

# Abbeyfield Weekly



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## Principal's Message

As we move into October I've been reflecting on the first 4 weeks of the new academic year. Students have settled back into routines and are really engaging in the growing range of extracurricular opportunities that are on offer. It's been fantastic to see the preparation for the show (and rehearsals) going on as well as the number of students attending the lunch time PE opportunities. Sporting success has continued at Abbeyfield with another great result for our year 8 footballers in the County Cup this week.

Looking forward we are going to focus on being ambitious over the next week and explore with students in assemblies and tutor time what ambition is. This will include a real push on punctuality both to school and to lessons. We will be embedding the concept of the 'golden hour' with students. This is the time that they are in lesson in front of expert practitioners, we want them to receive the maximum benefit from this time. One of the key elements of this is being punctual and ready to learn - we are working with local employers to develop the understanding of students on the key skills that they need in the workplace - punctuality is certainly one of them.

We continue to work with our partner agencies in order to ensure that the school does not end at the main gates. We're delighted to be able to invite you in for the first of our 'Coffee and a Catch up' where I will be available, alongside a representative from the police, to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. We are working proactively together to ensure that students feel safe in our community as well as in the school itself. You may have noticed an increased presence from the local community team as well as staff on duty in our community - this is part of our commitment to ensuring that our values of Respect and Kindness are instilled across the community not just within the school itself.

There will be further opportunities to meet with senior team members as well as other community partners and we are also hoping to develop a 'Friends of Abbeyfield' (FABs) group to work alongside us. Finally, we've got the Halloween Concert coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> October which is another great opportunity to come into the school. I hope to see you at one of our events soon.

## Coffee & Catch - up


### Police & Principal Coffee & Catch-Up


Come join us for a friendly chat over coffee!


 Meet your local police officers

 Catch up with the Principal

 Share your thoughts, ask questions, and build community connections

 Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

 Time: 9 - 10.30am

 Location: Abbeyfield School

Everyone is welcome – Please book via this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/txjua7iPpT>

Let's connect, listen, and support each other.

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## Careers

### *What is happening in the careers department before Half Term?*

IAG: We have started our interview and guidance meetings, prioritising year 11 and 13, but also seeing any younger students that may need early careers support. Students are welcome to request meetings via their tutor or head of year.

Trip to Campbell Square: We have an exciting trip to Campbell Square in which selected students who are interested in police/ criminology will be visiting the police station and museum. This is the first time this trip has been offered, if successful, we hope to roll out the trip to many others in the future.

Year 7 Introduction to Careers: We are looking forward to meeting the year 7's and introducing them to careers. We are lucky to also be supported by Abbeyfield Alumni who are coming in to discuss their post-16 choices and give advise to the year 7's.

Barclays Life Skills: We are being joined by a group of employee's from Barclays who will deliver their Life Skills workshop to some of our year 8 students. They will introduce budgeting and forward thinking.

Careers Club: We are thrilled to announce that we will be offering a Careers Club during select break times – more information to follow.

Year 10 work experience: You should have received letters home with details about the year 10 work experience happening in March 2026. Year 10's also received an assembly this week in which we outlined the key information they need to start thinking about their placements.

## OPTIONS AT 18:



### UCAS early entry

Deadline - 15 October

Students applying to Oxbridge, medical/veterinary school and dentistry will need to submit their completed UCAS forms soon.

Meanwhile, university open days are a great chance for students to get a feel for whether university might be for them - even if they haven't made up their minds yet. Parents should go along too, if you can.



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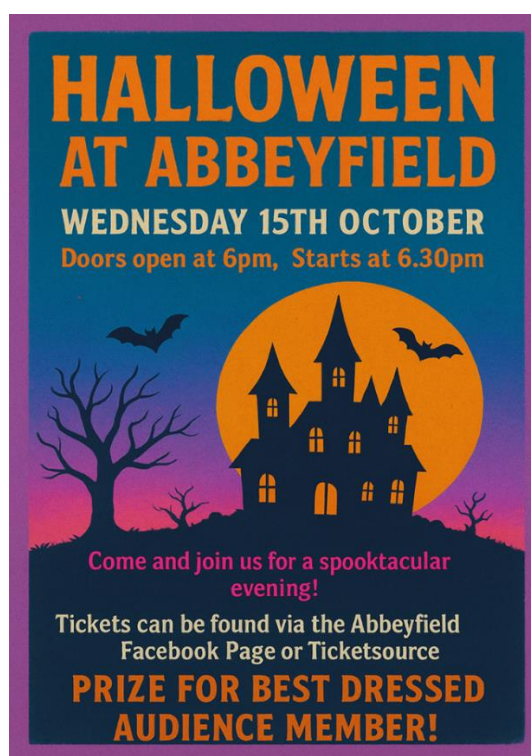
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Here are some articles from 'The Parents Guide' for extra support:

- [Using mindmaps to complete UCAS personal statements](#)
- [How to help your teen write their personal statement](#)
- [UCAS key dates](#)

## Halloween at Abbeyfield



Please book your tickets by visiting [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) and searching for **Abbeyfield School**.

