

# ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER.

Friday 30 June 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ambitious to  
Achieve

*Creativity Honesty Independence  
Resilience Respect Responsibility*



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

Dear Parents and Families,

As we step into the sunny days of Summer 2 half-term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements and memorable experiences that have shaped our school community during the summer term so far. Our key successes are just some of the ongoing improvements ahead of September when our wider systems are launched, and we start a fresh.

#### **Rewards Galore: Fostering a Positive Learning Environment**

At Abbeyfield, we firmly believe in the power of positive reinforcement and creating a nurturing environment where every student can thrive. We are happy to announce that this term, our focus on rewards has been met with great success. Week after week, we have witnessed an average of over 8000 positive points awarded to our students. This is a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence - we have set our sights on 10,000 positive points each week as a school.

In addition to the regular in-school recognition, we have organized a series of exciting rewards trips, which culminate in a fantastic day out at Alton Towers. In addition, we have invested in our new e-praise platform for positive rewards, begun creating our rewards room, and have embedded our reward party focus on a regular basis. We firmly believe that these experiences not only reward their efforts but also instil a sense of well-deserved celebration and unity within our school community. We have also invested in Diary room technology to regularly capture student voice and act on their feedback.

#### **Cultural Week: Embracing Diversity and Celebrating Heritage**

Our recent Cultural Week was an outstanding success, as students and staff came together to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures within our school. It was a week filled with music, tantalizing food, exploring cultural dress, and targeted activities that enabled our students to immerse themselves in the traditions and customs of different countries.

We were impressed by the enthusiasm and participation from our students, who displayed a deep appreciation for the diverse backgrounds and experiences represented in our school community. Cultural Week not only fostered a sense of belonging but also allowed our students to develop a broader global perspective, promoting tolerance, understanding, and unity.

#### **Congratulations, Year 11 and 13: Exams Conquered!**

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 11 and 13 students who have completed their exams this term. Their dedication, perseverance, and resilience have been inspiring, and students will achieve the results that they deserve based upon their efforts. We have witnessed first-hand their determination to succeed, and we are confident that their hard work will yield results.

As we celebrate their accomplishments, let us also recognize the unwavering support of our parents and families. Your encouragement, guidance, and belief in our students have played an instrumental role in their achievements. Together, we have nurtured their growth and laid a solid foundation for their future endeavours.

### Upcoming Prom Celebrations: Marking a Milestone

As we bid farewell to our Year 11 and 13 students, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming prom celebrations. The prom is a great reward occasion that symbolizes the end of a chapter and the beginning of new adventures. It is a time for our students to celebrate their accomplishments, create lasting memories, and bid adieu to their time at Abbeyfield School.

We are diligently working to ensure that this special event is one to remember. Our dedicated prom committee is putting together unforgettable evenings, filled with laughter, joy, and a touch of glamour. Further details and arrangements have previously been communicated by relevant staff.

### Thank You: Celebrating Our Collective Efforts

Lastly, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parents and families for your support of Abbeyfield School. Where aligned, your involvement in your child's education, attendance at events, and partnership with our staff are invaluable contributions that help create a thriving learning community.

Parent support is vital to the optimal success of your child, and we are keen to work with you to bring about the outcomes that students deserve.

JAY KERBY

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has been thriving this year at Abbeyfield, with over fifty Y9 students taking part in the Bronze Award. To complete the award, students need to take part in four sections; Physical, Skills, Volunteering, and Expedition throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to see our students working so hard in such a wide range of activities such as sports clubs, cookery and charity work and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the differences they are making to themselves and in the community. The award culminates with students taking part in the expedition section of the award which comprises of a 2-day walk of around 25km and an overnight camp. The expedition is a chance for students to experience real independence and to use the skills they have been learning during their expedition training such as map reading, tent building, compass work, cooking and first aid in the real world. The students were a credit to themselves and the school, showing resilience and determination in abundance to finish the expedition. Well done to all the students involved!

If you are thinking about doing the Bronze (Year 9) or Silver (Year 10) Award, then please come and speak to Mr Roach. Sign up will be starting at the beginning of the next academic year.



## PRAISE POINT SYSTEM.

We have recently seen the launch of our new Praise point system. Students achieved over 9500 points in the first week which is fantastic. Well done to everyone!

There have been lots of celebrations too with pizza parties, treat bags, cinema and Love 2 Shop vouchers distributed for students consistently doing the right thing. It really has been great to see.

We also held our 100% attendance prize drawer and a massive **congratulations** to Daisy (Y9) and Nigel (Y11) who were the lucky winners of a brand-new iPad.

Lots more rewards and treats on the way... well done Abbeyfield!

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# EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE.

A couple of weeks ago we saw the launch of our new musical production – Everybody's Talking About Jamie!  
Great to see lots of interest and we cannot wait to get auditioning and rehearsals to officially begin.

If your child is interested in taking part and hasn't yet expressed interest – please ask them to come and speak to Mr. Routledge and Miss Sylla.



