



Abbot Beyne School  
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# Student Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



# Key Stage 3 Update



## Top Positive Points: 26th Feb - 3rd March

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st Tyler S	1st Kael E	1st Derek S
2nd Ashley R	2nd Jasmine S	2nd Maddie B
3rd = Nicola S Inez W	3rd = Zikra GY Summer H Cain L	3rd Jacob A



Well done to all

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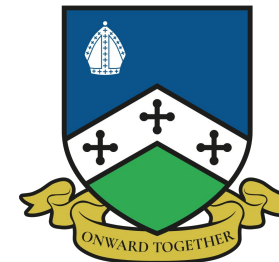


## British Values Assembly

Last week Mrs Airey gave Key Stage 3 students an assembly all about British Values. Students were reminded what values we have as members of the Abbot Beyne School Community and also what values are important to hold as a part of British society.



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# Key Stage 4 Update

## Positive Points Update

Year 11 positive points so far - 38510  
Year 10 positive points so far - 42694  
Well done and keep up the good work.

## Uniform Expectancy

School Blazer  
Shirt and Tie  
Black Trousers or Skirt  
Black Shoes

No hoodies or jackets are allowed to be worn in school.

If you are unsure of the full uniform list, please see our [Uniform Policy](#).



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## Year 10 Cup Final

Save the date!

Wednesday 24th April  
2024 East  
Staffordshire Schools  
Cup Final

Abbot Beyne Vs John Taylor High School.  
The game will be played after school so come down and support the team.



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## Awards and Recognition

### Student finance

Remember to sign up for updates about student finance:

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/student-finance/sign-up-to-be-the-first-to-know-when-full-time-undergraduate-student-finance>

We are expecting applications to open in the next two weeks.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday 16th March -  
Year 13 Geography  
fieldwork at Cannock Chase

Wednesday 20th March -  
EPQ Presentations

Thursday 21st March -  
BTEC Exam Results

Friday 22nd March -  
End of Term

### Sixth Form Students of the Week

**Communications** - Samantha M

**Enterprise** - Jack H and Awais H

**Innovation** - Joseph F and Bailey R

**Performance** - Zaynah F

**Social Studies** - Ella T and Amber M

Hopefully you have been planning when you are going to Open Days, these websites are useful:

<https://www.opendays.com/> <https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

The University of Derby have launched a programme to help prep students for university life, from study skills to living independently.

<https://www.derby.ac.uk/get-ready-for-uni/>





# Enterprise

We are very excited to share the successes of students across the Enterprise faculty and to let you know of the exciting opportunities you can get involved in for Pi Day!



## ★ THE IT CROWD 🧑‍💻

**KNOWITALL NINJA**

**Leaderboard**

Y R I O	Rank	Name	XP	Rank	Name	XP
1	Onur B	1350	1	Daniel J	3870	
2	Mohammad Cl	1270	2	Faith B	3870	
3	Lily L	1250	3	Vlad L	3770	

## \*\*\* Sparx Superstars \*\*\*

### Introducing Sparx Superstars for the Spring Term....

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Y7 - Cherrie W  | Y10 - Bella H   |
| Y8 - Jasmine S  | Y11 - Brielle P |
| Y9 - Patrycja T |                 |

A fantastic effort from all - Well done!

## HAPPY $\pi$ DAY! 😊

# 3.14

Pi day is celebrated on March 14th every year!

Pi is the ratio of any circle's circumference to its diameter.

The Pi symbol was adopted by Swiss mathematician, Leonard Euler, in 1737.

3.14159265358979325846264338327950288419716939957510582...

### 133 YEARS

Is the approximate amount of time it would take a person to recite the 6.4 billion known digits of Pi without stopping.

You could calculate the spherical volume of our entire universe with the first 39 digits of Pi!

The earliest reference to Pi occurred in Ancient Egypt around the year 1650 BC.

Pi Day was first celebrated in San Francisco in 1988.

The number 1 is the most commonly occurring number in the first 100,000 decimal places of pi. It occurs 10,137 times.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most pizzerias and bakeries offer special Pi Day deals and discounts on March 14th!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Theoretical physicist Albert Einstein and NBA supertser Stephen Curry both are born on March 14th!



