

The Abbey School Newsletter

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

The staff were delighted to welcome the students back to school last week and to business more 'as usual' with the lifting of some of the covid restrictions such as 'bubbles'.



This means we can have assemblies in the hall again and school lunch which is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet those in other years and to practice their social skills. Some measures are still in place including frequent hand washing, sanitising, not sharing stationery and other resources.

Expectations for behaviour, uniform, attendance and so on also remain unchanged and students have been discussing the school rules and routines during Tutor Time. It was so nice to be able to welcome parents and carers into school for the first time since the start of the pandemic to attend the Curriculum Information Evening on Monday. If you couldn't make it or would like to refer back to any of the information that was shared, copies of the presentations are available on the school website for reference

<https://www.abbey.surrey.sch.uk/1652/curriculum-information-evening>

There are several more opportunities for parents and carers to come into school this term including the Friends of The Abbey AGM and our first Parent/Carer coffee morning of the year – further details below and overleaf.

Friends of The Abbey School AGM

Tuesday 21st September 2021 6.30p.m.

The Friends of The Abbey School Association is the school's PTA and all parents and carers of students at the school are automatically members and warmly welcome to attend all meetings.

Next Tuesday the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in school starting at 6.30p.m. This will be the first time the group has been able to hold a meeting since before the pandemic so as many of you as possible are encouraged to attend.

The Friends organise social events to give families opportunities to meet up informally, get to know each other, share information/advice and the students get chance to spend time with their school friends in a social setting.

The Friends also raise funds for additional items to benefit all the students at the school and sometimes provide support at school events such as the Reindeer Run for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

At the AGM we will be electing a new Chair (many thanks to Cathy McMillan who has been chair through a very difficult period during the pandemic and is stepping down because her son left the school at the end of Year 11 last year), a secretary and a treasurer. We will also be looking for volunteers to join the committee and those who would be happy to be on the 'helpers list' for events, but would also welcome input and ideas from parents and carers who are not able to make an ongoing commitment at this time.

We do need a minimum number of parents and carers to attend the AGM in accordance with the FOTAS constitution so really would welcome your support by attending this meeting, even if you will not be able to attend any of the others this year.

Thank you on behalf of The Friends of The Abbey



Year 11 students have been mark making on leaves with Mrs Waters who joined the Art department this term.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Last Friday students who are completing the D of E Bronze Award programme as one of their KS4 options had a practice overnight camp in the school grounds. It was a very positive experience and the students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and demonstrating their skills. Many, many thanks to Mr Baldwin, Mr Kennedy and Miss Burke for camping out with them.



Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Monday 27th September 2021 From 9:30 - 11:00

Please complete and return the form as soon as possible so we know how many guests to expect.



FAO: Mrs Kennedy

Coffee Morning - The Abbey School

Monday 27th September 2021

Name of Parent(s)/Carer(s): _____

Name of Student: _____

Student class _____

I/we (delete as applicable) would like to attend the coffee morning





Lift Share Request

The parent of one of our students who does not have a place on school transport is appealing for any other parents in the same boat to come forward with a view to sharing lifts to and from school. The family live in Liss and would be very pleased to hear from anyone else who might live in that direction.

COVID GUIDANCE REMINDER

- Anyone with symptoms should get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate. <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.
- Please also inform the school of any positive result.
- Under 18's and those that are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after second jab) no longer need to isolate as a close contact of a case but are strongly encouraged to have a PCR test.

Free tickets to watch Aldershot Town play at home

The Children with Special Needs Foundation have paid for 15 season tickets for students and their families to enjoy home games in the Vanarama league this season.

The next fixtures are:

Saturday 25th Sept v FC Halifax Town (3 p.m.)

Saturday 2nd October v Wrexham (3 p.m.)

Venue: The EBB Stadium, High Street, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 1TW.

If you would like to have tickets to take your family to watch a match, please ring the school office or email enquiries@abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Don't forget to tell us your child's name and who you would like tickets for.

Printed e-tickets will be sent home with the successful students during the week before the match..

If demand exceeds supply we will add families to the waiting list for the next home match.

NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE REMINDER

The deadline for completing the online consent for your child to be immunised against flu at school is 4p.m. on Monday 20th September.

Please complete the e-consent form for your child's flu vaccination at: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk (the school's unique code/URN number is SR125476 which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form).

A letter with further details was sent out to all parents/carers via Parentmail, but if you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on Tel: 01483 794887.

The flu immunisation session is scheduled for Monday 27th September

The school photographer is coming on Monday, 20th September – please remind your child to be smartly dressed in their uniform and to bring a brush/comb.

You do not have to purchase any photos but we do use them in school.

Summer Holiday Drama for Nathan

Nathan who is now in Year 10 attended acting workshops run by professionals from the Guildford Shakespeare Company during the holidays. They rehearsed scenes from a Midsummer Night's Dream and played fun drama games. He did really well and was awarded this certificate.

Look out for the Together SEND Holiday Club next summer if your child would give it try.

<https://www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk/together-send-drama-club/>



Swimming lessons at local schools

A company called Fun Flippers has been in touch with the school, they have an arrangement with Waverley Abbey School and will be delivering after school and weekend swimming lessons from their new pool. This includes a swim academy for all ages and abilities as well as private lessons for individual students and 'mermaid & pirate' birthday parties. They will also be offering swimming courses during the school holidays



Parents and carers will need to contact the company directly to satisfy themselves that the lessons offered meet the needs of their own children and that all staff have appropriate qualifications and DBS checks in place. They will also be able to find out the costs involved.

Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School, The Street, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2AE

Fun Flippers website www.funflippers.co.uk

[facebook.com/funflippers](https://www.facebook.com/funflippers)

Fun Flippers contact: Kyle 07599 657441 email itisskyleb@gmail.com

Fun Flippers also offer lessons at Undershaw School, Hindhead GU26 6AQ

Stopgap Dance Company currently have spaces at their Farnham Youth Company – they meet at The Farnham Maltings on Mondays during term time from 5p.m. until 6.30p.m.

joy@stopgapdance.com

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-Are you aged 14-21?
-Do you like to dance?
-Do you like to perform?

Why not join our Farnham Youth Company!

Farnham Youth Company
Where: The Farnham Maltings
When: Monday's (Term Time) 5-6.30pm

If you would like more details please email joy@stopgapdance.com

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