## DESIGN DAY.

A great day out in which more of our Y8 Knowledge Connected Reps visited the Design Museum in London. Exploring exciting design concepts and the importance of meaning and representation, our students were inquisitive and fully engaged. They also experienced a Q&A with a professional illustrator and asked great questions. As expected, they were absolutely fantastic so enjoyed a quick visit to M&M World on the way home!

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# EXTRA-CURRICULAR.

## FOOTBALL SUMMARY

After a long season of football, results are now in for the league competitions. A huge congratulations to Year 8 girls, Year 7 boys and Year 9 boys for all winning their leagues. All three teams have been outstanding throughout the season with all having some close results and big wins that has seen them crowned champions for 2022-2023.

Year 8 boys and Year 10 boys also finished second in their leagues after strong performances over the year. This cements Abbeyfield's place as the most successful footballing school in the district. It can also be celebrated that students at Abbeyfield, played more fixtures than any other school in the area, a statistic we are proud to achieve meaning students here have access to more competitive games than anywhere else. Well done to everyone who has played a part this year and thank you to the teachers for dedicating their time to these teams. We look forward to carrying forward the successes into next season.

## CRICKET

Abbeyfield Year 8 boys played the first cricket fixture seen at the school for several years, against Duston. Abbeyfield were put into bat first and scored a total of 48-2 off their 7 overs, which was twice interrupted by thunderstorms. Duston managed to chase down the total with 6 balls to spare and 3 wickets down. It was great to see students back representing the school for the cricket team.

## ATHLETICS

On 10 June we had four students represent Northampton Town at the County Athletics Championships. Alfie R. placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the intermediate boys shot, Alan M. placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the intermediate boys triple jump and Hebe H. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the junior girls discus. Rya B. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior girls shot and also qualified to represent Northamptonshire County at the Regional Athletics Championships. This is a fantastic achievement for all involved – well done!

On 19 June an enthusiastic year 7 athletics team competed in the Town Athletics Championships. Both the girls and boys teams placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall with all students performing to their very best. A special mention goes to Felicia P., Haitham A., Felix A. who have all qualified to represent the town team at the County Athletics Championships. A huge well done to these 2 and all involved.

# REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

If you have any unwanted uniform items due to your child(ren) growing out of them, please consider donating them to our ABS preloved stock. We will be in touch with all parents shortly to inform you of dates when you can browse our stock to select items should you wish to. Items can be dropped off at reception.

# CAREERS.

## SURVEY.

Thank you to those that completed the MS forms to help us evaluate our careers provision. For those that haven't, we would love to hear your feedback as parents to help us grow as a careers department, please can you spend 2 minutes of your time to complete the following survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pBXP4oY\\_crxBp7pvKR\\_KVxxUNkY2WDZFREo0SURRNTYxQ09PTDQ5UINRUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVy2z1Ys-7pBXP4oY_crxBp7pvKR_KVxxUNkY2WDZFREo0SURRNTYxQ09PTDQ5UINRUS4u)



## STEAM NORTHANTS.

We had a brilliant trip to STEAM Northants at University of Northampton. The STEAM festival celebrated all things science, technology, engineering, arts and maths. The students got to explore the huge interactive exhibition and also take part in workshops including a 'Sports Rehabilitation and Conditioning' workshop, and FUZE.

We had some lovely **student feedback** about the trip - 100% stated the trip was good or excellent. One student stated: "It helped me a lot to see what my dream job would be like".

Other students stated that their favourite parts of the trip included:

- Looking at all the different career choices
- Learning more about different technology
- Seeing the different topics and careers within a subject
- The exhibits and exploring
- The practical elements of the trip



## CAR CRASH CAREERS

The Car Crash Careers event gave students an insight into studying a wide range of subjects at university and the reality of the day-to-day experience of each career. The aim was to get the students to get an in depth look at career options on offer that they might not be aware of and to challenge the perceptions they might hold about these professions.

During the day, students got to witness the immediate after-effects of a stimulated car crash. Including a live demonstration of the fire service cutting a car door off in a simulated emergency. The students got to look at the various role's professions play in giving a wide range of care and support after the crash.



## ABBAYFIELD SCHOOL CAREERS FAIR THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023



We have been working hard to secure as many external organisations to come along and support our students at our careers fair this year. The careers fair will be open to year 9, 10, and 12. So far, we have secured 16 companies, 8 education providers and 7 public services. The more organisations that support us the better!

If you work in an organisation that has the capacity to attend the careers fair or know anyone that is able to come along and have a stall at our fair, then please contact Mrs Duffy [Carla.duffy@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:Carla.duffy@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk).



PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# **An Evening with Abbeyfield**

BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!

THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023

6PM

ABBEYFIELD THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ABBEYFIELD-SCHOOL-TICKETS](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ABBEYFIELD-SCHOOL-TICKETS) OR SCAN HERE

