

News from Abbey Park School

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'Potential into Performance'



The Park
Academies Trust



Message from the Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

The week just before the Christmas break is always a time of reflection on how the year has gone so far. As you read on through the newsletter and gain a snapshot of some of the achievements of our young people, you will understand why I am very proud to be the Principal of Abbey Park School.

The mock exams are a well-established feature of Term 2. Year 11 attitudes remained positive throughout this intense time and the experience provided a good taster of what the summer series holds for them. There is always the opportunity to build on performance, especially with the mock results morning and parent subject consultation evening just before the break. Although students need down time during the holiday, I would encourage parents to support their children in their revision over the two-week break.

A significant aspect of the curriculum is Careers Advice and guidance and this term has seen some interesting new developments. For the first time we took the Yr11 cohort to London to the Excel Careers fair, where students were able to access information on a vast array of companies and education providers. Lower down the school Yr8 experienced the first of our 'Meet the Employer' carousels, where they prepared questions for people from different walks of life. It was a great success providing Yr8 an insight into different careers. Mr White and I are extremely grateful to the many parents who volunteered to participate and I believe a number are returning to carry out the same exercise with Yr9. In addition to this a small cohort of students continue to work with Villiers Park, an education Trust devoted to supporting young people on their journey to university.

Both our Christmas concerts turned out to be excellent evenings of entertainment, which certainly left the audience feeling full of Christmas cheer. The variety of Christmas music from bands playing popular rock songs to carol solos meant there was something for everyone. The number of students taking part was very impressive and I am very proud of them. My gratitude goes to Mrs Henry and Mr Bradley for their directing of the concerts.

It is great to see so many individual and team sporting achievements, across a range of sports. Please do read the articles that show just how committed to team sports and achieving at high levels, our young students are. I was fortunate enough to see our Yr7 boys in action, in the recent second round of the Swindon schools 5-a-side. I must say, the game I saw was an impressive display of individual skill and teamwork. Congratulations go to the team as they won the tournament and go on to represent Swindon in the regional finals, without conceding a goal.

I would like to express my gratitude again for the relentless work of the 'Friends of Abbey Park School' who support the vast majority of our evening events, through the sale of refreshments. The Yr7&8 Christmas disco, also organised by the FOAPS, was enjoyed by many students and deemed a great success. The FOAPS donations contribute towards many different aspects of school life.

As we move into 2020, the school continues to move forward across all aspects of the curriculum, which is very exciting for all involved in the community. Thank you to parents for your ongoing support and for those who have volunteered to be governors on the Local Advisory Board. I wish you peace and joy at this Christmas time and look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Christmas wishes

Mr Young

Principal

Achievements

We are delighted to say that Harvey S after playing for 2 years in Bath set up is now part of the Bath Academy as well as Dorset and Wilts County squad.

On Sunday 8th December Harvey had an assessment day at Bath University and was competing against 200 other players and has been selected in a group of 40 from 5 regional centres to join the Bath Rugby Academy PDG (Player Development Group).

He has also been selected to represent the Dorset & Wiltshire Counties side too.

We are so incredibly proud of Harvey and this fantastic achievement. Well done Harvey.



Ava Watkins in Year 11 has been awarded a finalist position as a keen young cook for the Teflon Diamond Standards Award 2020. Ava asked about the competition in term one and independently completed her entry using a dish that she made in Year 10 when practising for her FPN NEA task.

We would like to wish her all the best on Friday 31st January when the final task place in Bournemouth.

Congratulations Bishan Magar for winning gold for his weight category at the British Taekwondo National Championships.

Congratulations Suhan Thapa-Magar on wining National Uk Taekwondo Champion under 18, at weight 60-68 kg, at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester.

It was so wonderful to see Victoria Brown switching on the Old Town lights. This years theme was 'being inspired'. Victoria truly is inspiring to children and adults. Victoria shows immense courage and has never given in to her illness.

She has always remained, positive and strong. Turning on the lights will hopefully send a message to help others overcome their challenges and inspire others too.

Victoria is a warrior and courageous fighter. We are all so incredibly proud of her.

Art

Our Art students again are amazing us with their hard work and quality of work. Students from year 8 were entered into the Lions Club Peace Project. Around 180 entries to choose from, were whittled down to 20 for the awards evening that took place on Tuesday 12th November in the school canteen.

