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## Principal's Message

We wish year 11 and year 13 all the very best this week as their exams are fully underway. The hard work that they have put in throughout the year now starts to pay dividends and I know that staff will join me in wishing them all the best for this exam period.

We've also had over 100 students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh over the weekend. This is a fantastic opportunity for them and we are very proud that so many are participating in this. I'd like to thank all of the staff who have given up their time to make this possible. I'd encourage any students wondering whether to get involved in the Duke of Edinburgh award to seize this chance – they should speak to their form tutor or Ms Passmore in the first instance.

We're keen to continue to build opportunities for students to participate in extra curricular activities, building ambitious young people who are ready for the future. I look forward to being able share further experiences with you over the coming months.

## Year 11 Prom Fundraising



### Tuck Shop

We're back every Friday 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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## Careers Fair – Wednesday 1st July 2026



Abbeyfield School will be hosting a Careers Fair for students in Years 7–12 on Wednesday 1st July 2026 (8.45am–1.45pm).

### **Event details:**

-  **Date:** Wednesday 1st July 2026
-  **Time:** approx. timings 8.45-1.45pm
-  **Venue:** Abbeyfield School, Northampton
-  **Audience:** Students from Year 7,8,9,10,12

We are looking for parents and carers who work in local organisations to help support the event by attending to represent their industry, sharing contacts, or spreading the word with colleagues. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire our students and showcase a wide range of career pathways.

If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact [carla.duffy@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:carla.duffy@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk) or complete the following MS form: [Abbeyfield School Careers Fair Interest Form July 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Thank you for your continued support.



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## Lowdown

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the Lowdown are hosting a parent/carer information and Q&A drop in between 4-6pm. This is a great opportunity to ask questions on how you can support your young person with their mental health. Questions will be answered directly by members of the Youth Advisory Board and drop-in staff. Call 01604 634385 for more information. Confidential 1:1s can also take place.

[www.thelowdown.info](http://www.thelowdown.info)

## Reporting Absence

### **Telling us your child is too unwell to attend school – From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

An important update to our daily absence reporting procedures, which will come into effect from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Below I have outlined some frequently asked questions linked to the new process.

How do I report student absence each day from 5<sup>th</sup> May?

From this date, all student absences must be reported each day between 7:00am and 8:30am by calling the main Abbeyfield phone line on 01604 763616 and selecting option 1.

Why do we have a new system?

We are pleased to introduce a new AI-powered system, provided by Arbor, which will support our attendance processes. This system will:

- Automatically record absences directly onto your child's profile
- Alert teachers and relevant staff promptly
- Identify calls from unknown numbers for safeguarding purposes
- Highlight extended absences so that additional support can be offered where needed

Will absences still be monitored?

Our Attendance Team will continue to monitor all absences closely and provide check-in calls when absences occur. Where absence is unexplained, parents/carers will continue to receive an auto-alert SMS and follow-up calls will be completed by the team during the morning.



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Can I get support for an attendance concern?

Of course – support is available for families whenever required. Please contact any member of the team who will be more than happy to provide support required.

If you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to contact the school

## 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 & E-scooters

 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

### May

- **1<sup>st</sup> May** – DofE Silver & Bronze practice expedition
- **4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday (School closed)
- **11<sup>th</sup> May** – First year 11 whole cohort exams (English Literature)
- **21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 10 Parents' Evening