

ABBNEYFIELD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER.

Friday 16 December 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Ambitious to
Achieve**

*Creativity Honesty Independence
Resilience Respect Responsibility*



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, after what has been an incredibly busy term, I would like to thank students, staff and Parents/Carers for their continued support in our drive to improve as a school. Our expectations are high, and we make no apologies for wanting the best for your children. Students are the most important asset to any school, and they have, on the whole, continued to work hard to the very end.

January will see us embed some key improvements based upon parent feedback and student voice - please feel free to pop along to the parent coffee mornings and afternoons that we are running every week to keep us updated on how we can continually improve. This will be the focus of our INSET days in January, before we welcome students back on 5th January at 8.45am.

It has been a busy term which has seen a significant amount of change. The beginning of this term signalled much hope that we could return to some of the things we have all missed from the years before. Admittedly, it has not been quite as straightforward as it could be for many families, but there have been many highlights and successes, and our community remains committed to being the best we can be.

In this regard, our focus remains firmly directed to demonstrating the Abbeyfield Way:

- We are kind
- We are respectful
- We are ready to learn
- We embrace challenge

The term has brought us many standout events which are far too numerous to list entirely, but a few that are standouts spring to mind:

- CET Shakespeare festival
- BBC careers event
- Sporting successes in Football, Netball and Athletics
- Primary school Sports Leaders events
- The Abbeyfield Bake off
- The reverse advent calendar
- Christmas at Abbeyfield
- Year 11 careers interviews
- The launch of the Warhammer club
- Prospective parents evening and 6th form open evening
- Final preparations for Legally Blonde

All that remains for me to do is wish you all a very restful break. I hope that you are surrounded by family and loved ones. We look forward to seeing students again in the new year.

JAY KERBY

The noticeboard.

A massive well done to all the students that submitted entries in November for this competition.

The card that was chosen to be sent to CET was made by Sakshi L. in Year 8, so huge congratulations to her!

This was selected due to her overall design and skilled use of colour and detail.



What a wonderful evening we had recently with 'Christmas at Abbeyfield'!


Congratulations to all involved - so lovely seeing a range of festive musical numbers from our choir, dance companies and instrumentalists as well as a sneak peek of our upcoming production of Legally Blonde.

Thank you to everyone who came - it was lovely seeing a packed auditorium once again and what a great way to finish with the Twelve Days of Christmas.

#christmasatabbeyfield #performingarts #festivespirit



During the last few weeks students have been making Christmas cards in tutorial as a College Competition. The students produced some fantastic and creative cards. These cards were then delivered to Cliftonville Care Home and Spencer House Care Home where the residents were happy to receive some Christmas cheer! Some sixth formers also wrote letters to the residents, who are excited to reply to their new penpals! Well done to all students and our College leaders! #WeAreAbbeyfield



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

SIXTH FORM.

It has been a busy term in Sixth Form! It is always wonderful to welcome our new Year 12 students and this year's cohort have settled in beautifully. We continue to be impressed by Year 13s ambition, focus and hard work and look forward to seeing some amazing results next year. Below are some of our highlights this term. Merry Christmas from the Sixth Form Team!

- Each year we compete with other CET sixth forms in essay writing and public speaking. Christopher W., Year 12, won the essay writing with a clever piece on Artificial Intelligence and Jessica H., Year 13, received special commendation for her speech on moving into the future with an increased awareness and appreciation for language. All of our students represented the school brilliantly on the day of the final in Leicester. Very proud!
- We are very proud to have sent 55 UCAS applications with Year 13 students for university places next year, including a lot of Russell Group institutions. More than 30 students have already received offers, which is fantastic.
- Enrichment sessions this term have included politicians for Year 12 and Dale Willis from *My Great First Job* for Year 13. It is so important to ensure our sixth form students have a good knowledge of the wider world before they leave us, and Enrichment sessions are a fantastic way to introduce key topics. Next term we look forward to safe driving, International Women's Day, and safe and healthy relationships.
- We held our Sixth Form Open Evening in November and were thrilled to welcome a full theatre of Year 11s and their parents. We are busily preparing a taster day for the new year and can't wait to start meeting and discussing pathways with our potential new students. Please click here for more information on applying - <https://www.abbeyfieldschool.org.uk/main/sixth-form/applyingforsixthform> No other school will work harder to help young people achieve their potential.
- This week we held our annual Christmas visit to Milton Keynes. 80 students enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening with mini golf, shopping and dinner. A great way to spend some time together after an intense first term.
- After a visit to Year 13 Enrichment by the Northampton Guardians, sixth form have been sharing ideas to raise money for this excellent cause. We have also been participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar collection, with tutor groups competing for the best collection – watch this space for the winner! Students have also completed Christmas cards and letters to local elderly residents, offering friendship and kindness.

