



Abbot Beyne School
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Student Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Key Stage 3 Update



Top Positive Points: 16th - 22nd March

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st Dawid G	1st Courtney J	1st Tyler S
2nd Alisa O	2nd Ismaeel A	2nd Eliza C
3rd Ellie W	3rd = Sehar HN Charlie-Ann N Kamila OV Evelyn S	3rd Jonah J



Well done to all



Onatti Theatre Performance

Year 7 students had our regular visit from the Onatti Theatre Company last week. The students watched an interactive performance which is delivered in a mixture of French and English to complement their French lessons. Some students even got the chance to take part on the stage themselves.

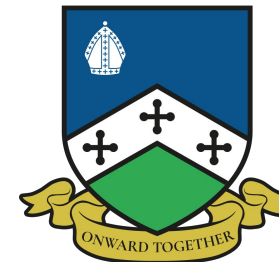


Flash Bang Chemistry show

Year 9 had a spectacular treat last week as they had a live demonstration from a Chemistry specialist. As the name suggests, there were plenty of chemical reactions which got the audience excited - and they only set the fire alarm off once.

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Year 9 Careers Trip



Mrs Franklin and Mrs Ingley took a group of prospective Engineering students to look around the facilities at the Stephen Burke Construction Academy, part of Burton College. These students, about to pick their GCSE options, got to see how their learning could continue if they opted for technical and engineering based courses once they move on from Abbot Beyne School.



Key Stage 4 Update

Top tips to ensuring you get the best out of school

- Having breakfast every day
- Drink enough water and have a good diet
- Get enough sleep every night, having a good routine and not just trying to catch up at weekends
- Exercise
- Relaxing and socialising

Mobile phones

Reminder: Mobile phones, headphones, and smart watches are not permitted. Any of these items seen during the school day will be confiscated in line with the new rules.



The heart of a blue whale, the largest animal ever known to have lived on Earth, weighs more than 450 kg (1000 lbs).

We recently welcomed Severn Trent to deliver an assembly to our Year 11 students on clean water, how water is treated, and the science behind the process. Students also learned how wastewater is repurposed and cleaned so it can be safely filtered back into rivers and returned to our homes. The session also highlighted the causes of sewage blockages and how simple actions can help prevent them.



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Easter Revision

The Easter holidays are a crucial period of time where you can make a significant difference to your achievement in your GCSEs and BTECs through careful planning of your revision.

You will be creating a revision timetable to help organise your revision. We will be running some revision sessions during the Easter holiday period. We very much encourage you to attend as many of the sessions as possible.

Use the Google form (accessed through the email sent by Mr Holden) to sign up with your school email address. You can not sign up for two sessions that are running at the same date and time.

Post 16 Sixth Form at Abbot Beyne School

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 15th April - Careers Talk - Social Sciences - Year 12 (enrichment)

Thursday 30th April - Year 13 Art and Photography exams begin

W.c. 5th May - External exams begin for Years 11 - 13

Wednesday 6th May - Year 8 Consultation Evening (refreshment helpers)

Friday 8th May - Colour Run (Period 4)

Tuesday 19th May - Year 12 Biology Trip - Woburn

Friday 22nd May - Break up for half term

Save the date - Abbot Beyne Community Fair

Organised by Year 12 students, see Miss Smith if you would like to help and are not on the committee yet - Friday 26th June (straight after school)

It can be difficult to cope with everything going on at once in our lives but support is available to you in school or from other services.

Shout – 24/7 text service -

<https://giveusashout.org/>

Young Minds -

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/>

The Mix -

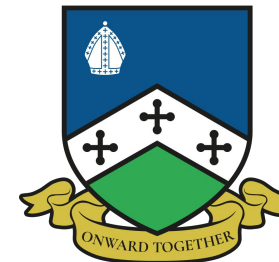
<https://www.themix.org.uk/>



A reminder of the Sixth Form agreement which you all signed at the beginning of the academic year regarding punctuality and attendance.

- Attendance expectation is 100% for all students
- You must be on the school site by 8.25am and in form time by 8.30am.
- Attendance at all lessons and supervised study is compulsory (this includes Art/ Photography supervised study sessions)

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Awards and Recognition

Sixth Form Students of the Week

Innovation - Evan S



Performance - Rumaisa A and Aiden P

Social Studies - Tilly A and Ruby B

Communications - Alexandra H

Enterprise - Evie W



Attendance Matters



Why go anywhere else?
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Innovation

Flash Bang Show - Friday 20th March 2026 - Year 9



For the full video, click on the link below

[Dr Frank 1](#)



For the full video, click on the link below

[Dr Frank 3](#)



For the full video, click on the link below

[Dr Frank 2](#)



For the full video, click on the link below

[Dr Frank 4](#)

We were lucky to have Dr Frank Mair from the University of Manchester showing students the marvel of Science and some of the flash bang experiments we do in school but on a much larger scale.

