Abbot Beyne School

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Student Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026



Key Stage 3 Update



Top Positive Points: 5th - 11th October

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st = Tabitha H Ibrahim K	1st = Musa M Darcey O	1st = Maymunah BI Usmawia IM Precious M Nicola Z
2nd = Isabelle E Poppy L	2nd Jacob G Rico F RJ T	2nd Olivia C
3rd = Harmony B Umar-Farouq D Romeo O	3rd Michelle M	3rd = Jack W Libby W

Assessment Fortnight: 9th - 20th November-



Mr Church reminded students in Key Stage 3 that there is an assessment fortnight starting after half term, during which students will sit assessments in their normal lessons in their normal classrooms. These tests are important so that teachers can see where there are gaps in students' knowledge and they also help students get into the habit of sitting in exam conditions in preparation for when they do GCSEs later in school. Students need to be on-time for all classes and be prepared for sitting quietly in the classroom - make sure you go to the toilet during break so not to disturb your test.

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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.

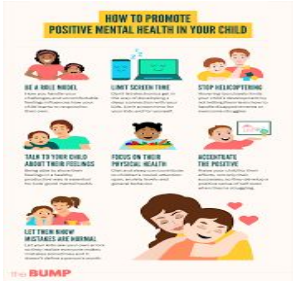


Your mental health is important and you need to make sure that you are looking after it. Take steps to improve your mental health when you can. Click on the images below to be taken to websites and videos that can offer support and advice.

If you are struggling with your mental health then please make sure that you speak to someone whether that be your parents or teachers.







📚 Why attendance matters at Abbot Beyne School

Good attendance is key to student success. Being in school every day helps students keep up with learning, build confidence and develop strong routines. Regular attendance leads to better progress, stronger friendships and improved results.

If your child is struggling with attendance, please contact us - we are here to help.

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Throughout October, communities, schools, organisations and institutions across the country will honour the contributions of Black people to Britain's past, present and future.

This year's theme, **"Honouring Our Communities,"** invites us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain Black life across the United Kingdom.

https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/

Post 16 Sixth Form at Abbot Beyne School

Upcoming dates:

Monday 19th October - Scarefest Visit

Thursday 22nd October - Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Careers Fair - Linnell Hall

Friday 23rd October - INSET Day



Careers FAIR

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/

shout 85258 here for you 24/7

YOUNGMiNDS fighting for young people's mental health

Awards and Recognition

Sixth Form Students of the Week

Each week students of the week from the previous week will be celebrated on the newsletter here. You can earn student of the week in the following faculties:

Innovation - Sanchit G

Performance - Keegan G and Charlie R

Social Studies - Liliana H and Alex G

Communications - Amber M

Enterprise - Razvan M

Dress code reminder: The overall standard is "**smart casual".** Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner at all times. This includes:

- No offensive slogans or football shirts
- No low cut or short tops
- No short shorts or short skirts
- No tattoos, midriffs or excessive flesh on show

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Why go anywhere else?
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Performance





Year 8 Grace R and Alisa O have produced some amazing African art masks, demonstrating their attention to detail and tonal skills.

Lots of red paper and soft pastels for Year 8 students in the Art department. It takes confidence to try out new materials and work out of your comfort zone and you all did a fantastic job.

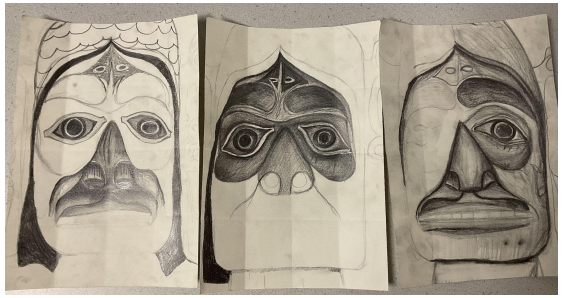




Well Done Year 10 GCSE Artists - what a fantastic start to the year you have had. Miss Brassington is so impressed with the high standard of work and the commitment you are showing. It is exciting to see how your skills will grow over the next few months



A great start to Year 9 art made by Jack W, Isabelle-Cora C and Katrina J-A with their excellent totem sketches, well done.



It has been fantastic to see so many of you at Performance extra curricular clubs this half term. If you have not yet been to a club, please feel free to come along and give one a try.

