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## Principal's Message

Welcome to another packed Abbeyfield Weekly. As the first term draws to an end (8 weeks has flown by), I've been reflecting on what we've achieved over the first term of the academic year. I feel that this edition of our weekly newsletter sums it up perfectly – huge opportunities. Whether it's a short story competition, work with our careers team, the chance to become a student ambassador, getting involved in making Abbeyfield greener or victory (in this case) on the sporting field there have been so many things for students to get involved in.

This is why Abbeyfield is such a special place, we really do want students to develop skills and have opportunities above and beyond the academic. Equally though, this does mean that they'll undoubtedly be ready for a week off! We'll be looking to continue to provide fantastic opportunities after half term – please do keep an eye out for these as well as continuing our work to develop understanding of the importance of our three values: Ambition, Respect and Kindness. These values will set students up for success both at school and beyond and we want them to exhibit them both in school and beyond.

I wanted to finish by wishing you all a wonderful break and sharing some feedback that we have received about some of our students who took part in a sports leadership opportunity. It's always great to read and highlights why our values are so important to us. Working with younger students from other schools to help them enjoy a day of sporting competition was ambitious and our students clearly exhibited both respect and kindness throughout:

*Thanks so much for bringing your leaders over for the football yesterday. They were brilliant, and a real credit to your school. They refereed the games with confidence and enthusiasm for the whole event. Thank you!*

Have a wonderful break.

## World mental Health Day

Thank you so much for your support with World Mental Health Day this year. Whether you purchased a green ribbon or kindly allowed us to interrupt your lessons to distribute them to students, your involvement made a real difference.

It's been wonderful to see so many green ribbons around the school, helping to raise awareness and show solidarity for mental health. Together, we raised **£167**, which will be donated to the **Mental Health Foundation** — an organisation doing incredible work to support mental wellbeing across the UK.

If you'd like to learn more about their resources and initiatives, you can visit their website:

[🔗 https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health)

Thank you again for helping us mark this important day.

## 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.

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**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 advice to the year 7's.

**Barclays Life Skills:** We are being joined by a group of employees 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.

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

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

## 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.



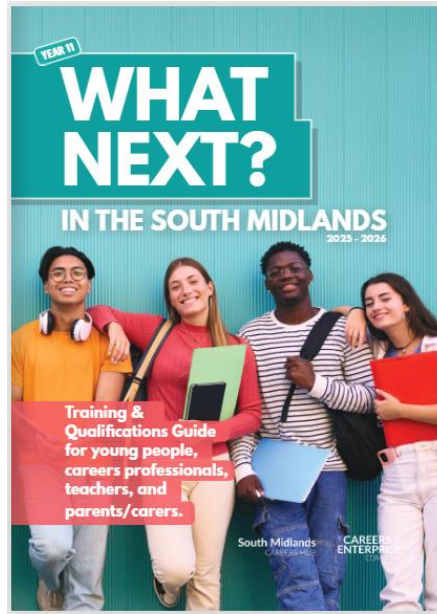
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The South Midlands Careers Hub are excited to launch the first edition of the Year 11 What Next Guide – a comprehensive resource created in collaboration with Resourceful Careers to support young people, parents/carers/families, and educators across Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, and Northamptonshire. You can explore the guide here [Online Flipbook](#)



Due to ongoing popularity, Starting Off are running another apprenticeship information webinar for parents/carers of school leavers on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm – 7.15pm . Parents/carers will need to book on using the below link:

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-offs-apprenticeship-information-webinar-for-parents-tickets-1765658615449?aff=oddtcreator>

## Careers Room

We have a fun display outside our careers room – Halloween themed! Students are welcome to pop into the careers room at break times and talk all things careers. Students are also welcome to join our brand new Careers Club being held on Monday's Week B during Break A. We will have some fun competitions taking place.



## Apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships have just announced their next series of informative webinars for **teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers** and **aspiring apprentices** that will provide an abundance of tips, advice, and information around the topic of apprenticeships and technical education. Please click on the link below to explore the details of the webinars.

[Webinars & Workshops - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

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## Halloween at Abbeyfield

**SHORT STORY COMPETITION**


Write your own ghost story (minimum 500 words, maximum 1000) for a chance to win a book, worth up to £15, of your choosing!  
No AI/ ChatGPT- it needs to be your own writing.  
Every entry will receive a free spooky boooooookmark!  
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All entries need to be handed in / emailed to Miss Gilbert by the 5th of November.