Our students were treated to controlled explosions involving hydrogen for rocket fuel, the colours we obtain for fireworks by burning metals and the effect of absorption of carbon dioxide in our seas and oceans and many, many more.

We would like to thank Frank for delivering an exceptional Flash Bang Session. As well as supporting the national curriculum, this event highlighted the challenges of chemistry and allowed our students to get hands-on experience of what studying chemistry involves. It delivered the message that chemistry can lead to real jobs in the real world.

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Communications

Students of the week:

Year 7 – Rosie P

Year 8 – Evie S

Year 9 – Charlie OM

Year 10 – Freya SD

Year 11 – Henley W

Sixth form - Amelia D

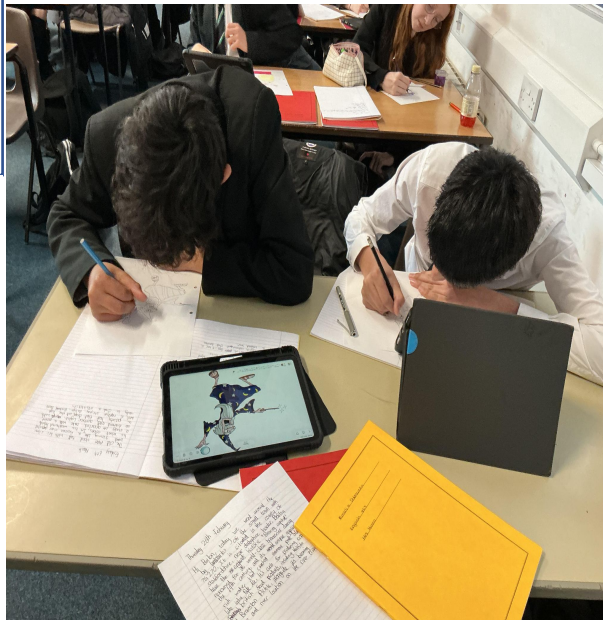
Well done to you all – Keep up the good work



Year 8 have been enjoying their Travel Writing unit. It seems we have some budding travel writing authors amongst us.

World Book Day ...

Wow! What an amazing success World Book Day (WBD) was. The staff wore some fantastic costumes, and students across the school enjoyed the WBD activities in form time and during lessons.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

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WHERE IS IT?
This massive food fight takes place in Buñol, a Valencia region of eastern Spain. You might be wondering if they have anywhere to stay... well let me just tell you, the chances of finding a hotel room in Buñol are incredibly low. To actually obtain a room, you need to book over 1 year in advance. However, an alternative option is to stay in Valencia and just travel to Buñol.

CONCLUSION
To end this, who wouldn't want to visit this messy, red, orange festival full of tomatoes? Who wouldn't want to get covered head to toe in tomato paste. So come along to this festival of tomatoes, LA TOMATINA. 🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅

Who wouldn't want to visit the biggest food fight in the whole world? On the last Wednesday of August, over 20000 people flock to the small town of Buñol for the festival of tomatoes 🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅

WHAT TO EXPECT?
Well, what you would see is a chaotic, one hour, high energy food fight involving over 20000 people pelting each other with 100 tonnes of tomatoes! To sum this all up, this is not your normal Wednesday.

HOW DID IT ALL START?
Well in 1945, 2 locals had a very big argument which quickly escalated into the whole town getting into a massive food fight (making a lot of tomato) which officials found outrageous and a waste of time so they banned it from happening. When they heard this, the locals were so angry that they decided to make it an official. So why not join in on this historical act, and cover Buñol in tomatoes!

La Tomatina

FAT TUESDAY:
Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday" is a vibrant festival, occurring the day before Ash Wednesday. Marking the 47-day Christian fasting season of Lent begins. Mardi Gras is celebrated with parades, masks and rich, fatty foods to enjoy before the start of Lent. There's the well-known king cake (which originated back in France and Spain). The king cake has a delectable and luxurious cinnamon sugar and cream cheese filling, with a fluffy brioche style dough. The name of the cake is derived from the three wise men. Did you know that they often take a plastic baby symbolising luck?

MARDI GRAS
Are you sick of a home with nothing to do, no celebrations going on? If so, why don't you head on down to New Orleans Louisiana, and join in on the fun with the Mardi Gras festival. A celebration full of color, food and parading. Who would want to miss out on the outstanding, breathtaking, beautiful views and history of Mardi Gras?

