

News from Abbey Park School

Term 6 - July 2024



'Potential into Performance'



**The Park
Academies
Trust**



Message from the Principal

'Potential into Performance'

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the beginning of July, we celebrated with our Year 11 cohort at their Prom. It was a fantastic event, organised by Mrs Redondo and Mrs Charij, and we are grateful to them for helping the evening to be such a success. The next time we will see these pupils is on results day on Thursday 22nd August, when we are sure they will find that all their study and revision has paid off. We very much look forward to celebrating their academic success with them.

This year, as part of the Trust pledge, we have successfully run a significant number of trips and visits to support character and cultural development. There have been many occasions when pupils have returned to school, full of enthusiasm and aspiration because of these experiences. As part of the Alternative Duke of Edinburgh course, we had the Mayor of Swindon attend our Celebration Tea, which was all planned and managed by the pupils. A character-building experience of greeting guests and serving food, which went extremely well despite a few nerves.

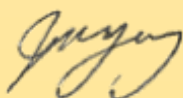
At this time of year, we find ourselves saying goodbye to colleagues moving on to pastures new. We wish them well in their new posts and thank them for their work and commitment to Abbey Park School. Special mention goes to Mr White who is retiring having served in his post at Abbey Park for 10 years. Fortunately, we have recruited well and filled vacancies to maximise the number of subject specialists in the classroom. The staff leaving APS and those we have recruited are listed below for your reference:

Name	Subject	New Appointments	Subject
Miss Sami	Maths	Miss Bowdidge	Maths
Mr White	Maths	Miss Johnson	Maths
Mrs Henry	Performing Arts	Mrs Hutchings	Performing Arts
Mrs Brownlie	Humanities	Mr Matyla	Humanities
Miss Jones	Humanities	Mr Johannes	Humanities
Mr Bramley	English	Miss Willcocks	English
Mrs Bramley	Science	Mrs Srivastava	Science
Mrs Czekanska	Science	Mrs Rodin	Design and Tech.
Mr Villanueva	MFL	Mr Gittins	English

You are also probably aware of the changes to the leadership structure at Abbey Park School from September. Mr Ward is to take on the role of Head of School as I have a new role as Executive Principal, overseeing both Abbey Park School and the latest secondary school to join The Park Academies Trust, The Deanery. This is an exciting opportunity for all involved and I look forward to the collaboration that will occur between the schools.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support of Abbey Park throughout the year - this certainly contributes to making APS the thriving community that it is. I wish you all a relaxing and safe summer break and look forward to working with you in the Autumn term. The new term begins on Wednesday 4th September with a staggered start, Year 7 at 8.40am and Years 8-11 at 10.15am.

Best wishes,



Mr Young

Cross Trust Letter Writing

Mrs Charman's Year 7 English class received letters from Year 6 pupils at Orchid Vale asking questions about life here at APS. The Year 7s wrote their replies answering questions and describing all the positives of school life here.

It was heart-warming to see this cross-school collaboration and the quality of the letters being produced by our pupils.

Well done to all who participated - we can't wait to welcome our new pupils in September!



Mrs Charman

English Teacher

Geography

National Fieldwork Festival 2024

The Geographical Association encourages schools to take part in the National Festival of Fieldwork which as a school we have taken part in throughout the month of June across all year groups within Humanities.

Fieldwork is an essential part of a geographical education as well as being within the National Curriculum as a requirement at GCSE and for future studies at A level. It enables young people to develop their subject knowledge, gain a range of skills that are difficult to develop in the classroom and helps them to understand geographical reality.

In order to achieve this, we conducted a study around the school site, assessing how sustainable APS is. We have conducted this study in previous years which has been highly beneficial to the school because last years main findings were the lack of recycle bins in our outdoor spaces and this been addressed.

This year, the main findings have been the ratio of benches to pupils. This is something that we have put forward to Mr Young and he can now start discussions with the site team to see what can be done to improve our site further.

Thank you to all pupils. They have been thoughtful towards how we can make Abbey Park School more sustainable for our school community.

Mrs Graham and the Humanities team

PE at Abbey Park has again been an eventful term with trips, rounders league fixtures & cricket tournaments all starting.

Athletics

The PE department would like to congratulate Ben J (Y9), Elliot C (Y9) and Charlotte H (Y8) who have recently competed in the Southwest Schools Championship for athletics. Elliot & Charlotte have both been selected to represent Wiltshire for English Schools National Championships, where they will be competing against other athletes across the country. The PE department are very proud of Elliot and Charlotte and wish them all the best in their next competition. They have both worked very hard in all their lessons and are great athletes across lots of sports and it's great to see their talent being recognised. Douglas K (Y7) also did brilliantly at the Swindon Schools athletics with an outstanding 800m race. He will no doubt, hopefully progress next year in the older age category.