The Year 8 netball team went to the Burton Schools Netball Tournament this week. They won all of their games except one and we are so proud of their resilience and commitment to the netball team already this half term. Well done.

A BIG THANK YOU to all students who have attended the workshops for our **Performing Arts showcase**. We will have over 50 students performing on stage, with a great team of 8 backstage too.These students have already demonstrated excellent enthusiasm and commitment to Performing Arts at Abbot Beyne School, and we can't wait for you all to see their performances in February 2027.

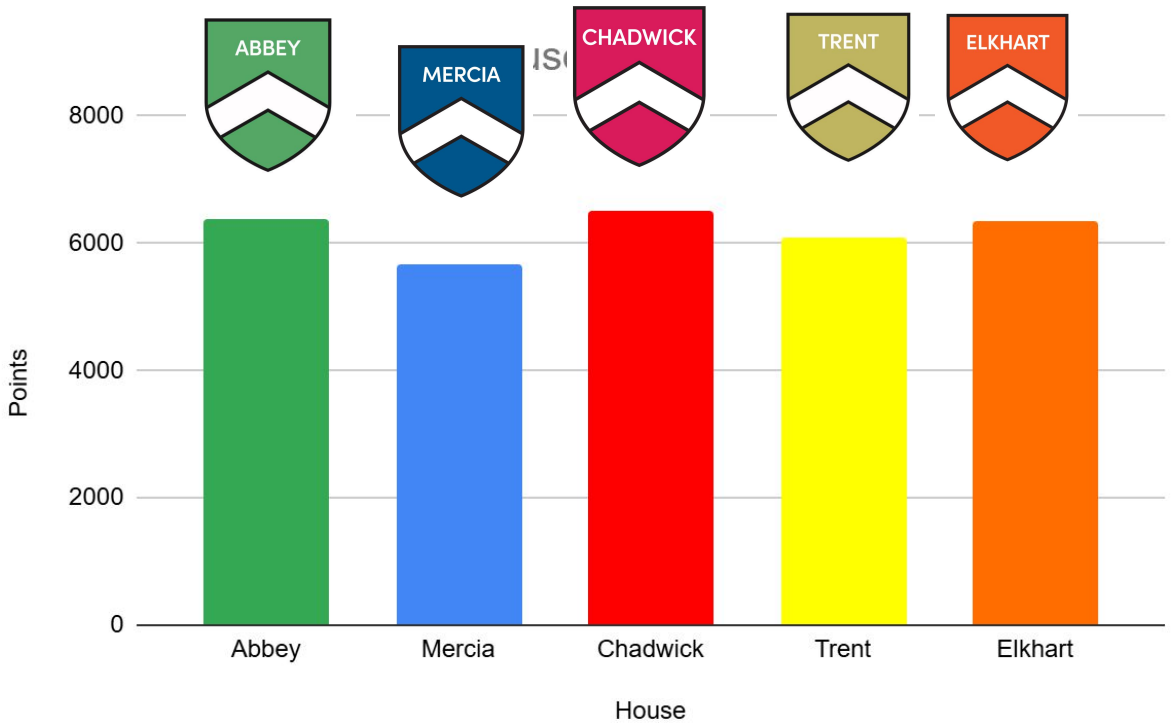
Sports to watch

Sports to Watch in October:
9-11: Formula 1 - Singapore Grand Prix, Marina Bay Street Circuit
9-11: Rowing - World Coastal Championships, Qingdao, China
10: Triathlon - Ironman World Championships, Hawaii
15 October to 15 November: Rugby League World Cup - men's, women's and wheelchair tournaments in Australia and Papua New Guinea
17: Horse racing - British Champions Day, Ascot
17-25: Artistic gymnastics - World Championships, Rotterdam, Netherlands
23-25: Formula 1 - United States Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
23-31: Baseball - World Series
30 October to 1 November: Formula 1 - Mexican Grand Prix, Mexico City

Which House is going to win the House points competition this year?

Chadwick maintain a slim lead over Abbey.

Mercia are falling behind - they are over 100 points behind 4th place. Come on Mercia - can you catch up by next week?!



LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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Our DofE students have been working hard across their different sections, developing independence, resilience, teamwork, confidence and practical skills along the way.

Physical

Students choose a physical activity and work towards improving their fitness, ability or performance over time. This could include football, netball, walking, running, gym work, yoga or other regular physical activities.

