

ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER.

Friday 21 October 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ambitious to
Achieve

Creativity Honesty Independence
Resilience Respect Responsibility



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It has been an incredibly busy half term, that has been full of events and achievements for the school. I wanted to take a moment to identify just how much progress has been made by our school community this half term:

- Uniform has seen a 78% improvement based upon previous year comparison
- We have averaged 975 positive points per week across the Autumn term so far
- Our extracurricular activities have resumed alongside Legally Blonde rehearsals
- Our formal recognition of Inclusion Quality Mark has arrived
- Over 800 visitors for our prospective parents evening

But there is still work to be done.

We are working towards improving our whole school average for attendance and would like to remind all parents that the link between attendance and outcomes is well evidenced. I have included the table below which shows the amount of lost learning and lessons when attendance is lower than expectation. We will work tirelessly to support students to get into school.

175 Non school days every year (Opportunities for family time, holidays, visits, appointments etc)

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 Total Day in every school year	180 Days of education out of 190	171 days of education out of 190	161 Days of education out of 190	152 Days of education out of 190	143 Days of education out of 190
0 Missed hours of learning	50 Missed hours of learning	95 Missed hours of learning	145 Missed hours of learning	190 Missed hours of learning	235 Missed hours of learning
Amazing!	Seemingly good, but still 50 hours lost!	Worrying		Serious Concern	

In the last weeks of the half term, we have begun our Black History Month celebrations, completed a Knowledge Connected day for KS3 and hosted a Shakespeare workshop for CET schools.

Y11 have started their careers interviews and have also begun their Countdown to Success Program - which is our process for supporting them with the lead up to their summer exams.

In addition, we have had visits from the Frank Bruno foundation, a visit for students interested in a police career from serving officers, and a host of fixtures for the PE department who continue to showcase our sporting prowess!

We wish you a very restful half term ahead of another exciting half term!

JAY KERBY

The noticeboard.



YOUNG INTERPRETERS SCHEME

We are excited to announce the launch of the Young Interpreter Scheme at Abbeyfield School. This is an award-winning scheme that recognises the huge potential we have in our school community. There are, at least, 45+ languages spoken within the school and about 23% of the school are classed as EAL. This means that they speak English as an additional language and have another language (or languages) spoken at home. The Young Interpreters use their skills and knowledge to support new learners of English, so they feel safe, valued and settled from the start.

The support these students can offer to a newly arrived pupil can be very reassuring from a parent's point of view. It is especially important if this is the student's first UK school. These students can also be a support to school staff at different points during the day. For example, helping to show new parents, whose English is limited, around the school and being a buddy for a newly arrived student. As we get the scheme up and running, the roles will expand and evolve to fit the requirements of the school.

The scheme is open to both EAL students, who have another language in their background, and to native English speakers. It is all about being kind, welcoming and empathetic to newcomers. Students who volunteer will receive specific training to prepare them for the various roles they may be asked to perform.

Please encourage your child to take part if you think they fit the criteria. It will be something they can list on their CVs to show community service experience. They just need to come and see Mrs Magee (EAL Coordinator) in the Inclusion area of the school. We look forward to getting this scheme up and running and to it being a success within the school for both our students, staff and parents.

SCIENCE - TASSOMAI

Daily Goals – Students in all year groups are expected to complete 3 daily goals a week between Monday and Sunday. We would strongly encourage students to go beyond this and do as many daily goals as they can. Please note, there is no Tassomai homework set during school holidays.

Live Lessons – Tassomai host live lessons on key topics for GCSE students. These videos are recorded and can be watched live or watched back. A link is attached below.

<https://www.tassomai.com/live-lessons>

SCIENCE AFTER SCHOOL REVISION

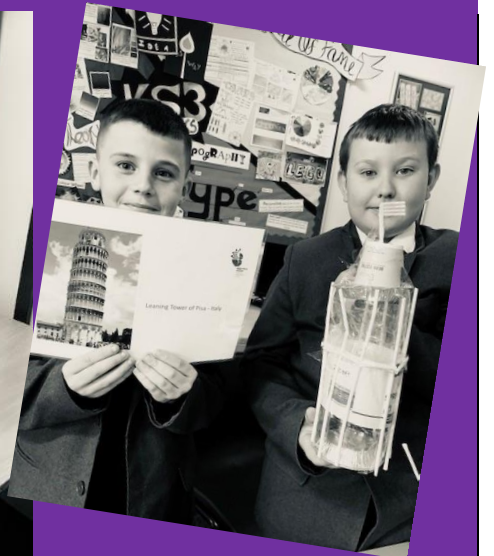
Please see below for the after-school revision timetable for next term.

	Wednesdays – S2 Miss Parslow	Fridays – S1 Mrs Schofield
Week 1	Electricity Theory	Trends in the Periodic Table
Week 2	<i>No Session</i>	Mole Calculations
Week 3	Electricity Calculations	Electrolysis
Week 4	<i>No Session</i>	Chemical Reactions
Week 5	Radioactivity	Bonding
Week 6	<i>No Session</i>	Salts
Week 7	Matter (Density, Internal Energy)	<i>No Session</i>

KNOWLEDGE CONNECTED.

Last week, as part of our Knowledge Connected curriculum, Y7 and Y8 students were exploring everything structure! From the structure of a drawing, to the structure of a building, to a structure of an organisation. It was a great day hearing and learning how students have explored structure across a range of subject areas!

Thank you to everyone who helped contributed with a range of recyclable materials too. It was great seeing our collection build up – and as always, it was great to see how students were getting creative with all ideas.



PUPIL VOICE: YEAR 7

OUR FIRST HALF TERM AT ABBEYFIELD

7CBD

"It was eye-opening and like a whole new world."

