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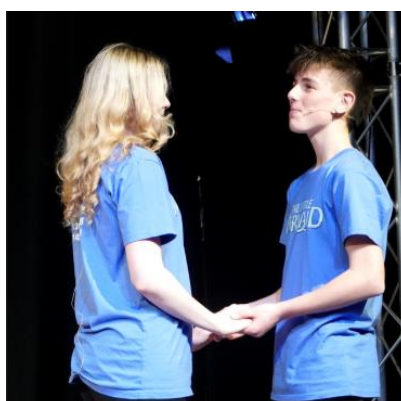
Principal's Message

Monday morning proved to be particularly interesting this week as we received a call from one of His Majesty's Chief Inspectors to inform us that they would be visiting Abbeyfield School on the following two days. This provided us with the opportunity to welcome a team of inspectors to our school and share the fantastic work that our community has been doing. We're unable to share specific details of the inspection until the report is finalised and published, but it was a pleasure to share our journey so far with the team and showcase some of the great work that students have been carrying out over the last few months.

We've got more exciting opportunities for students over the coming weeks including the Geography Field Trip and the London Design Museum Trip and the Maths Challenge. This is alongside the continued preparations for this year's Abbeyfield Spectacular - 'The Little Mermaid' which I am looking forward to watching. One of the things that makes Abbeyfield such a special place is the range of opportunities and activities that students and staff get involved in. I never cease to be amazed by how students (and staff) manage to engage in such a wide range of opportunities and activities on top of the curriculum lessons that they are all involved in.

As we move towards the end of the term, we will also have an opportunity to pause and reflect on what we have all achieved since the start of the academic year. The rewards assemblies for students are on the horizon and there will be plenty more opportunities to share successes. It is important, however, not to rest on what has already been achieved. We are already planning for the summer exam series and supporting students with their transition to their next steps. Do take a moment this weekend to pause and reflect on the positives and recharge your batteries. I look forward to catching up with students over the next few weeks to look at how we continue to move forward positively to ensure that our community moves from strength to strength.

The Little Mermaid





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Not long now until Abbeyfield's production of The Little Mermaid takes to the stage this February! Our staff and students have been working incredibly hard, with rehearsals well underway, and tickets are already selling fast. Come along to support what promises to be a great show.

Tickets are available from Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/abbeyfield-school-tickets>

Don't miss out—secure your seats soon!

Safeguarding

Last week, students had assemblies delivered by the safeguarding team reminding them of everything we do to keep them safe in school and how they can keep themselves safe in the community and online. Please continue to encourage your children to reach out to a trusted staff member if they have any worries about their safety. Parents and carers can also reach out via our safeguarding team email found on the website.

Ahead of the weekend, it may be a good time to remind and educate yourself on some of the online risks we have been educating students on. Please see below a useful snapshot of some apps to keep an eye out for:

20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com

Snapchat Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.	Roblox Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.	Kik Messenger Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.	Fortnite Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.
TikTok Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.	Telegram Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.	Hoop The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.	Reddit Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.
Instagram Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children use secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.	OmeTV Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.	LiveMe Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.	BeReal The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.
WhatsApp Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.	Yubo The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.	Calculator+ These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.	Twitch Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.
Discord Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.	Monkey Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.	YouTube Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.	Bumble This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.



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Careers

On Tuesday 27th January we have our annual Mock Interview Day for year 11. Years 12 and 13 are also invited to attend. We have local and national companies coming in to talk to our students. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the local labour market, the opportunities post-16, and gain some skills for interviews. Students will be asked to make their way to the library on the timeslots below (depending on the tutor group they are in). They will be paired with an organisation and be asked to find out about them. It is usually a great event that the students enjoy. Any questions please ask.

Year 11 Mock Interview Day
Tuesday 27th January 2026
 Abbeyfield School Library

Arrival Time	9.35	9.55	10.15	10.40	11.15-11.45	11.45	12.05	12.30	12.50	1.15pm	1.45
Tutor Group	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	BREAK	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	Overflow session	END

& Many More!

All year 11 students will take part in one-to-one interviews with external companies. This will help you to build confidence, network, and gain experience of interview techniques.



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Big News!

Our amazing Sixth Form now have their very own Instagram & Facebook accounts!

Follow us for:

- Behind-the-scenes moments
- Student achievements
- Upcoming events
- ...and so much more!

Instagram: [@abbeyfield_sixthform_npton](#)

Facebook: Abbeyfield SixthForm

Show your support and hit that Follow button today!

Northamptonshire Talking

More information regarding what is going on in our local area from Northamptonshire police can found here at Northamptonshire Talking - <https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk/Content/Pages/Latest-Alerts>

Parking, Roadworks & E-scooters

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.



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⚠ Important Notice: E-Scooters Not Permitted 🚫 📌

To ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors, please be aware of the following regulations:

- 🚫 Private e-scooters are strictly not allowed on school site.
- ⚠ It is illegal to ride a private e-scooter on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, and other public spaces in the UK. Only approved rental e-scooters are legal to use.
- 📄 Anyone using a Voi rental e-scooter must hold a full, valid UK driving licence.
- 🚫 E-scooters must NOT be left blocking entrances, exits, pathways, or any access points. Any scooter causing an obstruction may be removed for safety reasons.

These rules are in place to protect the school community and ensure safe access around the site.

🙏 Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming School Events

January 2026

- 22nd January – London Design Museum Trip – Sixth Form
- 26th - 28th January – Sixth Form Geography Trip
- 29th January – Sixth Form parents evening