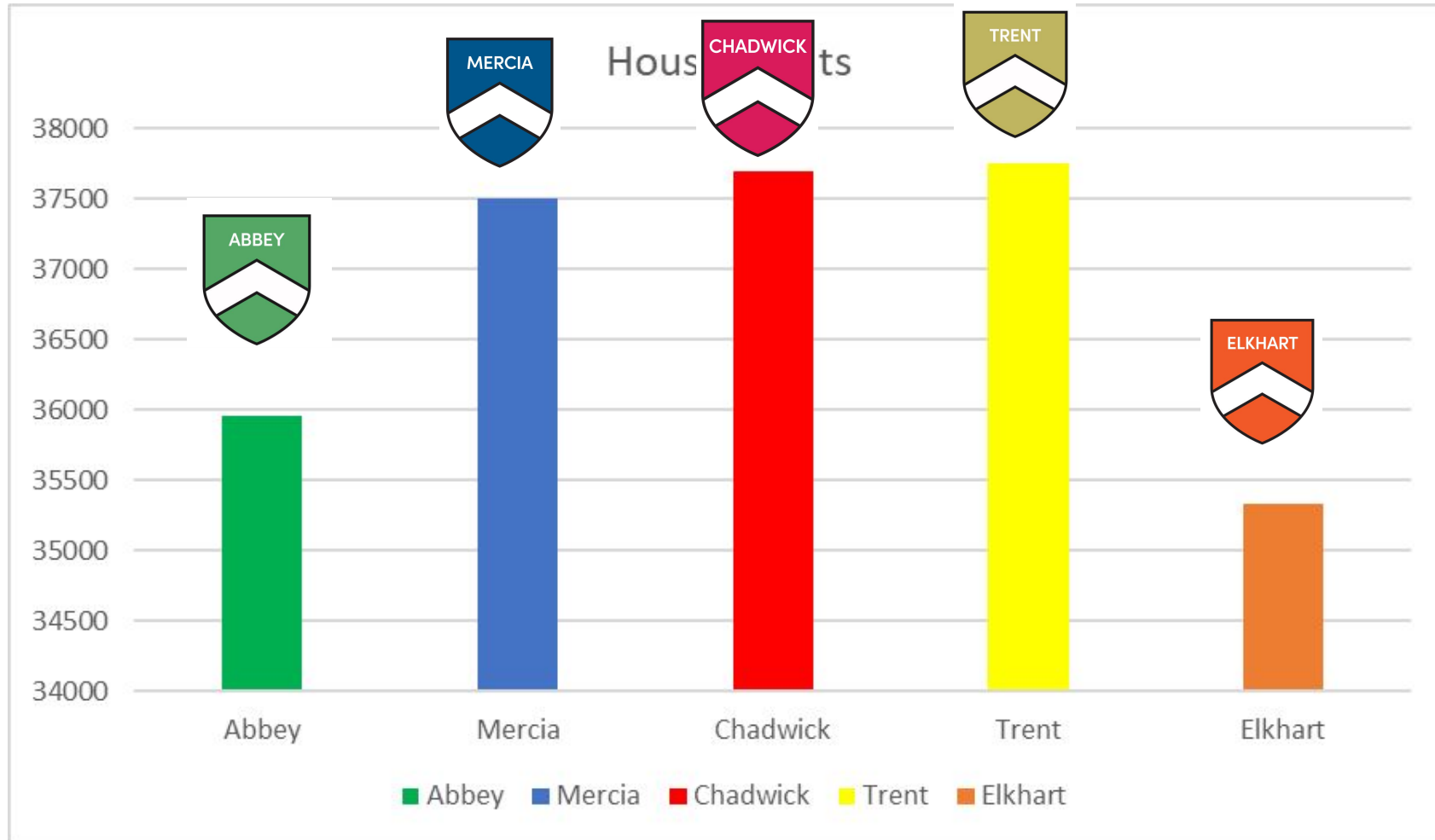
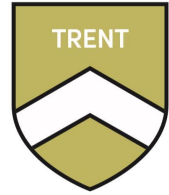
CARNIVAL TIME IS HERE!
The start of the festival season is January 6th, the twenty night, they usually make dresses, floats, food and decorate the town during the run up to Mardi Gras. The final day of carnival season is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Floats are decorated beautifully and have lively music and the throwing of miniature, vibrant beads/trinkets into large crowds. So many people visit New Orleans just to experience this one in a lifetime event; one year they had 11.1 million people go to New Orleans just to get to experience Mardi Gras!

WHAT TO SEE AROUND TOWN:
While in New Orleans, why don't you go on down to the famous, well-renowned old city destination, full of vibrant nightlife, historical architecture and lively celebrations especially during Mardi Gras. This fabulous, well-known street is no other than Bourbon street. The views when in the crowd are so vast, so breathtaking that you'll never forget them. The locals, who are so welcoming, make you feel so at home that you'll never want to leave!

