

The Abbey School Newsletter

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Friday 19th March

Early Bird Club



Just to remind you that the Early Bird Club which runs from 8:15a.m. on school days is still running, albeit with appropriate social distancing and other coronavirus preventative measures in place which mean that the total number of places available is restricted.

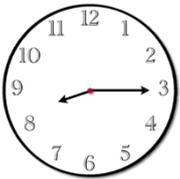
There are still some places available.

The charge is £2 per student per day

(£10 per week).



Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place for your child on some or all days.



N.B. Early Bird Club is not a breakfast club as such, but drinks are provided, as required. It is not intended for students who have travelled to school on school transport, but it is available to book for these students on any day you might need to bring them to school early yourself (subject to availability of places).

Virtual Get-Togethers for Parents & Carers

We are arranging a couple of 'virtual coffee afternoons' to chat with parents and carers to see how everyone is after the lockdown and with students returning to school.

We would like to share some strategies and work we are doing regarding anxiety and returning to school. Some notes have already been sent out to parents via Parentmail with ideas for supporting your young person.

The first session took place today and there will be another on:

Friday 26th March
(1.30-2.30 p.m.)



Please let Richard Cran Mensa, know if you would like to attend. You can email back to him via the following link or email address, leave a message with the school office or send in a note with your child.

[email reply to Richard Cran-Mensa](#)

rmensa@abbey.surrey.sch.uk

Working together not only helps the students - it helps us as staff – and hopefully helps you as parents and carers.

Mrs Kennedy



Parent:Teacher Consultations

Because of the lockdown we had to postpone the parents' evenings planned for this term. These will now take place on:

- Tuesday 11th May (3:40-7:50 p.m.)
- Thursday 20th May (3:40-7:50p.m.)



You will receive full details of how to book your online or telephone appointments by email nearer the time, but in the meantime, please make a note of the dates.



COVID testing

Yet again the students have exceeded our expectations by responding to the need for coronavirus testing with such maturity and stoicism. Most students had at least 3 tests in school to get used to the procedure (under the supervision of our trained staff) before being asked to self-test at home twice a week (we are recommending Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings).

Following every test, please report your child's results (positive, negative, or void) to:

- the NHS by telephone on 119 or at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- **AND** to us at the school by completing the form on our website <https://www.abbey.surrey.sch.uk/1734/covid-home-testing>

You can order similar asymptomatic testing kits for yourself and other members of your household if you wish <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

These LFT tests are designed to detect coronavirus in people who are not displaying any of the symptoms. If anyone tests positive using the LFT test OR has any of the symptoms they must self-isolate and book a PCR test to confirm the result via <https://www.gov.uk/getcoronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

[Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

Please continue to test your child through the Easter holidays

www.census.gov.uk

Sunday 21st March

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Life After The Abbey



This week we were thrilled to receive news of one of our Year 11 leavers from the class of 2017. Leo went on to HSDC Alton where he is now in his final year studying a [Foundation Course](#) including GCSE Mathematics, Functional Skills in English and ICT, Vocational Studies and Options.

While he was at school here, The Abbey was host to Surrey Music Hub's UP! Orchestra and Leo joined their weekly rehearsals. During the past 4 years he has taken his passion for composing and playing to new heights – you can read more about his remarkable achievements on the Alton College website [HSDC Alton](#)

Leo's understandably proud mother emailed us to say that he has now been offered a place to study BA/BSc (Hons) Music Composition & Technology at the [University for the Creative Arts](#), Farnham Campus.

*"We thought we would like to share this good news with Abbey school.
Thank you very much for your great support for Leo previously."*

Applications for School Transport for Post-16

The deadline for Year 11 students to apply to Surrey CC for home to school or college transport for next academic year is 31st April

[Post-16 School Transport Applications for Surrey Students](#)



James has been busy in the kitchen this week working on the practical element of his BTEC Catering award

www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday



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Free Emotional Well-being / Mental Health Webinars

In order to best support our young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, we have been working with Creative Education and have devised a range of webinars for parents exploring different topics in this area. The webinars are completely free because your child attends a WMAT school and you can access them on Zoom. Further information about each of the sessions has been emailed to you via Parentmail

Session 1 – Understanding the Teenage Brain	Tuesday 30 th March, 7pm
Session 2 - Understanding and responding to self-harm	Tuesday 27 th April, 7pm
Session 3 - Anxiety: helping your child to help themselves	Tuesday 18 th May, 7pm
Session 4 - Spot and support eating disorders	Thursday 10 th June, 7pm
Session 5 - Promoting Positive Sleep	Thursday 24 th June, 7pm

If you would like to sign up to any of these webinars, please use the following link to register:
<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/weydon-multi-academy-trust-parent-webinars/>



Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils and students should return to their school or other educational setting from 1 April 2021.

Children who live in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable are not advised to shield and should have returned to school or college on 8 March.

Thursday 1st April 2021	1:50p.m.	School closes early for Easter Holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 19th April 2021	9:05a.m.	BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 21st April 2021		Whole school progress review day
Monday 3rd May 2021		May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)
Tuesday 11th May 2021	3:40p.m. – 7:50p.m.	Parent:Teacher Consultation Meetings (10 minute appointments booked in advance)
Thursday 20th May 2021	3:40p.m. – 7:50p.m.	Parent:Teacher Consultation Meetings (10 minute appointments booked in advance)
Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June 2021		Half-Term (no early closing on Friday 28th)
Tuesday 8th June 2021		Year 11 progress review day
TBC	4:30-6:30p.m.	Life After The Abbey - preparation for post-16
Thursday 24th June 2021		Last day of school for Year 11 students
	5:30-10P.M.	Year 11 leavers' Record of Achievement presentation/Prom
Friday 25th June 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Thursday 1st July 2021		Year 7/8/9/10 progress review day
Monday 5th – Friday 9th July 2021		Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th July 2021		Induction Days for New Students starting in September
Wednesday 14th July 2021		Sports Day
Wednesday 21st July 2021	1:50p.m.	Last Day of Term for Students School closes early at 1:50p.m.
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
Wednesday 1st September 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Thursday 2nd September 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Friday 3rd September 2021	9:05a.m.	BACK TO SCHOOL for all students