This years winner was Evie P followed by Emma D in second place and Svetlana M in third.

All of the students who entered should be commended for their hard work which was done mainly in their own time, again represented Abbey Park School fantastically.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support. We would also like to thank the Lions club for their continued collaboration, the competition motivates and challenges our students every year to produce thoughtful and beautiful work.

Mr Sanghera & Miss Griffiths



First place Evie P (right)

Second place Emma D (left)



Careers

Careers Education Information and Guidance.

It has been a busy term for the students in terms of careers information this term with three year groups engaged in different activities.

Year 9 welcomed parents who volunteered to explain how work is in their particular field. Each tutor group met with four representatives of different work sectors to hear what the different employees actually did on a day to day basis, how they arrived in their current post and what skills they used on a regular basis. The students listened carefully to the information they were given and followed it up with some insightful questions.

We have had over sixty year 10 students visit a workplace this term to see what the workplace looks like and find out about the different opportunities that exist within each business. These included the National Trust, Motofix and Red Seven Marketing. We are keen to break down the students' pre conceived ideas about what roles exist within companies and the routes to achieve them. Each of these companies offer the types of job you might expect but also have HR, logistics, payroll, receptionists and many other occupations.

Our year 11 students were taken to London to visit the London Skills show at the Excel Centre. There they were able visit over two hundred stalls of employers and Universities to see what opportunities exist. We wanted to show the students life outside Swindon and also have the chance to meet with a much wider group of students than they would normally meet.

Year 11 have had an assembly on the new "T Level" qualifications delivered by the only local provider, Cirencester College. We are aiming to give all the students in the year group a meeting with a Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser to discuss their options for next year. Initially these are conducted in small groups of no more than six. To date over seventy students have been seen with plans to see the rest of the year group in term 4.

We are continuing to develop the careers provision at Abbey Park School, if you or your employer are able to support us with any of the activities above or you have any ideas of your own please contact me on careers@abbeyparkschool.org.uk.



HEELIS, the National Trust HQ in Swindon.

Careers

I took the year 10 Villiers scholars to New College for a 'Global Challenge day'. The students were put into groups where they had to work with scholars from other schools. They were tasked with formulating a campaign to attract funding for their chosen environmental cause, these ranged from draught in Brazil to bush fires in Australia. They then presented their campaigns to an adult audience who were representing large organisations such as the United Nations and World Bank.

Our students were really focussed and engaged all day and most really stepped out of their comfort zones and showed the confidence to present. A special mention in this respect to Jamie Rose who despite knowing that this would be difficult, got up and delivered with confidence and assurance

They were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take out for the day.

They students were:

Jamie Rose
Xander Gray
Blake Greenfield
Clement Macharia
Lucy Kellard
Hannah Locke

Chris Glassock

Drama

The Sound of Music rehearsals has been in full swing now and the cast are very excited to show all of what they have learnt in their February performance. From singing, dancing and acting the students have been thriving within in this classic play, so make sure you are getting ready to sing along to some of your favourite songs and hear the hills come alive with The Sound of Abbey Park School students.



Design and Technology

Miss Stacey has been blown away with some of the Graphics products made by Yr7 and Yr8 in the first rotation. From monstrous desk tidies to fun and innovative board games, there's been some excellent work produced. Well done everyone and keep up the creative work.

Here are some examples and you can find more on Instagram @abbey_park_dt



In Food Preparation and Nutrition, Year 10 got ready for Christmas by baking their own Christmas cakes which they will decorate next lesson. The festive smell filled the corridor while we listened to traditional Christmas carols. The students weighed out their ingredients precisely and followed the recipe to the letter ending up with a perfectly baked cake that they can share with their families.

The students were pleased with how their cakes turned out and I am very proud of them

Mr Hancox



Maths

The 1089 Maths Trick from the Maths Department

Try this at home to really impress

Write the number **1089** secretly in front of your victim/interested party, telling them you can predict their number.

Ask them to write down any **3 digit number using different digits (e.g. 261)**.

Then ask them to take away the smallest possible number from the largest (i.e. $621 - 126 = 495$).

Ask them to reverse the number (i.e. **594**).

Then ask them to add that number to the result of the subtraction (i.e. $594 + 495$).

Hey presto!!! 1089

You have predicted their number.