## Student Ambassadors

### Interested in Becoming a Student Ambassador?

We're excited to offer students the opportunity to join one of our ambassador programmes:

#### ✦ Wellbeing Ambassador Programme

Support your peers, promote mental health awareness, and help create a positive school environment.

#### ✦ LGBTQ+ Ambassador Programme

Champion inclusivity, celebrate diversity, and help make Abbeyfield a safe and welcoming space for everyone.



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If you're interested in either role, please email us at [counsellors@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:counsellors@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk) with:

- Your name
- Your form
- Which programme you're interested in
- The best way to contact you
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We look forward to hearing from you and building a stronger, more supportive school community together!

## Green Projects 2025

**The Coat Exchange**

Choosing pre-loved clothing can help reduce the effects of Climate Change

**Donate your unwanted coats to The Coat Exchange**

**Drop off Location:**  
The Abbey Centre  
East Hunsbury – NN4 0RZ

**Donations:**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Find a new coat at The Coat Exchange**

**The Abbey Centre**  
East Hunsbury – NN4 0RZ

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

For more information, please contact The Abbey Centre on 01604 787568

**Festive Free For All**

**Come and get some FREE STUFF!**  
*It's that simple!*

We would like donations of **Christmas Jumpers & Festive Hats** in good clean condition!  
**Christmas decorations, tinsel, baubles, hanging decorations etc, Boxed Christmas Trees, Christmas wrap and cards** - unused (Sorry, no electricals)

**Drop off between 27th October - 7th November at East Hunsbury Parish Council Office Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ**

**FREE items available to re-home between 10th November – 20th November in EHPC Activity Room**  
Open to all during Library Opening Hours

East Hunsbury Parish Council  
[www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Follow East Hunsbury Parish Council on Facebook and keep up-to-date locally

**RECYCLE YOUR SMALLER HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

**AT HUNSBURY LIBRARY**  
**Weds 12th November, 10am - 1pm**

Do you have household electricals up to the size of a microwave you don't know how to dispose of?

**Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, NN4 0RZ**

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Celebrating our wonderful students

👏 Ward's Wonder of the Week: Alfie! 👏

With over 150 P Points, 0 C Points, and a consistent display of the Abbeyfield Values — Ambition, Respect, and Kindness — Alfie is truly shining this week! ✨

Your dedication, positive attitude, and exemplary behaviour make you a role model for others. Keep up the amazing work, Alfie — we're all incredibly proud of you!



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🏆 Player of the Match: Leyton 🏆

Elizabeth Woodville 2 - 4 Abbeyfield

Leyton delivered a standout performance in Abbeyfield's impressive 4–2 victory over Elizabeth Woodville.

His contribution was pivotal, scoring one goal and assisting another, while consistently demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship and skill throughout the match.

👏 Other Goal scorers for Abbeyfield:

Emmanuel

Frankie

Mahmoud

A fantastic team effort and a well-deserved win!



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World Mental Health Day

October 10th,  
2025



# World Mental Health Day

*We are selling green ribbons to raise awareness & funds  
for World Mental Health Day  
50p per ribbon, to be paid via ArborPay - ribbons will be  
delivered to students on Friday  
All proceeds to go to Mental Health Foundation*



💚 World Mental Health Day 💚 10th October 💚

To raise awareness and support mental health initiatives, we will be selling green ribbons in honour of World Mental Health Day.

🌀 Cost: 50p each

💚 Where to buy: Available via ArborPay

🌐 Proceeds: All funds raised will go to the Mental Health Foundation

Let's stand together for better mental health for all. 💚

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## Parking and Roadworks

### ◆ Reminder to All Parents & Carers

For the safety of all our children, please ensure that when dropping off or collecting your child from school, you:

- **Adhere to the speed limit**
- **Stay alert and mindful of your surroundings**
- **Watch for children crossing and follow all school zone signs**

### ⚠ Important Notice Regarding Roadworks

Due to ongoing roadworks, we kindly ask that:

- **Parents do not park on the slip road** to collect students.
- **Students are not dropped off on the main road**, even if traffic appears stationary.

These actions pose a serious safety risk to our children and school community.

## Upcoming School Events

- **15th October** – Halloween at Abbeyfield
- **16th October** – Police & Principal – Coffee & Catch-up
- **22nd October** – Flu Vaccinations (Years 7–11)
- **23rd October** – Year 7 Parents Evening
- **23rd October** - Sixth Form Halloween Social
- **24th October** – Last Day of Term