Skills

Students develop a new or existing skill and demonstrate their progress over time. This could include cooking, learning an instrument, photography, art, gardening, crafts or developing another personal interest.



🏕️ Ready for Your DofE Adventure?

Year 9 – Bronze DofE 🥉

Want to challenge yourself, try new things and gain an award that you can be proud of? Bronze DofE is a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills, get active, volunteer and take part in an exciting expedition.

Year 10 – Silver DofE 🥈

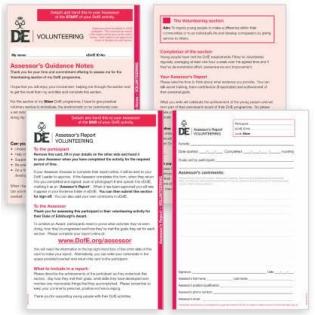
Ready for the next challenge? Silver DofE gives you the chance to push yourself further, build your independence and take on a more challenging expedition while continuing your Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections.

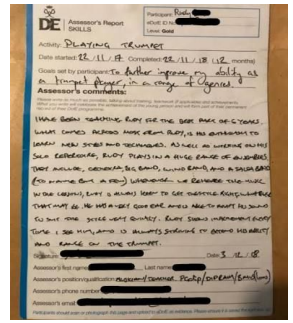
🌟 Why Sign Up?

- 🥾 Experience exciting outdoor expeditions
- 💪 Build confidence and resilience
- 🧠 Learn and develop new skills
- ❤️ Give something back through volunteering
- 🤝 Make memories and work as a team
- 🏆 Gain an award that recognises your commitment and achievement

D of E club will run after half term, you can secure your place by paying the deposit on ParentPay.

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IMPORTANT DofE REMINDER

Assessor Reports Needed 📝

Students who have completed their Physical, Skills or Volunteering sections need to make sure they have an Assessor Report completed.

✅ Speak to your assessor
✅ Ask them to complete your report
✅ Upload it to eDofE
✅ Check that all sections are showing as complete

Don't let all your hard work go unrecognised – make sure your assessor reports are submitted.

🌟 Keep going. Keep challenging yourself. Keep achieving. 🌟

Enrichment

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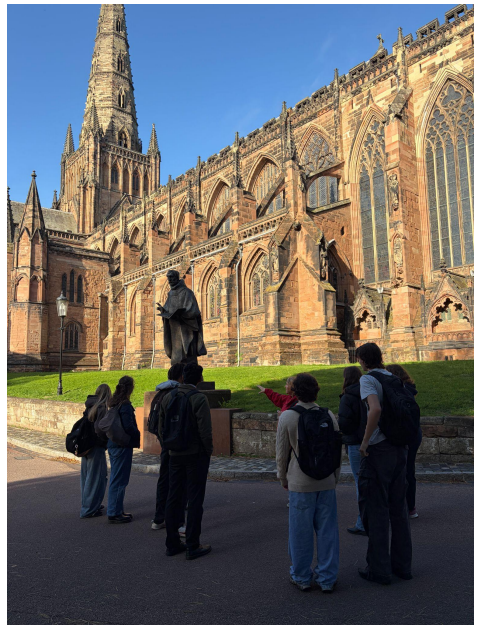
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Mrs Green took the Year 13 A level History students to Lichfield to explore the importance that the Cathedral and surrounding area played in the English Civil War. Mrs Green took students on a walking tour around the City to point out important locations and highlight the tudor architecture that still exists in many streets. Students had a detailed tour of the Cathedral and also learnt about the significance of St Chad, who has a chapel dedicated to them in the Cathedral. He was instrumental in spreading Christianity across the area in the early medieval period of Britain.