No matter which 3 digit number is chosen (as long as the digits are different), the answer will always be 1089.

Test it yourself



Essential Year 11 Maths Revision

The hugely successful Maths Past Paper Club returns in the New Year, the club runs on Thursdays 3.20pm - 4.30pm, the first paper will be available on Thursday January 9th and the first session will be on Thursday January 16th.

The format is that students pick up a paper each Thursday (available from Show My Homework, the Maths Workroom or from Mr. Love in RF12), and complete the paper at home. Students then bring their paper to the following week's after school session where a member of the department demonstrates solutions and explains the mark scheme.

We will run multiple classes targeting Foundation & Higher Papers, there will also be a 'Challenging 9' group for those students who are aiming for the highest grades. No sign up is required but experience suggests regular weekly attendance yields the best results.

Students receive an R1 each time they attend. We look forward to seeing as many students as possible at the first session.

Music

The Abbey Park School Christmas concert was a huge success, raising money for the music department, which will help contribute to new equipment. Congratulations to every student involved on a fantastic night, you showcased the amazing musical talent we are lucky to have at Abbey Park School brilliantly. Thanks to all involved: the students, their families, the audience and the friends of Abbey Park School for providing refreshments.

Have a wonderful festive season and we are looking forward to another year of excellent Music at Abbey Park

Mr Bradley



MFL

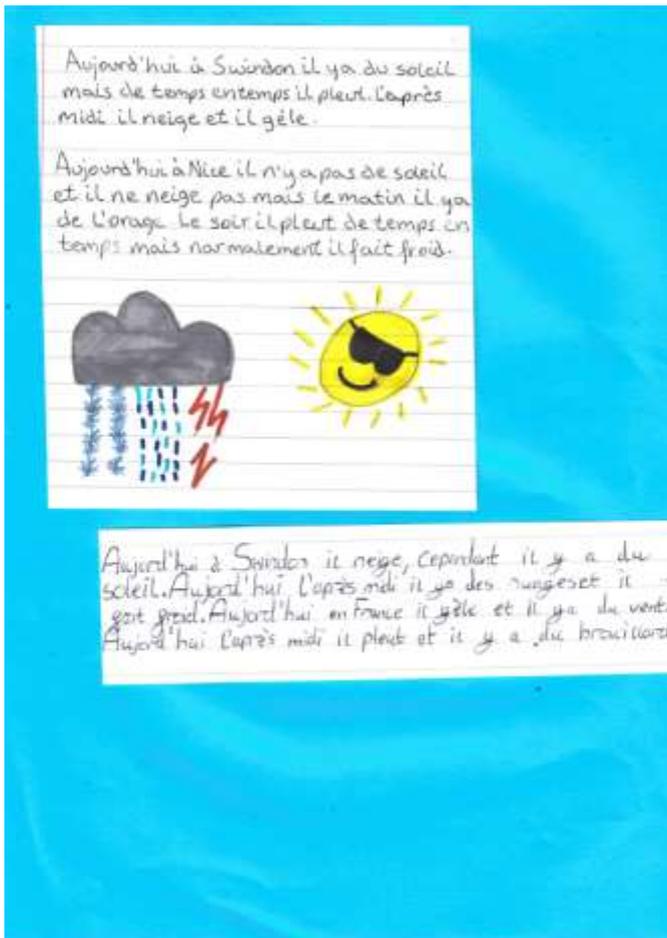
Quel temps fait-il aujourd'hui ?

In Great Britain we love talking about the weather.

This term, our Year 7 students have learnt how to describe the weather in the present tense, applying connectives and time phrases in French and Spanish. Examples of the connectives included in their forecasts are 'but' and 'however' with time phrases such as 'today' and 'normally' adding further detail.

Here are some examples from Mrs McKeeman's French class.

Can you work out what weathers are mentioned? Visit the MFL department to tell them the answers and be rewarded with Rs



House News

Abbey Park School held a 2 minutes silence to honour those who have died in War. Student Daniel Gillooley, who is a bugler in the Army Cadets, requested to play the Last Post to mark the beginning of the two minutes silence. Jodie Mapp accompanied Daniel, standing next to our memorial bench that was donated by Sodexo last year.

Staff and students were also present to witness the silence and to offer support to Daniel.



