# **Abbeyfield Weekly**

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Welcome to another edition of the Abbeyfield Weekly.

Next week sees the big "Abbeyfield Classroom Clear Out" where staff are staying late to remove any old displays - books - papers from all classrooms. In our continuing drive to focus on Teaching and Learning we are creating uncluttered learning spaces. This is yet another strategy on top of our Sharp Starts to help children remember and apply knowledge better.

We had our termly Fire Drill this week. Suffice to say it was excellent. We will have another lockdown walk through soon so we can test out some of our new technology.

### Principals Message

Huge congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 girls football team who played their 2nd round league tournament on Monday. They will have a final round to play around April which will determine their overall place. They played 4 matches in total on Monday and won all 4 of their matches which was amazing!

Thank you to all who attended our Sixth Form Parents Evening. A 99% attendance by parents and students. Our Sixth Form is one of the many highlights at Abbeyfield and I can see why so many secure their preferred University or Higher-Level further courses. They are determined and hardworking young adults.

Our Y11s have responded really well to the intervention sessions, and it has been great seeing over 130 students attend these whether it be morning, break or Period 6. Thank you for encouraging your son/daughter to attend and your support with this. It really will make a huge difference.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team and school counsellors have been working hard to identify key areas whereby we recognise our students may need further support. We are pleased to share that in the coming weeks we will be introducing three new support groups, run by specialist staff and tailored around the voices of our students. The students will all be informed about the groups during assemblies, awareness posters and through the pastoral and safeguarding teams.

#### LGBTQ+ support group

We want our students to know that their identity matters. Starting with a Year 11 focus group & then extending to other year groups, our LGBTQ+ support group will run on a Friday Break B.

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#### Bereavement support group

Recognising that many of our students have experienced bereavement of various kinds, we will be commencing a bereavement support group, open to all year groups on a Wednesday Break B.

#### Young carers

Did you know that there are estimated to be one million young carers in the UK? For our students who have caring responsibilities at home, balancing school life can be difficult. Aiming to improve wellbeing of young carers, our young carers group will be open to all year groups on a Tuesday Break B. If you believe your child may be a young carer, please email our safeguarding team to discuss further. We would like to share this excellent video, created by Northamptonshire Young Carers Service:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3PCQUa78Ho

#### Parental Workshops

There are 3 excellent free parenting courses funded by the OPFCC. Referrals need to made by a member of staff – so if you are interested in any of the following – please contact Reception and ask to be transferred to the Safeguarding Team for more information.

- Effective co-parenting
- Teenage emotions and relationships
- Child Exploitation Webinar

#### **Coffee Morning**



West Northants Voices in Partnership (WNVP) are hosting a coffee morning for all parents to attend to offer further support for parents with children with SEND.

It is open to all parent carers with children and young people with SEND aged 0-25, there is no requirement to have a connection to the Hunsbury Park, they have just offered to host it.

SSS (SEN Support Service) will also be supporting this monthly, so parents will be able to have a chat with the SSS workers if they would like to.

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