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Principal's Message

It was a privilege this week to receive the CET Awards for Abbeyfield School from our CEO, Nicole McCartney. These awards highlight the outstanding achievements of our students and it is a testament to their hard work and perseverance over the last academic year. We look forward to being able to celebrate the achievements of our current year 11 students later in the academic year, they are working hard to surpass the excellent achievements of their predecessors.

With the mock exams now completed year 11 students are focusing on considering their next steps. On the back of our Sixth Form Open Evening we're looking forward to our Sixth Form taster day next week. This will provide students with a further opportunity to explore their post 16 options here at Abbeyfield and to continue their education with us as we prepare them for their post 18 destinations. This is one element of another busy week, however, with students going to see *The Importance of Being Earnest*, welcoming Human Utopia and preparing themselves for School Photos – it's all go at Abbeyfield!

As the winter has definitely arrived this week please remind students to 'layer up' to stay warm on their journeys to and from school. Hoodies are not allowed on site, but a warm jacket is definitely recommended. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support in helping ensure that students arrive at school on time. Students should be on site (and heading towards the warm!) from 8.40 - we appreciate that there are continued issues with the traffic and are working with the contractors on this. As soon as we have any further details we will update you!



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Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers & Christmas Jumper Day!



Pre-loved Christmas jumpers

Abbeyfield School will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day in support of *Save the Children*.

To make this day inclusive for all families, we would love your help!

If you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers or festive outfits that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school.

Donation period:

🎄 **Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December** 🧑🏻

✳️ Donations can be dropped off to the main office ✳️

Once we have collected donations, we will invite parents to come in one afternoon after school (date to be confirmed) to choose a jumper for their child to wear on Christmas Jumper Day. This will be free of charge and open to all families.

On **11th December**, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or simply festive colours— whatever works best for you!



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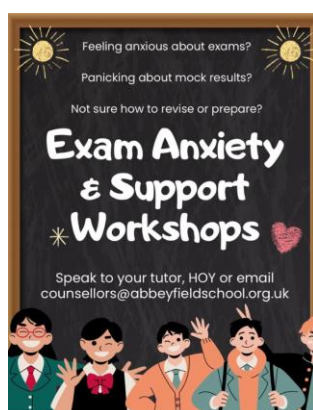
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Thank you for helping us make this a fun and inclusive event for everyone and for spreading kindness this Christmas 🎄

Exam Anxiety & Support



Exam Anxiety & Support Workshops for Year 11

We are running a series of workshops designed to help Year 11 students manage exam stress and prepare effectively.

These sessions will cover:

- The importance of self-care
- Supporting your sleep
- Study skills
- Understanding anxiety

These workshops are also a great opportunity to connect with peers and access support from staff.

If you would like more information, please speak to:

- Your Tutor
- Your Head of Year
- A member of the Safeguarding Team
- Our School Counsellors



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Year 11: We are currently working through all students in year 11 to ensure they all receive a one-to-one with a professional careers advisor. During these meetings, students get tailored information about their post-16 options. Parents/carers are welcome to attend, please reach out to us if you would like to accompany your child to a meeting.

Please see the link below to the National Careers Service which offers advice about post-16 options.

[Post 16 options | National Careers Service](#)



It is very helpful to know about local labour market information to see what roles are currently in demand in the area, this sometimes helps to make decisions about what path to take. Please see below link to South East Midlands Careers hub with lots of relevant information about our local area:

[Labour Market Information](#)



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Year 10: We are really pleased to see that lots of year 10's are gaining their work experience placements and completing their Unifrog Initial Forms. Please continue to search for local opportunities, and ask friends and family if they can offer support within their workplaces. Last week we sent home a copy of the presentation used in the launch workshop – please continue to refer to this for 'How to' guides for Unifrog and important information.



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Attendance WOW Week

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Attend school every day from the 24th-28th November to be entered into the draw to win some amazing prizes!

Draw will be held on Friday 28th November, Period 5!

Plus, the tutor group with the most 100% attendees will be rewarded with a film afternoon!

life-style
Congrats!
500+ Awards

HARIBO Starmix

Remember that every day counts!
Attendance Matters. You Matter.

Ambition – Respect – Kindness

Attendance WOW Week!

24th – 28th November

Attend every day next week to be entered into a draw to win some amazing prizes!

⚡ Don't miss out—make every day count! ⚡

Celebrating our students!



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🎉 Our CoachBright intervention students kicked off their first session today!

We're so proud of the amazing maths coaching happening—planned and delivered by our brilliant Year 10s. 💡 This is what leadership and peer support look like in action! Huge thanks to @coachbrightuk for partnering with us to make this possible.

📚 Empowering students. Building confidence. Making a difference.



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 Well done to our Year 9/10 Basketball Team!

They recorded their first win of the season against Northampton Academy. It was a brilliant team effort, and a special shout-out goes to Edmund, who stepped up to play in an older age group and still delivered an outstanding performance.

Great job, everyone!

School Photo's – Years 7 - 11

We're excited to announce that Fizz Photography will be capturing our school's photographs on 27/11/2025.

To streamline the process and ensure secure access to your child's photos, there is an easy online registration system.

You must register **BEFORE** school photo day, please register **NOW** by following these three simple steps:

1. Visit <https://order.fizz-photography.co.uk> on your phone, tablet or computer.
2. Enter code JRX63YRY28



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3. Enter your child's name, as it appears on the school register, and your contact details

Please note if you have already pre-registered and created an account for a previous shoot, this will not link to this shoot, pre-registration is required for every shoot.

Once registered, you'll be notified when photos are available for viewing and ordering, directly receiving your child's photo(s) via email/SMS. You can view and order photos with ease, from anywhere.

Your details are used solely for sharing your child's personal gallery securely with you, and you can learn more about Fizz Photography's data protection practices here: <https://order.fizz-photography.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

You will **not** be able to register on the day of the photo shoot or beyond. Parents / Guardians who do not register will receive a manual proof slip in due course.

Please don't miss this opportunity for a seamless photo day experience. Pre-register today!

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.

♿ Disabled Parking

Please remember that **disabled parking bays are for Blue Badge holders only.**

Upcoming School Events



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November:

- **24th November – 5th December** – Pre-loved Christmas Jumper donations 🎄
- **27th November** – School Photo's – Year 7 – 11
- **27th November** – Sixth form taster Day – Year 11

December:

- **11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day (more details to follow)
- **16th December** – Christmas Dinner Day