After watching an upsetting video about street children in Syria, a group of students in Miss Stacey's tutor group decided that they wanted to do something to help other children not as fortunate as themselves.

The students made three shoe boxes filled with gifts for children aged between 5 and 14 as part of The Samaritan's Christmas Child Appeal. A big thank you to Aimee Hill, Ema Domingues, Isaac Stevens, Emily Sayer and Alex Biffen for their kind donations.



House News

Congratulations to everyone that took part in our Christmas Bake Off competition, I am pleased to say the students worked really hard and were very creative, we are proud of each and every one.

- 1st place Kaja Gupta (Churchill)
- 2nd place Jack Coates (Austen)
- 3rd place Freya Hamilton (Newton)
- 4th place Michaela Bruce (Newton)
- 4th (joint) Shannielle Hollingsworth (Ennis-Hill)



First place
Kaja Gupta



Second place
Jack Coates



Third place
Freya Hamilton



Fourth place
Michaela Bruce



Joint Fourth place
Shannielle Hollingsworth

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised an amazing £ 456 for Save the Children National Christmas Jumper Day, thank you to all the students and staff that participated

Humanities

Red Oaks Remembrance Visit – 19th November 2019

On the 19th November, two Year 5 classes from Red Oaks came over to Abbey Park and took part in a session with our Year 10 students with the aim of developing their geographical skills, by creating a sketch map.

The Sketch map that they drew was of the Notre Dam de Lorette memorial in Northern France which tied in with Remembrance and the work that they had been doing on WW1. The Red Oaks students had also looked at the Tropical Rainforest as a topic, so at the beginning of the session, Year 10 students took it in turns to ask the Red Oaks students a series of multiple-choice questions about the tropical Rainforest.

The Red Oaks students were good at answering the questions and clearly knew a lot of information about the Tropical Rainforest, which was great to see.

Information about how to complete a sketch map was shown to the students and then they had to have a go at completing a sketch of the memorial using a pencil and piece of paper. The rule being that they had to pretend that they were out in the field and had to complete the sketch either on the floor or leaning on a Year 10 students back.

The Year 5 students got really involved and it was great to see the Year 10 students also getting involved and helping out the Year 5's. Overall, I think it was a great experience for both year groups.



Pastoral

Term Three Abbey Park PROUD focus: ORGANISATION

Date	Thought for the week	Key Dates	Assembly Theme:
13.01.2020	<i>I can see the light at the end of the tunnel and every minute of that hard work that helped me get there.</i> Sarah Hendrickson, Olympic Ski jumper		Safeguarding focus – Keeping fit and healthy, staying safe, saying no and consent and healthy living.
13.01.2020	<i>In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.</i> Martin Luther King, Jr.	Bodhi day - Buddhist festival (13 th Jan). Martin Luther King Day (15 th)	Martin Luther King
20.01.2020	<i>I've given my life to the principle and the ideal of memory, and remembrance</i> Elie Wiesel	Holocaust Memorial Day (27 th) Burns Night (25 th Jan)	Holocaust Memorial Day
27.01.2020	<i>People are very reluctant to talk about their private lives but then you go to the internet and they're much more open.</i> Paulo Coelho	Internet Safety Day - 6 th Feb	Internet safety - organising your social media to stay safe
03.02.2020	<i>The beauty of standing up for your rights is others seeing you standing and standing up as well.</i> Cassandra Duffy	LGBT History Month World Cancer day (4 th Feb) Chinese New Year (5 th Feb) Charles Dickens' birthday (7 th Feb)	LGBT History month
10.02.2020	<i>Every situation has changed me as a person</i> David Beckham	12 th Feb Charles Darwin's birthday 14 th Feb - Valentine's Day	A positive view to life and celebration

Pastoral

Attendance Ladder



Pastoral

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

In all matters of uniform and dress, the judgement of the Principal is final.

Dear Parent/guardian,

We would like to remind you of the high standard of personal appearance expected of all pupils who attend Abbey Park. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing, should expect to have their parents contacted to bring in the correct uniform or have the non school uniform item removed. Non uniform jewellery will be removed, including any facial piercings. We ask for your support in encouraging students to wait to have facial piercings done and to support them to wear the correct uniform to school. Below is a clear outline of our expectations around the uniform. Our expectation is that all students will arrive in full uniform.