## Mathematics News

### Tetris and its Uses

With its bright colours, easy-to-learn rules and familiar music, the video game Tetris has endured as a pop culture icon over the last 40 years. Many people have been playing the game for decades, and it has evolved to adapt to new technologies like game systems, phones and tablets. But until January 2024, nobody had ever been able to beat it.

But there's far more to Tetris than the elusive promise of winning.

The game is based on a fundamental element of geometry, called dynamic spatial reasoning. The player uses these geometric skills to manipulate the game pieces, and playing can both test and improve a player's dynamic spatial reasoning.

While it may seem simple, transformational geometry is the foundation for several advanced topics in mathematics. Architects and engineers both use transformations to draw up blueprints, which represent the real world in scale drawings.

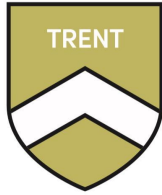
Animators and computer graphic designers use concepts of transformations as well. While animators today use computer programs that automatically move figures around, they are all based on translation.

Research has found that manipulating rotations and translations within the game can provide a solid conceptual foundation for advanced mathematics in numerous science fields.

Playing Tetris may lead to a future in business analytics, engineering or computer science—and it's fun.

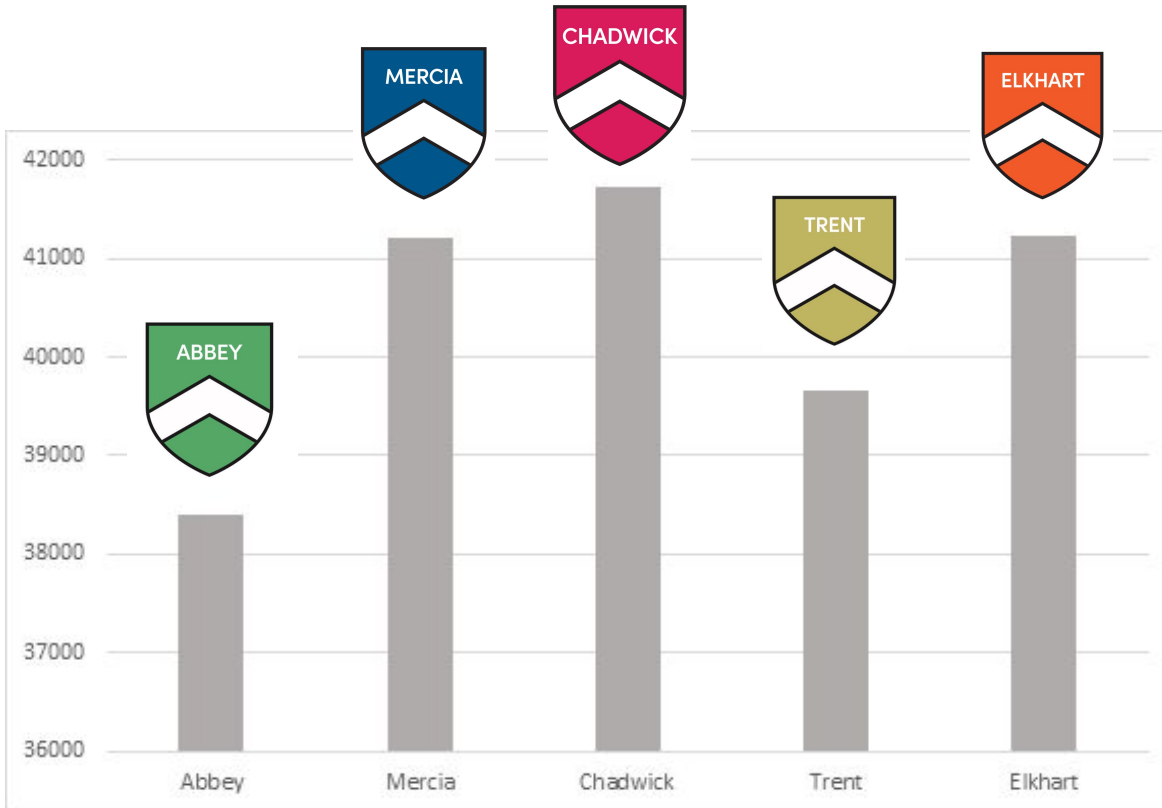


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Abbot Beyne School  
Mercia Abbey Trent Chadwick Elkhart

Get revising your humanities knowledge for our next House Event.



