

2023-2024

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Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to our new Year 7s!

As we complete week 2 of this new academic year, there is already plenty of news to share with you. Our year 7s are now firmly embedded into The Abbey and have quickly picked up our routines and procedures and all seem confident in navigating their way around our large school site.

As we approach autumn, Summer School must seem like such a distant memory but we hope all our 7s remember their time fondly and have made plenty of memories and lots of friends.

Here's a little reminder of some of the exciting activities that we crammed into the action-packed week: We tried gel-blasting, orienteering, bike-riding, archery tent-building, football, art, cookery....and so much more!



Sponsored Walk

This afternoon, we were able to hold our annual Year 7 sponsored walk, which had been postponed from last week due to the very hot weather. Conditions were perfect, if a little warm, and the 'going was good' underfoot. Everyone completed the circuit out to Brogdale and back, with no issues and all had a great time. Hopefully, plenty of money will be raised for this year's charity which is the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Celebrating Success outside school



For the last 9 months, Year 8 student, Sullivan, has been pursuing Olympic weightlifting with Canterbury Strength, a British Weight Lifting affiliated club located at Kent College in Canterbury. Showing admirable dedication and self-discipline, together with having ability and great coaching (from Charlotte Moss), Sullivan has made excellent progress.

This culminated last Saturday (8/9/23) when Sulli was entered in the British Olympic Weightlifting Championship in Leeds. This was his FIRST competition. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and excelled. He achieved an astonishing 4th place in this top ranked UK wide event, in his age/weight class.



Many congratulations to Sullivan – he is proving to be **#TheBestHeCanBe**



Duke of Edinburgh Award – a reminder



Mr Afful is our new Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator for this academic year. Please be aware, there is a meeting on Monday with the Year 10 DoE students in C17 at 3.30pm.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 11th September 2023



Emmanuel
Oyelekan
Y8

159 House Points



Ellie
Brown
Y7

96 House Points



Ruby
Willoughby
Y11

43 House Points



Jaden
Kapitu
Y7

124 House Points

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 18th September 2023

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

Spotlight on...6th form success

Further to our report last week on our KS5 results, we are delighted to share the news that 3 of our students have achieved outstanding results in The London Institute of Banking & Finance Level 3 qualifications and have been **awarded a scholarship towards one of their degree programmes**. This is clearly a fantastic achievement and to recognise their success they have been invited to a bespoke visit day at the City of London University campus, where they can gain an insight into the world of banking and finance.

Huge congratulations to:

- ★ Maciej Chmielecki – Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) – Grade A
- ★ Emanuel Cuttress – Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) – Grade A
- ★ Sebastian Russo – Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS) – Grade A

They will also receive a scholarship of £500 each for achieving A grades.

**The London Institute
of Banking & Finance**



CITY UNIVERSITY
LONDON

6th Form Destinations

Many students have secured university places at establishments all over the country, including a Russell Group. 1 student has signed for Gillingham FC and another has secured a scholarship in America – some fantastic achievements this year. We wish them all every success in the future and look forward to hearing from them. We are also delighted to welcome two students to The Abbey School as members of staff; Elliott and Dan will be joining our team of Teaching Assistants!

Emmanuel A	Kent	Niamh L	Hertfordshire
Ewan A	Border Force	Dan L	Abbey Staff
Luisa B	CCCU	Paige M	CCCU
Trevor B	Coventry	Tommy M	CCCU
Nicole B	CCCU	Toby O	Southampton
Cameron C	US Scholarship	Dylan P	CCCU
Jack C	CCCU	Sebastian R	Kent
Ella C	Essex	Harry S	Hertfordshire
Lilly D	De Montfort	Connor S	Liverpool
Scott E	Portsmouth	Eleisha S	Buckinghamshire
Sam F	Winchester	Carrick S	Chichester
Tom G	Loughborough	Anna S	Kent
Hannah K	CCCU	Aleksandra S	Roehampton
Henry K	CCCU	Jesse W	Kent
Bobby K	Kent	Luca W	York
Elliott K	Abbey Staff	Oliver W	Derby
Kuba L	Leicester	Aidan W	CCCU

Upcoming Key Dates

School Photographs Y7 & Y10

Geography Field Trip

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Open Evening

Pupil Parliament

Year 7 Form Tutor Parents' Evening

Flu Vaccinations Y7-11

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HALF-TERM (2 weeks)

Start of Term 2

Monday 25th October

Monday 25th September

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 27th September

Tuesday 3rd October

Wednesday 4th October

Monday 9th October

Tuesday 10th October

Monday 16th October

Monday 30th October

Open Evening

Just a reminder to parents, carers and students that this year's open evening for prospective year 6, and even year 5, students is taking place on **Wednesday 27th September**. If any students are interested in helping as a guide on the evening, please do let us know. Parents & carers can give their permission for this via the link that we've sent out which you can also find on our Facebook page. Don't forget we are closing early that day!

THE ABBEY SCHOOL
OPEN EVENTS
OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 27th September 2023, 5pm - 8pm
Come and explore our excellent facilities and meet our friendly community of staff and students.
OPEN MORNINGS
School Tours
6th October 11th October 30th October
NO BOOKING REQUIRED
"Be The Best You Can Be"
Our school motto reflects our educational values. It is inclusive of all that belong to our community and, as such, it is our aim that all members of our school show respect for one another.
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House News

Dr Moseley has taken over the role of Community Action Manager from Mrs Green and will be supporting student voice and the house system. The deputy from Discovery resigned last year so we have a vacancy to fill and are welcoming applications for Deputy House Captain. Do you have what it takes? If so, we would welcome your application!

The deputy would need to:

- ★ Be enthusiastic and support Discovery house at events throughout the year and on sports' day
- ★ Bring ideas to house meetings about how to improve the house system
- ★ Attend house council meetings
- ★ Be able to contribute to assemblies at the end of each term (you would not have to talk if you did not want to)

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please submit an exciting A4 poster to Dr Moseley via your form tutor or to S23. The deadline is 3.30pm on Wednesday 20th September. The best applications will be chosen and then the house will vote.

The poster will be judged on and should include:

1. Who you are and what qualities you have that would be good for a deputy house captain
2. In what ways you could support Discovery house this year
3. Why you think the house system is important to Abbey School
4. What you have done already to support the house system or to represent Abbey School
5. Anything else you want to include to make your poster stand out and be original