<u>BLAZER</u>	<u>TIE</u>	<u>JUMPER</u>	<u>White Shirt</u>
A blazer with the School badge must be worn at all times to, from and around the school. When entering a classroom the blazer may be hung over the back of a chair or hung up.	An Abbey Park tie must be worn at all times to, from and around the school. Top buttons must be done up.	Jumpers are optional but if worn, they should be the black, V-neck jumper with the school badge on.	Students must wear a white shirt. This can be either short or long sleeved.

<u>COATS & HATS</u>	<u>JEWELLERY</u>	<u>MAKE-UP</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
A plain dark outdoor coat without large logos or writing. Denim, sweatshirts, hoodies or cardigans are not permitted. All coats must be removed when entering a classroom. Hats are not permitted to be worn in the buildings.	One pair of small stud earrings in the ear lobe are the only forms of body/ facial piercings or tongue piercings allowed. If a pupil has any other piercings, the expectation is that they are removed immediately. There are no exceptions to this rule. Pupils are allowed a single watch. No other jewellery is permitted.	Discreet make-up only. No false eye lashes. Nail polish and Acrylic nails are not permitted at the school due to health and safety protocol in practical subjects.	Hair styles should be practical, clean and safe. Extreme hairstyles that detract from the smart appearance of the uniform are not allowed. The definition of what is extreme will change with fashion, but includes part shaven hair, Mohicans, extreme coloured hair other than a natural colour, hair with patterns cut into it or artificial hair extensions.

Plain black traditional flat schools shoes only. Therefore no boots, trainers or daps. Shoes should be worn to and from school and around the buildings.

Trainers are only to be worn on the astro or MUGA at break and lunch time, session 6 or in PE lessons.

The trousers must be plain **black** fabric.

No Leggings

No Jeggings

No Crop trousers

No Chinos

No *excessively* tight fitting trousers

No *excessively* baggy trousers

The skirt must be of plain **black** fabric.

No knitted jerseys/stretch/satin/fabrics/denim/lace/cord/ patterns permitted.

Skirts may be A-Line, pleated or straight.

Skirts should not be tight fitting.

Skirts should be knee length without slits.

Fashion skirts are not permitted.

Pastoral

Updating school with information

To ensure that your child gets the best support possible please can we ask that you let your child's pastoral team know if there are any significant changes in the family situation. This will enable us to keep an eye on them but also to offer support if needed.

Mental Health

We were delighted to welcome over 100 parents to the Mental health for parents session presented by Dr Pooky Knightsmith. If you missed this the PowerPoint from the presentation is now on our website. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral team.

Character Champion of the week - PROUD

Each week Tutors nominate pupils for the Character Champion of the week. The winners are all invited to a Pizza Party at the end of each term.

We know that every pupil is different and that they may not always be the most academic but may excel in other areas. Our Character Champions are those students who embrace Abbey Park Proud and demonstrate those personal qualities that makes them wonderful well rounded young adults.

Congratulations to all those pupils who have won the Character Champion over the last two terms.

Thought of Term

This term our Abbey Park Park PROUD thought of the week has been Respect. Next term we will be looking at Organisation.

Our Thought of the Week and assemblies gives pupils a weekly focus to embrace all aspects of life.

PSHE

Swindon Healthy Schools – Silver Award.

We have recently started working towards achieving our Silver Award Healthy School accreditation, having been awarded 'Bronze' status in May 2019.

In January we will be focussing on healthy eating and making the right food choices. If anyone has any cost effective, healthy recipes you would be willing to share, to contribute to our project please send these to:

pegge@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

We will keep you updated on our progress.

Thank you

Mrs Jackson and Miss Pegg.



Sports

Sporting success at Swindon school's Cross-Country championships.

On a chilly morning, several Abbey Park students descended upon Nova Hreod school to participate in the annual Cross-Country event. It was a muddy, waterlogged start with students walking the course to familiarise themselves with their age group route. Notable individual student successes were from Zarah & Zinia Wood who finished first and second in the minor girl's race. Liam Clark also dominated the Y7 boys and also won his event by a clear margin. Charlie Beckett and Ronan Portlock came 7th and 10th in the junior boys event. All these students will be representing Swindon in the next county round.



Sports

Sports Leaders learn all about Boccia.

