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#22 – 13th March 2026

Principal's Message

With only two weeks to go until the Easter Break year 11 and 13 students are really focusing on preparing for their exams. Over the next few weeks, we will be working with all our students on how to support each other through challenging times – the next 10 weeks will undoubtedly be challenging for everyone facing end of year examinations. Nevertheless, there are things that we can all do to help each other out, even something as simple as ensuring that we are quiet as we walk past the exam halls. For year 11 students we will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to come to school to find out more about how to support students as they countdown to their exams, both generally and specifically in individual subjects. After all, exam preparation happens outside of school just as much as in the classroom itself.

Meanwhile for year 10 the opportunity to experience the world of work has finally arrived. Carla Dufty, our careers lead, has been extremely busy helping students to find good work experience placements and I'm delighted that so many of them will be out on placement next week. Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore different career options, and I look forward to finding out more about how they have got on once they return.

Both the upcoming exams and work experience highlight the importance of students' time in school in preparing them for the future. I firmly believe that we need to develop well rounded individuals who are able to contribute positively to society in the future. We are fortunate, here at Abbeyfield, to have students who already help each other out and work together to ensure that the school environment is as positive as possible for all. As such both year 11 and 13 should be well placed to fulfil their potential in their final exams in an environment that prioritises its core values of ambition, respect and kindness. We wish them all well as they embark on the final few weeks of exam preparation and revision!

Easter holidays – early finish

On Friday 27th March we will be closing early for the Easter holidays. All students will finish school at 12:45pm on this day.

A schedule of the day will be sent out this week

There will be no provision for any students to remain on site after this time.

Year 11 Prom Fundraising

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

Cash or card payments.

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



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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

Careers

Year 10 Work Experience: 16–20 March 2026

Good luck to all our Year 10 students taking part in work experience this week! We hope you gain valuable insight into the world of work and enjoy the opportunity to develop new skills. Well done for working so hard to secure your placements and thank you to parents and carers for your support throughout the process.

All families should have received a letter home this week outlining the key information for the week ahead.

Please ensure you read this carefully. Students should also check their Unifrog accounts to confirm their



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placement details and any instructions from their employer. Students have also received a work experience briefing during PSHE on Thursday, so they have been given lots of information about expectations for the week.

A reminder to please phone BOTH the employer and the school if your child is poorly at any point that week.

We wish all our students a successful and inspiring week!

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



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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.

 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.

Easter Holidays Breakfast Club



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Join us for
Breakfast Club
this Easter!

Monday to Thursday
9am-11am
Parish Council Activity Room
Hunsbury Library

30th March – 2nd April
7th April – 9th April

FREE breakfast for everyone
(children to be accompanied)

Join us for a selection of breakfast items, including cereal, pastries, and fruit

Don't miss out! Start your spring mornings right at the Family Breakfast Club. See you there!

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Upcoming School Events

March 2026

- **16th – 20th March** – Year 10 Work Experience week
- **20th March** - Option Form Deadline (Year 9)
- **20th March** – Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
- **27th March** - Last day of term – 12.45pm finish.