

ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER.

Monday 28 November 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ambitious to
Achieve

*Creativity Honesty Independence
Resilience Respect Responsibility*



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

We are well into the second half term and there have been some significant achievements thus far, as well as some upcoming events.

Our hard work has been recognised across the Creative Education Trust with the following accolades for the 21/22 Academic year. Most notably, Abbeyfield was awarded the following awards at the CET conference:

- Highest Outcomes for Basics grade 5+
- Highest Outcomes for progress 8
- Highest Outcomes for progress in English
- Highest Outcomes for progress in Maths
- Highest Outcomes for progress in EBACC element subjects
- Highest Outcomes for progress of Pupil Premium students
- Highest Outcomes for progress in Humanities

This is a significant achievement and gives us a solid platform to improve even further over the coming year. Attendance and punctuality remain a key focal point, and we are focusing our collective energy on maximising every minute of learning time possible.

The Autumn term has also given us the opportunity to support the wider development of our students across some really exciting events:

- Launching our plan for the Abbeyfield Football Academy and Performing Arts Academy for September 2023
- Hosting the CET Shakespeare festival
- Welcoming David Hyner as a guest speaker around setting 'Massive Goals'
- Finalising our Christmas concert and the final preparations for Legally Blonde
- Over 300 visitors for our 6th form open evening
- Celebrating Black History Month and Remembrance Day
- Fundraising for much needed charities with bake sales, events and opportunities

Year 11 continue their Countdown to Success Program, their careers interviews and are preparing for mock based assessments that are rapidly approaching. All students should be planning their revision timetables for the maximum opportunity for success.

PE have had notable successes in cup fixtures and leagues, and we're very much hoping for some silverware to showcase our talents as the respective seasons reach their climaxes.

The last weeks of term will also see me formally launch my weekly parent drop in. This will be a morning session and an afternoon session on alternate weeks that we will send further information for. Please keep your eyes peeled.

I will be in contact with our final newsletter of the term soon, but we look forward to seeing you at some of our festive events and welcoming you into the school very soon.

JAY KERBY

The noticeboard.



Abbeyfield School

proudly present

Christmas at Abbeyfield

Thurs 8 December - 6.30pm

A lovely evening to get into the festive spirit!

Tickets available from

ticketsource.co.uk/abbeyfield-school-tickets

Or by scanning the QR code.

Adults - £4

Students / Children - £2

Family Ticket (2+2) - £10



Abbeyfield School

proudly present

LEGALLY BLONDE



The Musical™

WEDS 8 FEB - 7pm

THURS 9 FEB - 7pm

FRI 10 FEB - 7pm

SAT 11 FEB - 2pm



Adults - £9.50

Students/Children- £6.00

Family Ticket (2+2) - £26.00

Tickets available now by scanning the QR code or visiting:

ticketsource.co.uk/abbeyfield-school-tickets

#abbeyfieldgoeslegallyblonde

REMEMBRANCE.

Many of our students paid tribute to family members, or Northamptonians, who fought for their country or helped out during the wars.

This was a great opportunity for them to find out more about their ancestry and their local history.

This is the second year this was completed and hopefully we can make it even bigger next year.



Oscar P.

Summer T.



Cake by Matilda S!

CHARITY & COMMUNITY.

This week we have 5 days' worth of events for Men's Mental Health month, to destigmatise gender roles, empower and educate our students on both physical and mental wellbeing.

Events include fundraising for Men's Mental health charities with a basketball and penalty shootout, an introduction to the gym, "England football teams take on Men's Wellbeing" being played in the Theatre and talks on "Celebrating all things Men" by staff. Please do encourage all our students to attend events from Monday 28/11- Friday 2/12. There will be something happening every day.

The charity committee are organising an "Anonymous Candy Cane Delivery" event to fundraise for Children in Need, where students have the chance to buy a candy cane (other optional sweets will be available), write a message and the charity committee will be delivering them through the month of December to both students and staff to kick start the month of giving.

We will be doing our annual reverse advent calendars for Fare Share Food Bank, where students can bring items of food and toiletries to give back to the community, empowering our students to see the difference they make. One can, one shampoo bottle, one bag of pasta, but a huge difference to the lives around us.

There will also be Bake sales happening on the last week of school for fundraising for different causes!

OUR TOWN.

When a whole school survey was shared for students to input their ideas on the main issues impacting their town, an overwhelming majority felt that more needed to be done to clean up the local environment. A social action group was formed, acting as changemakers to tackle litter and single-use plastics.