Our Sports Leaders had a workshop on Friday 29th Nov learning all about the Paralympic sport of Boccia. Boccia is similar to Bowls whereby players throw, kick or use a ramp to propel a ball onto the court with the aim of getting closest to the 'jack' ball. Our leaders learnt how to play the game and how to officiate the sport as they put these newly founded skills to the test when they assisted with running a Boccia event for our local primary schools on Friday 6th Dec.



Rugby season comes to a close.

The rugby season came to a close at the end of November with a series of tournaments. The year 7 team played well and were narrowly beaten in the final by local TPAT rivals, LPA by one try.

A huge well done to all our KS3 rugby teams this term. The Y7, Y8 and Y9's all played in the Swindon Schools rugby tournaments for their age categories and the Y7's came 2nd, Y8's came 4th and Y9's came 2nd. The standard of play was very high and all teams displayed great passing and technical skills against teams who were physically dominant. Special mention to Orlando Taylor in Y7 who displayed outstanding agility and speed, scoring an incredible 5 tries. A big thank you to all the host school and Swindon Rugby grounds who allowed us to use their facilities.

The year 9 boys rugby team travelled to Swindon RFC for their annual Swindon Schools Rugby Tournament. They were one of seven teams and the tournament was structured so that they would play every team.

They started off strongly, beating Nova Hreed relatively comfortably, through some powerful running and strong defence. They went on to beat Ridgeway, Commonweal and Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, before playing Lydiard Park in their penultimate game. Unfortunately they were unable to beat LPA, as they had a very powerful team and were just a little more 'streetwise' compared to our boys. The final game saw us beat Kingsdown with some scintillating running.

Although it wasn't the result we were after, each and every player put in 100% effort and performed outstanding well. Notable mention must go to captain, Logan Rees, who lead by example with his line speed in defence and power in attack, Charlie Becket, who seemed to continuously be in the right place to make a tackle or receive an offload, and finally Daniel Gregory, who showed some outstanding elusive running that you rarely see at a school level.

Well done to all, and roll on next season

Sports

Basketball fixtures get underway.

Boys basketball matches have commenced

Y8: Lost to RWBA: 4-19 Y9: lost to RWBA: 25-33 Y10: Lost to LMA 36-46 Y11: Won 35-17 to Swindon Academy, lost to Nova H 12-36

Netball round up

The netball season has come to an end with all the results being confirmed and the final 'pool' places being confirmed.

Y7, 12 points and 5th in pool. Y8, 14pts and joint 4th in pool. Y9, 17pts, joint 3rd in pool and finally the u16 squad finished with 16pts and were 2nd in their pool and 5th overall.

We have been fortunate to have ran some Key Stage 3 girls rugby in terms 1 & 2. This has been organised by Miss Ramsey and although the tournament was cancelled the girls have continued to attend the club.

Girls football training has started and we welcome any girls to attend on a Tuesday afterschool from 3.15-4.15pm. Matches will be starting in term 3.

Success at Year 7 football tournament.

Year 7 boys football team won all four of their games to reach the Swindon finals of the football 5-a-side. They beat LPA 1-0, Bradon Forest 2-0, Nova Herod 2-0 and RWBA 1-0. The winners of the finals will go on to represent Swindon in the County round.

PE department launch ACE performer awards.

This year the PE department have launched a new initiative that recognises the consistent excellent attitude, tremendous commitment and fantastic effort (ACE) of individual learners within PE. Selected students receive a certificate and an R3 on a termly basis.

Inaugural ACE performers for term 1:

Z Wood	M Light	L Butterfield	R Baker	M Williams
T Angell-Rogers	M Bruce	S Bagga	M Owen	N Rattue
C Evans	T Wallace	B Rush	M Bond	C Humphries
A Campbell	C Ritchings	K Davis	J Boyce-Leigh	J Smith
D Crawford	C Becket	M Olesky	G Hill	M Rogers
D O'Neil	J Hill	T Lynch	R Spencer	H Johnson
L Drury	A Linder			

Congratulations to you all.

PE Department.

Sports Academy

The Sports Academy had a fantastic inspirational talk from a professional Mixed Martial Arts fighter Kent Kauppinen. Kent discussed attitude, role models, his training, his motivation and his nutrition in his sports. All the students were all fascinated by Kent's speech and the questions they asked a range of excellent questions and they all commented on how much they took away from the talk.