CAREERS.

We have had some exciting events this term including Year 11 careers meetings, the STEM interviews, Year 9 David Hyner Talk, Year 9 and 10 Inspiration for Innovation, and the BBC Share Your Stories.

- We featured in Northampton Chronicle and Echo when the BBC visited us to share their career stories. Link to story below:

[BBC visits Northampton school to inspire students to kick start creative careers | Northampton Chronicle and Echo](#)

- We had some excellent student feedback from Year 9 students regarding the David Hyner Talk with many students stating that it made them want to achieve more.
- We continue to pop into 6th form for 'Aspire Me @ Lunch' sessions aiming to reach as many 6th formers as possible to give support with careers.
- We have helped many Year 11 students apply for their next steps, and help fill in application forms for our 6th form and local colleges. If your child has not done so already, then they need to start thinking about this in the new year as courses do get filled up. They can apply to more than 1 course, having a plan B is very important.

We have lots of careers events planned in January (details TBC)

- Year 7 and 8 Careers Talk
- Year 11 Pathways
- Final year 11 one-to-one career meetings
- Year 10 and 11 Resilient Me
- FUZE workshops
- Year 12 Alumni Event



WANT TO GET PREPARED OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

Some useful career links below:

- [Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.](#): Digital Careers Platform designed to support student exploration into careers, university and apprenticeships.
- <https://www.opendays.com>: Check out local colleges and Universities for their next open days.
- [Apprenticeships](#): Search and apply for apprenticeships online.
- [Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#): Careers Information and tools for 11-19 year olds all in one place.
- [vInspired - Leaders in youth volunteer opportunities](#): An online platform dedicated to connecting young volunteers with the causes they care about, helping them build skills, networks and confidence.
- <https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>: Have some fun as a family and complete the buzz quiz to discover your personality type.



COLLEGE ROUND UP – TERM 2.

This term has seen the College system grow in competitiveness and the points have seen a big increase with our previous terms 4th place college jumping into 1st place! Students have had the opportunity to take part in student voice, made Christmas cards and completed a Christmas quiz. There has also been a successful TikTok dance competition in which students had to create and perform their own TikTok dances! In addition to this we have had a performing arts logo design competition and a history factfile competition. The current standings are:

4th place – Mercury: 322 points
3rd place – Jupiter: 432 points
2nd place – Saturn: 437 points
1st place – Neptune: 745 points



Next term we have many more competitions to look forward to including football and netball for years 9 and 10, teacher sayings bingo, English minisaga writing, year 7 and 8 basketball and even a fifa competition! Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing more students involved in competitions in the New Year.

EXAM CERTIFICATES.

Exam certificates for the external exams that took place in Summer 2022, are now ready for collection from reception. You will need to bring a form of identification in order to collect your certificates. Third party collection forms are available on the exams page of the school website if you wish to nominate a third person to collect your certificate on your behalf. We are unable to post out certificates. Any queries, please contact Mrs Austin in the exams office Eleanor.austin@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk

08 MAY 2023.

As you may already be aware, next year (2023) there will be an additional bank holiday, in relation to the King's Coronation. As such, please find below the updated school calendar. As with all bank holidays, the school will be closed on this day.

Abbeyfield School Term Dates 2022/2023 Academic Year

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School Day
 Weekend
 Half Term
 Bank Holiday
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