



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

### OPEN EVENING

We'd like to start by congratulating all students on how well they have returned to school, slotted back into their learning and signed up for clubs and activities. On Wednesday, hundreds were in school until late into the evening touring prospective families around and helping out in departments – all of them were fantastic ambassadors for the school and deserve the praise our visitors heaped upon them. Thank you, we are all very proud of each and every one of them

It was a fabulous evening and in terms of numbers of visitors was our most well-attended evening ever! It was an impressive showcase of our school and our students. All of the subject areas were vibrant and engaging, the site looked appealing, speeches ran smoothly and the children were confident and eloquent tour guides.



- *Alvy and Amy gave an amazing tour. All teachers and staff so welcoming*
- *Poppy and Ray were very helpful and informative*
- *Archie, TJ and Logan were awesome guides*
- *Lucy and Tess were amazing guides (Year 11). Charlotte in Geography was excellent*
- *Liked the facilities and staff were engaging. Department handouts were good.*
- *Guides, Lottie and Kaitlyn - they were amazing*
- *Classrooms and hands on aspects e.g. DT, science and food*
- *Head teacher presentation was informative. Maths and Dance were great*

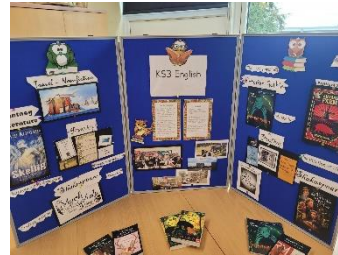


- *Seeing the passion in the tour guides*
- *Science experiments, food and maths*
- *Freya and Luna were informative and helpful*
- *Nice, clean, well-presented school*
- *Staff all friendly and answered all questions.*
- *Sid and Oli (guides) were very good*
- *The students were fabulous, articulate, confident and knowledgeable.*

- *Hearing from the students about what it's really like. Hayden, Elliott and Roxie were so enthusiastic and articulate*

Special mention must be made of our student speakers: Sam Dawson and Annie Erevia from Year 12, and Year 7 students, Roxie Ryan and Delyan Naydenov. They were confident and articulate speakers who gave an honest but very positive account of their time at The Abbey School so far. They really did us, their families, and themselves proud and were #THEBESTTHEYCOULD BE!

### *Some fab displays in English, Technology, Art & the LRC!*



### A message from Miss Nunn

A huge thank you to our wonderful group of GCSE dancers who performed all night for Open Evening. I appreciate you giving up your time to support the Performing Arts department. Well done to all!



Do sign up to Dance Club if this is of interest to you! In fact, why not check out all of our extra-curricular clubs that are offered to students – see the website for further details but here's a taster of what's included in Term 1:

- **Mondays** - Drama Club/Media/History/Geography/MFL/Girls' Netball
- **Tuesdays** – Art Club/Business/English GCSE/Dance Club/Neurodiversity
- **Wednesdays** – History revision/Boys' football trials & training/Choir Club
- **Thursdays** – Netball fixtures and Football fixtures
- **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays** – SPARX Maths to all year groups!
- **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays** – Homework Club

### PLUS:

Diversity Club; Duke of Edinburgh; Gardening & Crafts.....

### Our Lunchtime Clubs include:

**Every day** – Gaming Club and Football

**Mondays** – Crucial Film Club

### **Dance Club - Year 7s and 8s in action earlier this week:**



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Leighton  
Glass  
Y8

211 House Points



Reuben  
Moore  
Y9

129 House Points



Emilija  
Jodcika  
Y8

195 House Points



Jaden  
Kapitu  
Y7

165 House Points

## STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

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

### Spotlight on... More Positive News

#### Archie signs deal with Dover!

We were delighted earlier this week with the news that Archie Hatcher signed his first contract with the club, following in the footsteps of team-mate, Henry Young. His performance in the last round of the FA Cup earned him the Man of the Match and then scored his first goal on Saturday away to Bath City.



Mike Sandmann, Academy Coach, said "I'm extremely pleased for Archie as I know how hard he works behind the scenes to develop."

#### WEX in Parliament!



During the summer, Year 12 student, Luke, was fortunate to have a fabulous work experience opportunity spending time at the Houses of Parliament – which has no doubt been of great benefit to his studies, as we now have inside knowledge in the classroom! Thank you to Luke for

submitting such an impressive report:

*"On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, I spent the day in the Houses of Parliament for my Year 12 Work Experience, shadowing the local MP for Faversham and mid-Kent, Helen Whately. It was an invaluable experience, witnessing the day-to-day running of Parliament, and also gave me a sneak peek behind the scenes of an MP's daily routine! On the day, I was involved in completing case work regarding issues and questions brought forward by constituents. It was an eye-opening experience, as I was able to see the everyday workings of Parliament that you don't normally get to see outside of PMQs or the news. It also brought to life everything I had been learning about over the last year in politics and being able to visualise these things than just in a textbook – and has inspired me to consider a future career in politics, whether that is an apprentice in the Civil Service, or even studying Politics at university".*

### Geography Field Trip

A busy week this week for the Year 11's doing their GCSE geography course. On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, students travelled to Whitstable to undertake field work, and the practicalities of geography in the field. Examining human geography of land use and industry in Whitstable harbour. Investigating the high street too, considering the tourism sector. Then on to the beach for physical geographical data collection techniques. Students learning how to use equipment to collect primary data to answer hypotheses, such as the direction of longshore drift and erosion patterns. Mrs Finney, the Head of Learning, felt proud of how the Year 11s conducted themselves in the field, especially when up against limitations in the day which can interrupt data collection. Well done geographers!



### Upcoming Key Dates

Pupil Parliament  
Rewards Breakfast  
Year 7 Form Tutor Parents' Evening  
Open Morning  
Flu Vaccinations Y7-11  
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Open Morning  
HALF-TERM (2 weeks)  
Start of Term 2  
Open Morning

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
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### BEHAVIOUR IN THE COMMUNITY

In contrast to all of the above, it is therefore so disappointing to have to share some rather less positive news with our school community. Since our return to school following the long summer break, there has been a huge increase in the number of anti-social incidents being reported to us from residents and businesses in the local community.

We believe that this is only a few of our young people locally who are engaging in anti-social behaviour, often immediately after school has finished. We want to thank our students for not being part of this and we can reassure you that schools are taking this very seriously. We want our Faversham neighbours and local people to have a positive experience with our students. If any of our families or our students are aware of this happening, please make the school aware, as we take this very seriously and will act appropriately.

Please remember: 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.



THE BRITISH CITIZEN **youth** AWARD

### The British Citizen Youth Award – The People's Honours

We are delighted and extremely proud to announce that **Year 11 student, Oliver Smith**, has been selected to be bestowed The British Citizen Youth Award (BCyA). The BCyA has been developed to recognise outstanding young individuals for their selfless acts of kindness and their positive impact on society allowing them to have a system of recognition which allows them to be held up as role models to their peers. Oliver has been invited to the presentation at the Palace of Westminster on 12 October when we will be looking forward to celebrating with him further.

Oliver is an exceptional individual who thoroughly deserves this accolade!