Thankyou Kent



Study Hub

This term the Year 11 Study Hub has grown steadily. The students worked on revision skills, creating Q-cards, mind maps and posters. Groups have been quizzing each other and worked through past exam papers. They have developed their mark scheme interpretation skills by applying them to assess their answers. Students who usually have very little contact are working very well together over refreshments and a biscuit or two.

We are now in the process to Build Up to the summer: building up knowledge, skills, determination, resilience, friendships...

Any Year 11 who would like to join us is very welcome.

We meet every day in the LRC during Session 6 (3.15-4.15).

Mrs Dams

Year 11—Programme of Study Support

Year 11	
Term 1	<p>Intervention programme continues – tutor time / small rotating groups</p> <p>Session 6 / lunchtime timetable published</p> <p>Careerspilot introduced</p> <p>Mock Preparation Day: revision skills – 07.10.19</p> <p>Key to Success Evening – 08.10.19</p> <p>Year 11 SLT interviews – w/c 14.10.19</p> <p>TPAT Careers Fair (LPA) – 24.10.19</p>
Term 2	<p>TPAT 6th Form Open Evening – LPA – 06.11.19</p> <p>Parent/Tutor Consultation Day – 21.11.19</p> <p>Mock examinations – 22.11.19 – 3.12.19</p> <p>Mock results assembly – 19.12.19</p> <p>Parent Consultation Evening – 19.12.19</p> <p>Careers Adviser meetings</p> <p>Futures Fair</p>
Term 3	<p>Alternative Y11 assembly schedule commences</p> <p>Maths 'past paper club' begins – Thursday Session 6</p> <p>February holiday – Controlled Assessment 'catch-up' sessions</p>
Term 4	<p>Maths/English/Science mock examinations (2) 26.02.20 – 28.02.20)</p> <p>Parent/Tutor Consultation Day – 02.04.20 (mock revision for intervention pupils)</p> <p>PSHCE used for core subject revision for ALL students</p> <p>Careers Advisor meetings for identified pupils</p> <p>Easter holiday revision programme</p>
Term 5	<p>Maths Mock (3) – 23.04.20</p> <p>Pre-exam "booster" / revision programme published</p> <p>GCSE Examination season begins – 11.05.20 – 16.06.20 – (24.06.20 – contingency day)</p>
Term 6	<p>Leavers' Prom – 10.07.19</p>

Friends of Abbey Park School

Well, it certainly has been a busy few months! With our new members joining in and helping our existing ones, we've been able to get involved in quite a few things to help raise funds for our school.

We started the term agreeing to support funds required to create a study hub and to go towards science revision guides.

Unicycle has been a real success at various open evenings. Your donations of out-grown school uniform are available for others to purchase, supporting an environmentally friendly approach of recycling good quality items, helping save money (rather than having to buy brand new) and all the funds going back to help our school. Win-win-win. Donations of any out grown uniforms can be made to via reception.

In November, we had our first popcorn night for year 7 and year 8 students. It was a great success and thanks for all the positive feedback, it's great to hear that your child/ren enjoyed the evening. Special thanks to all the student helpers that supported us for the evening.

We've recently agreed additional funds to pay for a War Hammer starter pack and to fund refreshments in the study hub.

We need to say a big THANK YOU for everyone's donations to Rags to Riches. All your donated clothes and other items raised a massive £203.30, another boost to the funds which will help school activities.

We also helped sell cakes for Children In Need. Thanks to our stall helpers Emily, Faye and Reuben.

Our most recent event was the Christmas disco, a great time was had by all.

Lastly, just to say thanks for all your continued support. Every tea and coffee purchased and event attended all goes back into funds to help the school, so it's greatly appreciated.

If you're interested in coming along and seeing what FOAPS do and how you can join in, please feel free to contact us at FOAPS@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

January 2020

February 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Monday 6th January Term 3 starts

Monday 13th —15th January Year 10 Villiers Park Residential

Monday 13th January—Year 11 speaking mock exams

Tuesday 21st January—Year 9 DTP & MenACWY Vaccinations

**Monday 27th January—Year 9 Options and Subject Consultation
Evening 4.30—8.00pm**

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th February

School Performance 7.00pm

Tuesday 25th Feb—Year 7 Consultation Evening

4.30 —8.00pm