Y13 History Trip to Lichfield

Enrichment Experience:

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

Venue:

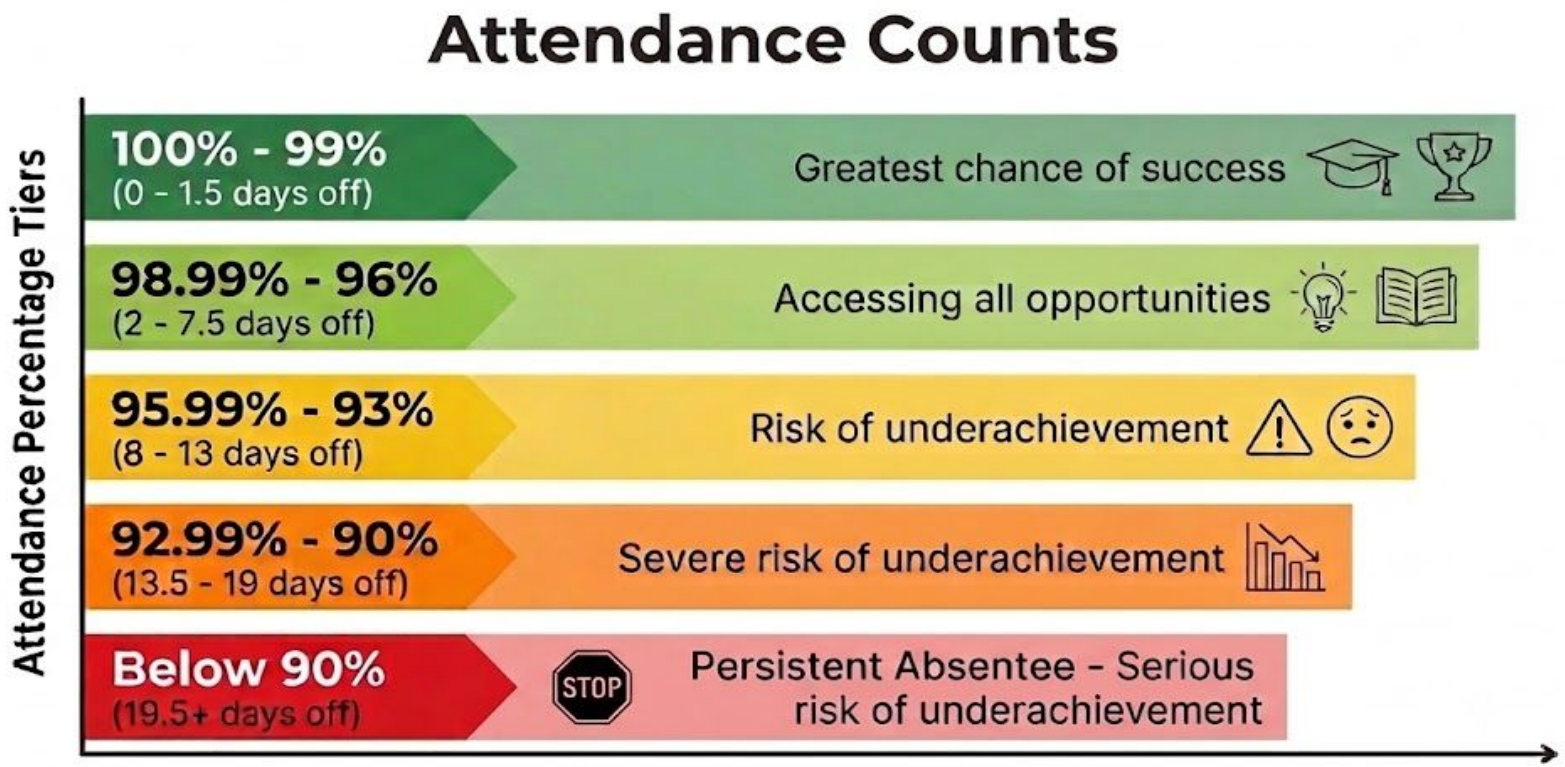
- Lichfield

Students:

- Year 13

Attendance

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Best Form (last week)	7A	8E	9A	10B	11C
Best Form (year to date)	7E	8E	9D	10E	11D



Best Year in Whole School (Last Week)

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Best Year in Whole School (YTD)

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CAREERS





Please see two career opportunities with Staffordshire Police and the National Grid.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers children aged 5–16 free access to a wide range of fun, enriching activities across Staffordshire during Easter, summer and winter school holidays. This will be extended to October half term this year.

- They can attend one session over the half term
- This includes a healthy meal if the session is over 2 hours
- Paid for places are also available from some of our providers

The programme is designed primarily to support children and young people who receive targeted free school meals (FSM).

Bookings now open

Support for booking is available online here (opens in a new tab)

Families will receive a unique HAF codes for the child/children from Staffs County Council by email or post and should use these codes to book activities through the Staffordshire County Council website

