together to recognise the huge contribution unpaid carers make to society.



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Leticia Wilmot  
Y10  
32 House Points



Rufus van der Rest  
Y7  
27 House Points



Emilia Lione  
Y7  
23 House Points



Amelie Mitchell  
Y7  
30 House Points

## STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

### Spotlight on...Comic Relief Day 2023

Comic Relief is a British charity that aims to raise money and awareness for good causes all around the world. In support of the charity, a **Red Nose Day event is held every two years**. This involves a live television broadcast featuring a host of comedians and celebrities. Comic Relief is the charity behind Red Nose Day and Sports Relief fundraising events, and was founded by British screenwriter Richard Curtis and philanthropist Jane Tewson in response to global humanitarian and poverty crises abroad. Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 17 March 2023** and at The Abbey we want to join thousands of people up and down the country getting involved and raising funds for this very worthy cause that provides support to people in the UK and all around the world.



COMIC RELIEF

The Abbey School will be supporting this year's **Comic Relief** by allowing all students to wear non-school uniform on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** for a donation of **£1**

**Guidance for non-school uniform:**

- School backpacks, knowledge organisers, student planners and full equipment (pencil case) – all usual lesson equipment must be brought to school every day.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be of at least mid-thigh in length.
- Footwear must adhere to health and safety guidance and be appropriate for moving around the site, accessing outdoor spaces and physical exercise (no flip flops/backless footwear).
- Expectations regarding jewellery/piercings remain the same as when students are in school uniform.
- Usual rules apply regarding make-up, nails, false eyelashes etc.
- T-shirts and tops should cover the shoulders, chest, torso and upper arms.

**The following items are not suitable:**

- See-through clothing, for example see-through blouses;
- Strapless, bandeaux tops, "off the shoulder" or "string-strapped" tops;
- Clothing which is revealing; for example, exposing bare midriffs or chests
- Clothing which reveals underwear;
- Clothing with offensive or inappropriate logos
- Culturally offensive outfits or costumes
- Muscle vests
- Flip flops/backless footwear

### The Abbey School's Peer Mentors

Just a reminder to our parents/carers/students that we have a Peer Mentor Scheme in school which is something that students can access if they are having a difficult time for any reason. See details below.

PEER

THE ABBEY SCHOOL  
A BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

MENTORS

**WHAT ARE PEER MENTORS?**

The Abbey School Peer Mentors are a group of students who have been carefully selected and trained to be able to offer support to their peers. Peer Mentors build a structured, supported and purposeful relationship with their mentees, meeting with them on a regular basis.

**HOW CAN PEER MENTORS HELP YOU?**

Peer Mentors receive specialist training in order to be able to support mentees with issues such as:

- Friendship issues
- Anxiety and worry
- Difficulties with settling into school
- Poor confidence and self-esteem

Mentors are kind, non-judgemental and approachable. They will keep any information you share with them confidential, unless they need to share it in order to keep you or someone else safe.

**WHAT DO OUR MENTORS & MENTEES SAY?**

"My peer mentor has helped me to express my feelings. It helped me to feel more confident and be independent."

"Our sessions offer a safe space to speak to others."

"My peer mentor has helped me to be more confident in lessons and to improve my positivity to learning and making more friends."

"Being a mentor has been great for me as I feel good about helping others."

**HOW CAN YOU ACCESS PEER MENTOR SUPPORT?**

- Talk to your Form Tutor
- Talk to your Head of Year
- Via the online Worry Box
- Refer yourself or ask your parent/carer to do so by emailing: [peer\\_mentor\\_lead@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk](mailto:peer_mentor_lead@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk)

### Attendance update – per house – Week 3

<b>Discovery</b>	<b>Endeavour</b>	<b>Pioneer</b>	<b>Voyager</b>
<b>87.1%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>86.3%</b>	<b>86.9%</b>

### Upcoming Key Dates

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK  
6<sup>th</sup> Form Interviews  
Day of Industrial Action #3  
Day of Industrial Action #4  
Student Big Leadership Day  
Swale Youth Forum Day  
Sleeping Beauty, Marlowe Trip  
Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Y9/10)  
Year 8 Choices Workshops  
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KS5 Economics Booster Day, London  
Rewards Assemblies  
Year 1 Practical Dance Exam  
SCHOOL CLOSED – THAT TRAINING DAY

w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March