Madison, year 8, talked about the extent of littering in the area. "I noticed litter in the parks and the lakes when I take my dog for a walk. I wanted to get involved to help the local community". Ellie, year 8, shared similar motivations. She enjoys caring for the environment and has planted trees and flowers with her grandparents. "I wanted to make people more aware, and help Northampton be a better place to live. The area can be beautiful, and then you realise it's a great place to be".

Actions already taken by Abbeyfield's group include litter picks, letter writing, and meeting with the mayor of Northampton. Determined to tackle the root causes of littering, the group will be running a campaign to encourage behaviour change. They plan to deliver assemblies in local primaries, promote awareness throughout the school, and lead on re-use initiatives to encourage recycling. Carol Scrivener-Wallace, staff lead and Assistant Principal, talked about how the students have "engaged really well with the project. They've been really positive, and love wearing the high vis jackets for litter picks!"

Caleb, year 8, has been involved in the project since the start. He's enjoyed taking part in the litter picking and meeting the mayor last year who "listened to our concerns and the change we wanted to see".

Common things he's found include bottles, crisp packets, and plastic containers. He's keen to lead on more clean-up projects across the community. Reflecting on what he's learnt, he shared how he's discovered "that you can use rubbish to build so many different things".

In September 2022, year 8s in the group took on the challenge of repurposing rubbish to create a piece of artwork linked to Northampton's heritage. 30 year 8 students researched Northampton's history and monuments, before working in groups to develop a plan to replicate one of the town's famous buildings using resources from a recent litter pick.

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Abbeyfield's event focused on repurposing rubbish and highlighting the extent of plastic use, whilst celebrating the rich

history of Northampton. Tina Casey, Teacher of Humanities and Drama, discussed how the History curriculum includes links to Northampton's heritage, and how the school plans to arrange talks from local historians, and visits to the Northampton battlefields and the Delapré Abbey.

Tina looks forward to starting a local history club in school. "I want people to be proud of being from Northampton, and to see what we can do as a school". After hearing the student presentations, Tina invited discussions from the group on how they could reduce plastic and encourage others to repurpose plastic on a more regular basis, leading to a host of innovative ideas to create change at Abbeyfield.



Madison (left) working on the Queen Eleanor Cross with her team.



Ellie (bottom right) working on her presentation with her team.

CAREERS.

THE STEM PROJECT- EXECUTIVE STEAM YOUTH DIRECTOR

Abbeyfield School are very proud of four students who applied for the above role and have been successful in getting through to the next stage!

Namay S. Y11, Onyinye C-A. Y11, Oliver B. Y10 and Sara P. Y11 all impressed the judges with their passion and knowledge of STEAM. There were over 100 applicants across the UK; all four are currently preparing themselves for a face-to-face interview to secure one of the 20 places that are available.

This is a rare opportunity to be a voice for young people, as the future of education and industry partnerships develop. They will help lead in the directions and opportunities that they present to *The STEM Project* in subjects and interests that matter to them! They will develop skills as a business leader, building on their inter and intrapersonal skills.

Their freelance role will see them engaging with the wider STEM industry, building relationships, and assisting to organise programmes aimed at the younger demographic in their chosen interests.

They will be required to attend meetings (virtual and face-to-face), where possible (mainly over half terms) and join in projects that involve major brands and partners, as their participation and voice in these processes is critical in their overall success. Learning and engaging with leaders in STEM today, the young person will become a leader in the future of STEM by learning all they can in this role from the various influencers, industry professionals and freelancers.

We wish them all luck for their interviews and are very excited to see how they get on. We are confident that they will represent Abbeyfield Schools core values of Creativity, Honesty, Independence, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility through this role.



YEAR 9 AND 10 GIRLS INSPIRATION FOR INNOVATION EVENT

Our Y9 and Y10 girls were very lucky to attend a workshop delivered by Lisa White from the Automotive 30% Club and Amy Simpson, Social Media Marketing Manager at LKQ Euro Car Parts. This was part of the Automotive 30% Club's Inspiration for Innovation Network, Inspiring Automotive Women Week 2022.



The girls found Amy's career interesting and were inspired by her #ThisGirlsMe2022 story. They were all engaged and asked some brilliant questions. We are very grateful to be part of this programme which informs our students about the many career opportunities available within the automotive industry and helps to inspire our girls to consider a career in automotive.

This is some feedback from a few of the girls. Great to listen to how it has made them reflect on jobs in an industry that they would never have considered.