SO WHY DON'T YOU GO?
So why don't you book a flight to see all of these fabulous experiences in New Orleans while it's the perfect time of year! You should visit Louisiana, not just for Mardi Gras, but for the amazing food, views, people, events and of course the parades! The food there is so good that it'll explode your taste buds! So come on down and get involved with all of the fun!

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Last week Trent led the House Points competition by almost 200 points. Chadwick have closed this gap to only 50 points. Mercia are close behind Chadwick in 3rd position.



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LEADERSHIP

TEAM

Enrichment

Mrs Green organised for a large cohort of students from Year 9 to go to the RAF Air Museum in Cosford to complement the studies they are doing in their History lessons about the Cold War.

Students explored the various aircraft hangers which housed fighter planes used in both World War 1 and 2, including the oldest supermarine Spitfire in the world along with Hurricanes and the German Messerschmitt.

In the Cold War exhibition, students could sit in the cockpits of fighter planes, stand under the iconic Vulcan bomber and read lots of information about how the nuclear deterrent was maintained from the 'V-Force' in the Air Force and then later passed onto the Royal Navy.



Year 9 RAF Cosford



Enrichment Experience:

- To visit art galleries, museums, places of worship and other places of historical and cultural significance.

Venue:

- RAF Cosford

Students:

- Year 9



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Attendance



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Achieve
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Build your confidence & self esteem
- Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences

Have the best possible start in life!

**Best House
Attendance
Trent**

**Best Form
Attendance
7D**

Extra Curricular Timetable Summer 2026



	Lunchtime	Afterschool (3.15-4.00)
Monday	GCSE & A Level Art/Photography coursework catch up - VA5 and VA4 with Miss Brassington and Mr Randall (Art/photography students only)	Homework club - Evershed LRC and L14
Tuesday	GCSE & A Level Art/Photography coursework catch up - VA5 and VA4 with Miss Brassington and Mr Randall (Art/photography students only)	Homework club - Evershed LRC and L14 KS4 French Club - L1 with Mrs Timson (WEEK 1 ONLY) Crochet Club - E14 with Mrs Hart BTEC Sport club - L1 with Mrs Winfield Sci-fi & Fantasy Roleplaying Club - L6 with Mr Griffiths SPARX drop in session - E14 with maths department Flag football - Evershed Field with Mr Lynch
Wednesday	GCSE & A Level Art/Photography coursework catch up - VA5 and VA4 with Miss Brassington and Mr Randall (Art/photography students only)	Homework club - Evershed LRC and L14 KS3 rounders club - Evershed field with Mrs Winfield and Mrs O'Regan Fitness suite - Evershed with Miss Smith (KS4 and KS5 only) Athletics - Evershed field with Mr Wiseman Cricket - Evershed field with Mr Lynch
Thursday	GCSE & A Level Art/Photography coursework catch up - VA5 and VA4 with Miss Brassington and Mr Randall (Art/photography students only)	Homework club - Evershed LRC and L14 Fitness suite - Evershed with Mrs O'Regan (KS4 and KS5 only) KS4 rounders club - Linnell field with Miss Smith KS4 Basketball club - Evershed gym with Mr Wiseman Duke of Edinburgh - Evershed Hall with Mr Lynch
Friday	GCSE & A Level Art/Photography coursework catch up - VA5 and VA4 with Miss Brassington and Mr Randall (Art/photography students only)	

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Train to Teach – The John Taylor SCITT Primary (3-7), Primary (5-11), Primary (5-11) SEND and Secondary (11-16)



The John Taylor SCITT has been training teachers for over 10 years and has awarded over 450 trainees Qualified Teacher Status since 2016. Building on their Primary (3–7) and (5–11) provision, alongside their 12-subject Secondary offer, they are delighted to launch their newest teacher training route, now open for applications for a September 2026 start.

This Primary (5-11) SEND Enhancement programme has been carefully designed to prepare trainees to work confidently and effectively with pupils with special educational needs across the primary age range. It builds on their established ITT curriculum, with an enhanced focus on inclusive practice, adaptive teaching, and meeting the needs of all learners in both mainstream and specialist settings.

They are proud to be extending this provision in this area and strengthening their commitment to inclusive education. This programme reflects both local and national priorities in ensuring all pupils receive high-quality teaching and support.

If you know anyone interested in training to teach? Show them www.jtscitt.co.uk for more information and to sign up for an information event to hear about training to teach with The John Taylor SCITT.

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SEND
Enhancement

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Training teachers for 10 years

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