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## Principal's Message

It's been fantastic to welcome students back to Abbeyfield as well as to see the sun out this week (although the rain appears to have returned in time for the weekend). We've had several visitors comment this week on how polite and helpful students have been and this has been a theme for our assemblies. We've worked with students on our core values of Ambition, Respect and Kindness and the concept of 'my place'. Our community is built on the actions and choices of all the individuals in it, and it's always wonderful to hear such positive feedback from new staff and visitors. This has been particularly important this week with the social media content encouraging conflict between schools. We have reassured students around this and reminded them of what to do if they do have any concerns. We've also focused on online safety as part of our assembly programme this week. Please do read the section on page 4 that provides more details of how you can support your children in navigating this challenging area of life.

Year 9 options evening was a real highlight of this week, thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come out and talk to staff about the options available to students for GCSE. The year 9 parents evening will be another key opportunity to discuss options for next year with staff prior to making these GCSE choices.

Next week promises to be another busy one with the year 11 and 13 heading back into PPE exams for one final week as their exams draw ever closer. We'll be focusing on exam technique and revision skills over the coming weeks and providing information on how you can support your children through this challenging period – please keep an eye out for this information. Finally, I wish you all a restful weekend and hope that the weather improves from its current overcast and drizzly conditions!

## Year 11 Prom Fundraising



We're back every Friday at Break B until the end of term!



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📍 Location: Outside the Gym

➡ Enter via the AHOY door near PE/English

➡ Exit through AO Block onto the covered walkway

Cash or card payments.

Come along, grab a treat, and support the Year 11 Prom Committee! ❤️

## Abbeyfield+

Support First at Abbeyfield School

We're excited to share that our brand-new platform Abbeyfield+ launches on Monday 2nd March 2026!

Abbeyfield+ is a one-stop hub designed to support attendance and ensure every pupil receives the personalised help they need to thrive.

## Careers

**National Careers Week (NCW) is 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, and we are excited to celebrate it across the school. NCW is a national campaign designed to raise aspirations and help young people explore the many pathways available to them after school.

To find out more, parents can visit the official NCW website:

👉 <https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

The website includes a wide range of resources for parents and carers, such as:

- Guidance on how to support your child with career choices
- Up-to-date information on different job sectors and pathways
- Inspiring stories and videos from employers and apprentices
- Tools to help start conversations at home about future careers

During the week, each year group will take part in a Careers Assembly, helping students learn about future opportunities, skills for work, and pathways such as apprenticeships, further education, and university. Teachers will also be completing a Careers Starter Activity with classes throughout the week, encouraging students to think about how the subjects they study in school connect to real-world jobs. We look forward to an inspiring week of conversations, activities, and opportunities for our students.



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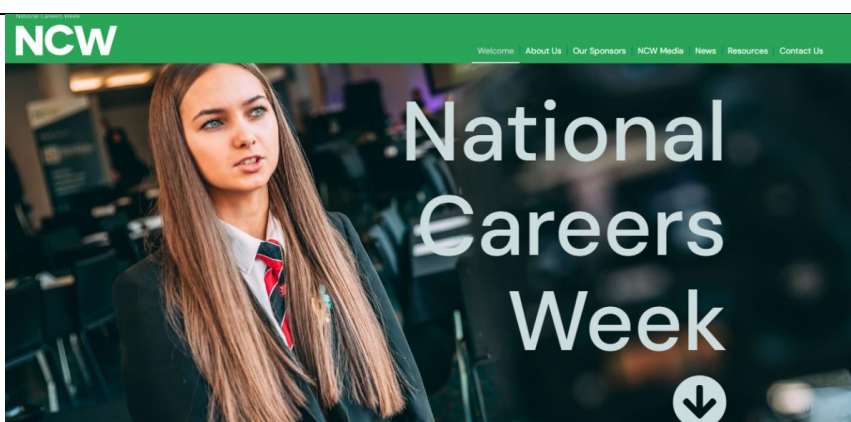
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## Red Nose Day!



### Red Nose Day – 20th March

On Friday 20th March, we will be raising money for Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) by inviting all staff and students to wear something red.

Students must continue to wear their full school uniform, but they may add a red item such as a red nose, red T-shirt, jumper, headband, or any other suitable accessory.

We are asking for a £1 donation, which will go directly to Comic Relief.

As we are a cashless school, please do not bring money into school.  
All donations should be made via our

JustGiving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-abbeyfield-school?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-abbeyfield-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



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## Online safety & use of social media

Following on from recent communications with you about online safety, your children have been learning about online safety this week and this learning will continue after the half term as an ongoing priority for us.

We are aware that some students are using social media inappropriately, including the use of AI generated content. AI is an ever-growing tool which has many benefits but also comes with multiple risks, particularly for children. Where AI meets social media, the risks become even more complex. We would like to promote you as parents/carers to continue to monitor your child's devices to ensure they are using social media safely and to ensure they are only accessing appropriate content for their age. If we come across students who are using social media to post inappropriate content of students or staff, serious consequences will be put into place.

To learn more about how to use parental controls to keep your children safe online, including the use of AI, please see these useful NSPCC links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## 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

### March 2026

- **5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- **12<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 9 Parents evening
- **16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 10 Work Experience week
- **20<sup>th</sup> March** - Option Form Deadline (Year 9)
- **20<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day (more details to follow)