### **Abbeyfield Halloween Ghost Story Competition**

Get your pens ready and your imagination flowing! This Halloween, every student at Abbeyfield is invited to write their very own spooooooky ghost story for a chance to win a book of your choosing!

 Who can enter?

Every year group across the school!

 What do you get?

Each entry receives a spooky bookmark, and the winning story earns its author a book of their choice!

 Let the haunting tales begin...



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## 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. 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 767568

**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

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**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

East Hunsbury Parish Council  
www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk


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## Celebrating our wonderful students



 Well done to our Year 8 Sportshall Athletics team!

They gave it their all in the district heats and secured an impressive 3rd place, narrowly missing out on the county championships.  

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A huge congratulations to everyone involved — your hard work, determination, and team spirit truly shone through! 🌟



## Year 10 Boys Football Team Triumphs with 6–0 Victory Over NIA

A fantastic display of teamwork and determination saw the Year 10 boys secure a dominant 6–0 win against NIA.

Goal Scorers:

Ronnie 🏆🏆🏆 (Hat-trick hero!)

Ryan 🏆

Basaam 🏆 (First goal for Abbeyfield!)

Eimantas 🏆 (First goal for Abbeyfield!)

Players of the Match:

🏆 Ronnie – for his clinical finishing and relentless energy

🏆 Reece – for his outstanding defensive work and leadership on the pitch

Well done to the entire team for a brilliant performance!

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## 🏆 County Cup Progress! 🏆

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 Boys' Football Team who have battled their way into the next round of the County Cup after a hard-fought victory over Northampton Academy! 🏆 ⚽

The team showed incredible resilience and character throughout the match. Special shout-out to our goalkeeper **Ethan**, who was the hero of the penalty shoot-out—saving not one, but **two** crucial penalties! 🧤 💧

Well done, boys! We're proud of you! 🏆



## 📖 ✨ Peer Power in Action!

Every Wednesday, our incredible Sixth Form students meet in the library to support Key Stage 3 pupils with their reading. This paired reading initiative is helping build confidence, boost literacy, and foster a love for books across year groups.

We're so proud of the commitment and kindness shown by our Sixth Formers—true role models! ❤️



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🌟 Huge Congratulations to Tyler in Year 10! 🌟

Tyler has smashed it this term with over 12,000 points in his Bedrock reading—an incredible achievement and a true reflection of his dedication and love for learning. What a superstar! 📖 📄

Keep up the amazing work, Tyler—we're all so proud of you!



📖 📄 Shoutout to Miss Gilbert!

Our amazing librarian has been working tirelessly to support our students with their reading. Every week, she meets with our Key Stage 3 literacy intervention groups, helping them build crucial reading skills and confidence.

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Thank you, Miss Gilbert, for your dedication and passion—you're making a real difference! 🌟



🌟 Celebrating Success in Sixth Form!

This term, we recognised and rewarded students who truly embodied our school values—well done to all our amazing role models! 🌟

We also kicked off our first prom fundraising event, and it was a fantastic start!

It's been a term full of positivity, growth, and community spirit. We're already looking forward to the exciting events coming next term! 💖

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## Sixth Form Abbeyfield News

Abbeyfield School Sixth Form presents

### THE ABBEYFIELD NEWSLETTER

Editors in Chief – Leema Akter and Callum Newnham

Thursday 23/10/25 Issue #5

It has been a very exciting start to the new academic year and what better place to start it in than our brand new sparkling Sixth Form Centre! We have welcomed over 70+ students into our Sixth Form this year, evidence that our Post-16 offer is expanding and growing exponentially. With new subjects this year, such as Religion, Ethics and Philosophy, students can study a wide curriculum which opens up any career pathway for them. Every year I am taken aback by how quickly our Year 12s settle into their new routine.

Year 13 have also started sending their UCAS off (6 applications have gone already) with lots applying for exciting courses at Russell Group Universities, including an applicant to Cambridge.

