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Principal's Message

As we look forward to the start of December we're going to focus on our core expectations at Abbeyfield School. Students have responded positively to our recent focus on arriving promptly at school, despite the continued challenges of the roadworks, thank you to all parents/carers for their support with this.

Next week we will focus on being ready to learn with the right uniform and equipment as well as arriving promptly at the start of the lesson. We'll be reminding students that if they arrive late to the lesson this impacts on the learning of other students as well as their own. We want all of our students to be ambitious in their learning and this starts with a prompt arrival and settling quickly to the 'do now' activity. As the weather continues to get colder please can you remind students that they should bring a warm coat to school. I would like to remind all parents/carers that hoodies are not allowed on site – we have recently seen an increase in these. Hoodies will be confiscated if they are worn on site – thank you in advance for your support with this.

By focusing on our core standards and expectations we can ensure the best possible learning experience for all of our students. Should you have any queries then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

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!



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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.

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



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Christmas Jumper Day:

 **Thursday 11th December**

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or simply festive colours over their normal uniform (blazers do not need to be worn) – whatever works best for you!

This year we will be asking for a £1 donation, which can be paid directly to JustGiving in support of Save the Children (Please scan the above barcode)

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

Hampers



As the festive season approaches, we are reminded of those most in need. From Monday 1st December, we would like to ask for your support in providing unopened, unused, non-perishable items to help us create hampers. These can include anything that does not require refrigeration or freezing. Unopened toiletries are also very welcome.

We aim to fill one hamper per year group, and your contributions would make a real difference. Donations can be handed into the main office.

Please ensure all donations are brought into school by Friday 13th December. The hampers will be donated to Food Aid Far Cotton from Monday 15th December.

Let's work together to spread some festive cheer this Christmas!



Exam Anxiety & Support



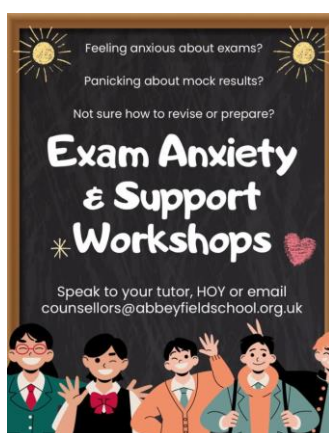
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Exam Anxiety & Support Workshops for Year 11

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](#)



Labour Market Information

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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Sixth Form Taster Day



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Sixth Form Taster Day today!

We loved welcoming you and hope you enjoyed exploring what our Sixth Form has to offer.

 Applications are open and will close on 16th January!

Don't miss your chance to join us—apply today!

This week at Abbeyfield!



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❖ A Day in the West End! ❖

Yesterday, some of our Sixth Form students had the incredible opportunity to see *The Importance of Being Earnest* in London's West End.

This classic play by Oscar Wilde was a fantastic way to bring literature to life and experience the magic of live theatre.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible – what a memorable day for our students!



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🎯 College Exploration Day! 🎯

Yesterday our students had a fantastic opportunity to explore both Moulton College and Northampton College. They enjoyed guided tours of the grounds, facilities, and specialist learning areas, gaining a real insight into the courses and pathways available after Year 11.

We even bumped into some of our Abbeyfield alumni along the way. It was wonderful to see them thriving and getting on so well in their next steps!

We are incredibly lucky to have such fantastic colleges right on our doorstep, offering a wide range of opportunities for our young people.

A huge thank you to both colleges for welcoming us and inspiring our students! 🌟



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It's UK Parliament Week!

This week our students are getting hands-on with democracy and learning how their voices can help shape real change.

Write to Your MP Competition

Students have the opportunity to draft their own letters to our local MP, sharing the issues that matter to them most.

Create Your Own Petition

They can also design their own petitions, proposing changes they'd like to see in our school or wider community.

Prizes to be won!



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Mock Election in Assemblies


Our fantastic Sixth Formers have launched their own political “parties” and delivered inspiring presentations. Now it’s over to the students—every vote counts as they choose the party they want to see elected!

It’s been an exciting, engaging week of debate, discussion, and active citizenship!




 Year 11 Tuck Shop  

 Every Friday until 12th December

 Break B in the Theatre

 Cash & Card Accepted

💎 All proceeds go towards the Year 11 Prom – thank you for your support! 



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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.

♿ Disabled Parking

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

Upcoming School Events

December 🎄

- **24th November – 5th December** – Preloved Christmas Jumpers
- **1st December – 13th December** – Hamper collection
- **11th December** – Christmas Jumper Day (more details to follow)
- **16th December** – Christmas Dinner Day