

Abbeyfield Weekly

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#13 24th May

Principals Message

Welcome to the final parent bulletin for this half term.

Our Duke of Edinburgh pupils are currently on expedition - I am sure you will all join me in wishing them a dry, happy and successful time. This week has also seen all our Reward assemblies and it has been great to see students receiving a number of fabulous prizes. Exams have continued to be running successfully and I have been really impressed with how well students have been approaching these. We have also had our Y13 Leavers Assembly which was fantastic to celebrate and look back at their achievements. This weekend also sees our London Theatre Residential take place and I hope that pupils and staff have a fabulous weekend away and enjoy this wonderful experience and the performances in the West End.

We have been focusing this term in lessons on encouraging pupils to think more. We have been working on some questioning methods in class to ensure all think about their answers more deeply before they answer. An important part of learning is for teachers to pick up on any misconceptions and correct these before moving on hence the focus on questioning.

School reopens to pupils on Monday 3rd June at 8.40am. Next half term we are focusing on those pupils who arrive late more than once in a week. Unless there is an emergency situation, your child is a young carer or traffic is particularly bad then there are no excuses for lateness.

Pupils are expected to be in full school uniform. Blazers must be worn in school. Pupils may take blazers off and place them on the backs of chairs if they feel warm. **Hoodies may not be worn or seen in school.** They are to be placed in bags upon arrival in the morning. If a hoodie is seen then verbal warning will be issued - if it is seen twice then it will be taken and placed in the pastoral office and the pupil will need to collect it at the end of the day. There has been a problem with the supply of our ties from manufacturers. Therefore, any child without a tie, until the end of term will be offered a **plain black one to borrow** until their tie arrives.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy the break.

Safeguarding

Half term support:

We know that breaks from school can be daunting for some parents, carers and families. The safeguarding team continue to work through the break and are contactable for emergencies on: ABS-SafeGuarding@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk during usual school hours.

Our website also has links and numbers to useful services (including Mental Health support, Parenting Support, Food Banks and more) by selecting 'Pastoral' and then 'external services'.

Mental health Support Team:

As you know, we have worked hard this year to embed our school counselling service which has been an amazing success. The team have seen hundreds of students and continue to work hard to give many of your children support. To improve our response to meeting the

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mental health needs of our students, we are proud to share that we are now working with the NHS MHST. During the first week back, they will be delivering assemblies to all students and this will then be followed with a feedback questionnaire for all parents/carers- please watch out for this!

Here, is a message from them:

We, the Mental Health Support (MHST) team are delighted to be working with you and your school! We are a new service collaboratively working alongside schools, to support children, young people, and their families with their emotional & mental wellbeing. We will work with your school and help to adopt a whole school approach to attain a schooling environment with positive mental wellbeing. Your school area will be supported by the Central 3 MHST team and we look forward to sharing more information and meeting some of you in person at school.

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