# HOUSE

## HUMANITIES QUIZ



**CAN YOU HELP YOUR HOUSE WIN?!**



**DURING TUTOR TIME  
18TH-22ND MARCH**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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# Enrichment

## Year 12 and Year 13 Trip to London

A group of Sixth Form students boarded the train from Burton, headed for the southbank of the Thames last week. Train, tube and feet were all needed to get students across London to the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at the Globe Theatre to see the production of Othello. This was a fantastic performance at an iconic venue which was ideal for students to see the link to their English A Level.



### Enrichment Experience:

- To visit museums, places of worship and other places of historical or cultural interest.

### Venue:

- Globe Theatre, London

### Students:

- Year 12 and Year 13



## The Bridge Peak District Walk

An intrepid bunch of students from Years 9 and 10 accompanied Mr Lynch into the Peak District last week just as a blizzard was blowing over the hills. Students managed to avoid the worst of the snow, but certainly had to deal with wind, rain, hail and even a bit of sunshine. Students walked across Stanton Moor near Matlock and explored the Nine Ladies Stone Circle as part of their adventurous walk, all of which goes towards their Prince's Trust qualification.



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### Venue:

- Peak District, Derbyshire

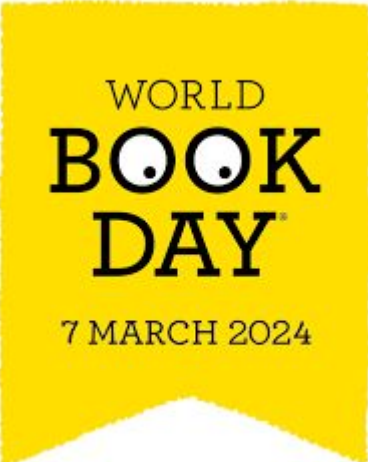
### Students:

- Years 9 and 10

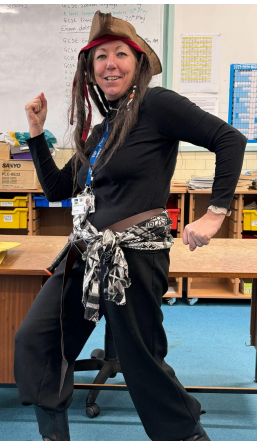
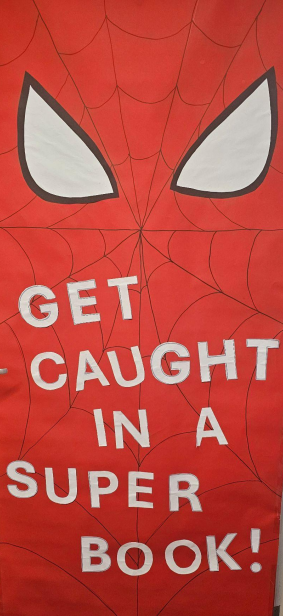
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# World Book Day



Thursday 7th March was World Book Day. We had lots going on to support this event - we decorated our classroom doors, we had an extreme reading competition, staff dressed up as fictional characters from a book, and each morning during the week in form time there were dedicated WBD activities. Well done to Mrs Sullivan for pulling it all together!



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# Attendance

**Most improved  
Form  
Attendance  
9C**

## Attendance Matters

Please remember if your child is absent from school to either message in via the MyChildatSchool App or leave a message on the Absence Line with an explanation as to why they are absent.

**Best Form  
Attendance**

**7C, 8C &  
9C**

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**Most improved  
House  
Attendance  
Abby**

# Holiday Activities and Food

#HAF2024 | Free holiday activities and food this Easter 🐣

If your child is eligible for a free place on the HAF programme, they will receive a letter with a HAF code.

- ✓ Booking opens at 4pm on 11th March
- ✓ Activities run 25th March - 5th April
- ✓ Quote your HAF code to get a free place

Activities include dodgeball, cooking, horse-riding, dance, football, swimming, arts and crafts, bushcraft and lots more. Your child will get a chance to make new friends, have fun and enjoy a healthy meal.

If your child is not eligible for a free place but wants to attend, most of the clubs offer paid places too! 👍

Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website ➡ [Holiday Activities and Food](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

**EASTER FUN!**  
**FREE**  
**Holiday Activities and Food**  
for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\*  
**Booking opens: 4pm, Monday 11th March 2024**  
[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)



**Booking will open from 4pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** Places fill up fast, please book as soon as possible at:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)  
or scan the QR code below.



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