Our extra-curricular offer is also already buzzing with lots of students enjoying the offers outside the classroom. Since September, Sixth Formers have been enjoying the Academic Reading group, reading buddies, Public Speaking Competition, Chess club, Music Appreciation Club, online lectures and lots have signed up for the Mental Health First Aid qualification taking place in December.


It feels like a positive, bright start to the year with exciting opportunities and outcomes awaiting all of us. I am excited to see what happens next.

If you're interested in learning more about Abbeyfield's Sixth Form, please come to our Open Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow shortly.

- Mrs Claire Wawrzesta, Head of Post-16

**Coming back:**  
Being back at school on the dawn of a new year means new beginnings, new friendships and a new space to study! Here at Abbeyfield, we love to make everyone feel welcome and safe and after being in this school since 2019 I can confidently say that the new study space for sixth formers is the best it has ever been. The café area that's incredibly cosy, the high tables perfect for studying, the low tables perfect for focusing and the single tables giving an exam like feel to the base. Its exciting being back, I can't wait to see what it brings for us all and how we tackle our challenges!

- Callum, Year 13




“Anything is possible here” “Abbeyfield doesn't make you change; it enhances you”  
“Variety of study spaces” “There is literally always someone you can talk to”

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**Arriving as an external student:**  
Since coming to Abbeyfield as an external student, I have felt welcomed and I have quickly adapted and settled in. The new study room is sleek and modern but simplistic. It creates a cosy environment for people to sit and have a chat but also for people to study. It makes the sixth form feel different to the rest of the school due to having a designated room. A lot of the other sixth formers also enjoy this space and utilise their time here.

- Tyler Andrews, Year 12

**Music Appreciation Club:**  
In Music Appreciation Club, we delve into and discuss an album either recommended or randomly selected, exploring different genres, eras, and artists, as well as creating specific playlists. We are all open to share our opinions and listen to others, being a great place to bond, whether you are a music lover, wanting to get into music, or just enjoy critical thinking and analysing different things. We are welcome to all in E1, every Wednesday Break B.


- Oscar, Year 13

**KEY DATES!**  
5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 13 PPEs  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Sixth Form Open Evening

**Black History Month:**  
Black History Month this year is about standing firm in power and pride. It symbolises community, strength, and togetherness, especially in times like these when racial tensions are high across the country. It reminds us that we have each other's backs, not just as a race, but as a people, a family, and a school body.

This month is a celebration of our shared history, our resilience, and the power that comes from unity. It encourages us to honour those who came before us, to stand tall in who we are today, and to build a future where every voice is heard and valued.

- Yvette, Year 13



## Join Our Academy Council

We are currently seeking new members to join our Academy Council. If you are interested in contributing to the strategic direction and success of our academy, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like an application / expression of interest form, please contact the school office at [enquiries@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk)

If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact Kerry Sherwood at: [Kerry.Sherwood@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk](mailto:Kerry.Sherwood@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk)

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## Friends of Abbeyfield School (FABS)


We are delighted to invite you to an exciting and important event — the launch meeting of our new Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Friends of Abbeyfield School (FABS).


FABS will be a wonderful opportunity for parents, teachers, and staff to come together to share ideas and collaborate in enriching the educational experience of all students at Abbeyfield School.

Your involvement, support, and voice are key to strengthening the relationship between the school and the wider community. Whether you have fundraising ideas, enjoy organising events, or simply want to work more closely with the school to support students and build deeper connections with staff — we would love to hear from you!

### Meeting Details:

 Date: 6th November 2025

 Time: 15.30 – 17.00pm

 Location: Abbeyfield Sixth Form

Whether you're new to Abbeyfield or have been part of our community for some time, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents, learn more about FABS' goals, and help shape its future direction.

We warmly encourage you to join us and share your thoughts, enthusiasm, and ideas. Your participation truly makes a difference.

Please RSVP by 31st October at by complete this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/t46MZrjEzi>

## 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.

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## Upcoming School Events

### November:

- **6<sup>th</sup> November** - Police & Principal – Coffee & Catch-up – 14.15 – 15.15pm
- **6<sup>th</sup> November** – FABS – Meeting – 15.30 – 17.00pm
- **13<sup>th</sup> November** – Sixth Form Open Evening

**Wishing all our families, students, and staff a wonderful, relaxing half-term break.**

We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest and quality time with loved ones. Thank you for your continued support and dedication—see you after the break!