In my opinion, I really liked learning about all the separate jobs in the automotive industry, I enjoyed learning about the career pathways people can take to get into the industry and it has made me rethink what I would like to do as a job when I am older. I would like to see this again at school and for it to give a more in-depth description of all the different jobs that everyone can do. This way more females will be more interested in the automotive industry. The talk really inspired me to look further into the jobs in the industry and to try and plan out what I would like my career path to be.

Evie C-H Y9

On the 15th of November I went to the inspiring woman into automotive talk. I really enjoyed the experience of meeting some of the woman in the industry and learning the different jobs in the industry. I loved hearing from Amy about social media marketing and what her job at LKQ Euro car parks included. I enjoyed listening to Lisa about 30% automotive club. I loved hearing about their personal experience with going into the automotive industry. In the future I would like to see a performing art talk with people in the industry talking about their experiences in the job. In conclusion this was a great experience and I have learned so much about the jobs available.

Elsie L Y9

CAREERS UPDATE

Year 9: We had the wonderful David Hyner into school last week, who delivered a motivational talk to year 9. Students really engaged into the session, and many came up to him afterwards to say how much they enjoyed it.

Year 11: We have completed all the careers meetings this side of the term. All students were scheduled in and should have had their appointments, unless they were absent on the day. There will be some meetings scheduled in January for those that missed them first time around. We have been helping students decide on the career route after leaving year 11, and helping students apply for different courses. We have a 'Year 11 Pathways' session taking place in January, and we will be having local colleges, apprenticeships, and our 6th form coming in to talk to them about all the routes they could take. They will have an opportunity to ask questions.

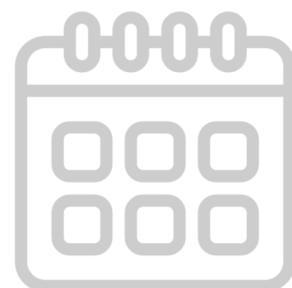
Upcoming dates:

Thursday 05 January 2023: Year 7 and 8 Careers Talk (whole year)

Tuesday 10 January 2023: Year 10 and 11 Resilient me. (whole year) Delivering a variety of workshops designed to promote and support mental wellbeing and resilience.

Thursday 19 January 2023: Year 11 Pathways session

Tuesday 24 January 2023: Alumni event for year 12 (details TBC)



SPORTS.

SPORTS LEADERS

On Thursday, eleven Abbeyfield sports leaders supported the Primary Indoor Athletics School Games at Benham Sports Centre, running events for hundreds of school children. Our leaders were extremely supportive and encouraged all the children to do their best. All leaders ran different running, throwing and jumping events very successfully and all involved had a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done to all the leaders involved, it wouldn't have been possible to run such a brilliant event without you.

BOYS FOOTBALL

Year 7- Abbeyfield 3-1 Duston (League)

Year 8- Abbeyfield 2-2 NA (5-6 pens) (County Cup)

Year 9- Abbeyfield 1-1 Caroline Chisholm (4-5 pens) (County Cup)

Year 10- Abbeyfield 3-1 NIA (County Cup and League)

There has been mixed success for the boys' football teams. Both year 8 and year 9 teams have been knocked out of the County Cup on penalties, but year 7 and year 10 are continuing their fine form taking victories in their leagues. Year 10 are also through to the County Cup semi-final where they will face Parker Academy for a place in the final.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Abbeyfield 6-1 NSG

Having lost to NSG on penalties in last year's County Cup final, Abbeyfield put in a fantastic performance to take control of the fixture and enjoy a big win. The girls now look forward to competing in the EFL Cup.

CHEERLEADING

There has been an excellent uptake in the cheerleading club this year and students have been very enthusiastic to learn and develop their skills with Miss Harrison. Students have been attending regularly to put together a routine and build on this each week.



BASKETBALL

Basketball club has been well attended by Y7/8 and Y9/10 students with fixtures starting this week.



Local Offer Northamptonshire

If you are a parent/carer of, a professional supporting, or a young person with: Special Educational Needs/Disabilities who is age between 0–25, living in Northamptonshire... then the Local Offer is for you!

We provide information and guidance on services which you can access within the county and across our borders.

Information includes:

Early Years



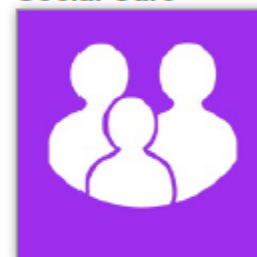
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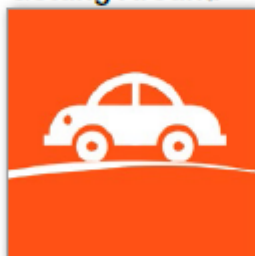
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