"Very welcoming and made us all feel like we have been here forever."

"Different."

"When I first came, I was scared, but after a while I really enjoyed it."

"My first term at Abbeyfield has been very good, I have been making new friends."

"I was worried when I first came to Abbeyfield and now, I am not worried. I have made new friends and I am having a lot of fun."

"I am really enjoying Abbeyfield. I enjoy all my lessons and all the teachers are kind and they help you if you are stuck or lost."

7KPS

7LRN

"Really enjoyed Dance and Art."

"Really enjoyed meeting new people."

"Mr O Sullivan is the best teacher ever."

"Drama club is so fun and getting to work with older students is great."

THE COLLEGE SYSTEM.

The College System has had its first full term with a variety of competitions on offer for the students. We have completed a sudoku race and an exciting debate in tutorial sessions allowing students to win points for their College. The first whole school College competition was The Great Abbeyfield Bake Off which was in memory of Mrs Hemmings. We raised money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust by selling the bakes for donations after the judging. Emma G was crowned star baker and Saturn were the winning College for this event. The Y11s are competing in College netball and football today!

Next term we are going to have a variety of competitions including a history factfile, make your own Tik Tok dance, designing a performing arts logo, making Christmas cards and a Christmas quiz! Remember, points are won for participation as well as successful outcomes, so all students can get involved. Saturn are currently sitting on the top spot; can they maintain their lead?! Watch this space!

FRANK BRUNO FOUNDATION.

This week the Frank Bruno Foundation visited Abbeyfield to talk about wellbeing, practice boxing/exercise and take students through yoga poses. Students really enjoyed the opportunity!



CAREERS.

UPDATE

Y11 are currently having their professional careers meetings, which are going really well so far. These are important meetings, held by experienced careers professionals. Each student has a 30-minute timeslot and they must make their way to the meeting room. All students are scheduled in before the Christmas break. Tutors are giving timeslots out during tutorial. Most Y11's are signed up to Unifrog – if they are not, then they must make sure they sign up to this, it can be done at home or at school. Information was given out during tutorials and also during their Lessons for Life.

We are continuing to build our career programme for this academic year. Some important dates are listed below. More information to follow.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

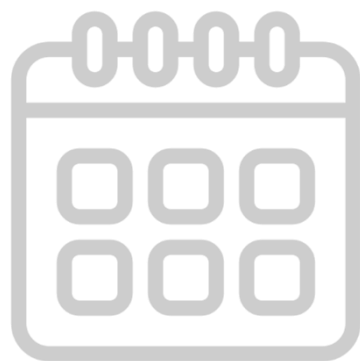
Tuesday 15 November 2022: Whole of Y9 - **David Hyner 'Massive Goals'**. David is a unique motivational speaker and facilitator on goal-setting and purpose. David has previously worked with Aspire Higher and has engaged and inspired students across Northamptonshire.

Tuesday 10 January 2023: Resilient Me - Whole of Y10 and Y11. Resilient Me deliver a variety of workshops designed to promote and support mental wellbeing and resilience through motivation, understanding yourself, mindfulness, creativity and stress management.

Thursday 19 January 2023: Whole of year 11 - **Pathways Session**. Moulton College, Northampton College, Starting Off Apprenticeships, and Abbeyfield 6th form are coming in to talk to Y11 about options and pathways.

Tuesday 24 January 2023: Trust Alumni Event - Whole of Y12. Y12 to take part in an Alumni event, speaking with ex-students about the routes taken since leaving.

Tuesday 28 February 2023: Y11 Mock Interview Day. The whole of Y11 to take part in one-to-one interviews with external organisation. Aimed to prepare them for formal interviews and ask questions about specific career roles.



EXTRA CURRICULAR.

FOOTBALL



Abbeyfield has continued its' fine form as the football season progresses seeing many wins and only a small number of losses. Both girls' and boys' teams have had National Cup and County Cup fixtures with progress being made by Y8 boys into round 3 of the National Cup and Year 8 into round 2. Y10 and Y9 boys' teams have started their leagues strongly with high level performances and big wins, and Y7-10 boys' teams all remain in the County Cup. We look forward to more success into the next term.

RUGBY

A select group of Y10/11 students were invited to participate in a community touch tournament at Franklin's Gardens with the aim of developing the growth of rugby. Students involved played 3 games, winning, losing, and drawing a game each. As part of the experience students entered the stadium for a Q+A session with club captain and England international Lewis Ludlam. Following this, students also stayed to watch the Premiership Cup game between Saints beat Harlequins, holding the 'big shirt' on the pitch as the players ran out which ended in a 49-29 win for Saints in a very entertaining game. All students fully enjoyed the experience and is one we look forward to being involved in again.

NETBALL

Y9 girls started their season with a strong performance in the County Plate. Playing 4 games in the group, Abbeyfield won 1, drew 1 and lost 2, with a big win against CBA, resulting in a third-place finish and qualifying for the 5th/6th place play-off against Wollaston. Abbeyfield continued to work hard for each other and played some excellent netball to come out 3-2 winners and secure 5th place. An excellent finish to the day, well done girls.

ATHLETICS

Both Y7 girls' and boys' teams have completed in the Level 2 Games sports hall athletic tournaments. The girls showed particular strengths in the field events, demonstrating great power and agility, while the boys team stood out on the track with students' using great speed and endurance to their races. When combining all events together the girls' team finish in 6th place, and the boys in 5th, in what proved to be very close between many schools involved.

INCLUSION QUALITY MARK.

SEE WHAT DEXTER, OUR INCLUSION QUALITY MARK BEAR, HAS BEEN UP TO!