Sports Day

Abbey Park has also held its annual sports day on the penultimate week of term. This was a great success with the whole school watching some amazing sporting talent. Results were very close between the 4 houses but Newton came away with the win with 1354 points. 2nd place was awarded to Austen, 3rd to Ennis and 4th to Churchill.

A Successful Year Overall

APS PE has had another successful year with many pupils still continuing to amaze us with their talent and skill. A special highlight being the Year 8 Girls rounders team being undefeated the whole season and winning a very close final to Lydiard Park Academy (Team – Emily S (Captain), Daisy G (VC), Charlotte H, Madison R, Rosie R, Charlotte R, Ella A, Nicola S, Lyla M).

We would also like to congratulate Ella A for winning the APS PROUD Sport award. Ella has been tremendous this year by representing the school in all sports teams and has shown lots of determination and effort within all her lessons.

The boys U12 and U14 cricket team also had a very good season showing great determination and attitude in all their fixtures and came close in some very tense matches.



Happy Holidays!

The PE department wish everyone a safe & lovely summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September for the new netball and rugby seasons and wish Year 11 pupils good luck on their new journey.

Mrs Humphrey

Curriculum Leader - PE

Trips

TPAT Scholars



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**Our Family,
Our Schools**

On the 5th of June, our Year 7 TPAT Scholars attended the Cheltenham Science Festival. Pupils attended 3 sessions, the first being a talk on 'How to become an Astronaut' by Meganne Christian who is part of the European Space Agency's astronaut class 2022. In the second session, pupils explored the discovery zone where they completed challenges and solved problems at stalls hosted by companies from the world of Science and Engineering. In the final session, pupils were set a marble run challenge by a team of product designers from Dyson. Our pupils behaved impeccably and a great time was had by all.

Mr Stubbs

Assistant Principal



Trips

Art & Photography trip to Wake the Tiger, Bristol: Thursday 6th June

We took 120 students to Wake the Tiger in Bristol. This is a fantastic immersive art exhibition that really must be seen to be believed!

It is a transformative and empowering space that uses art as an invitation to connect and inspire positive change.

Pupils will use the photographs they took to make work for their GCSE projects.

We all had an amazing time and felt it was a brilliant experience that we would recommend to families.

Ms Preece

Curriculum Leader - Art



Year 10 Geography fieldtrip to the River Cole: Monday 17th June 2024

Year 10 Geographers completed their first piece of fieldwork for their GCSE. Pupils collected primary data (the width, depth and velocity) on both a straight and meander section of the River Cole, so that they could compare the characteristics at different locations and be able to answer their enquiry question.

They also collected secondary data and had a talk from someone who worked at the National Trust site to gain an understanding of how the river has been managed over time and what different strategies have been put in place to try and restore the river to its natural state.

After conducting their data collection, pupils came back to school and completed their write-up, where they drew graphs and analysed what they showed. They finally evaluated their fieldwork and decided how they could improve it if they were to go again.

Pupils were really engaged throughout the trip, all got involved and became true Geographers for the day.



Mrs Graham, Mrs Wall, Miss Taylor & Miss Bell
Humanities

Trips

Year 9 Residential to Battlefields: Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd June

Recently, Year 9 pupils embarked on a remarkable school trip to visit the First World War Battlefields. The trip was filled with poignant moments, enlightening discoveries, and delightful indulgences that left a lasting impact on all who participated.

Pupils had the opportunity to explore the Bayernwald Trench System, a historical site that gave our pupils a vivid perspective on the realities of war. As they navigated through the intricate network of trenches, bunkers and tunnels, they gained a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by soldiers who fought bravely during World War I. It was a humbling experience that brought history to life and sparked meaningful conversations.

Following their visit to the Bayernwald Trench System, they had the privilege of paying their respects at the Menin Gate, a monument dedicated to the memory of those missing. During the Last Post ceremony, two of our pupils had the honour of laying a wreath as a gesture of remembrance and gratitude. It was a moving tribute that resonated with everyone present, reminding us of the importance of honouring those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

Day two saw our visit to the 'Sunken Lane', a haunting reminder of the brutal trench warfare that defined the conflict. As we walked along the sunken paths the gravity of war enveloped us, stirring sombre reflections on the hardships endured by soldiers on both sides. We paid our respects at the Newfoundland Memorial Park, a solemn tribute to the soldiers of the Newfoundland Regiment who bravely fought and perished in the Battle of the Somme.

Our journey continued to the awe-inspiring Lochnagar Crater, a massive scar on the French landscape created by a detonation during the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The sheer magnitude of the crater left us without words, evoking a sense of awe and reverence for the destructive power of war and the resilience of the human spirit in its aftermath.

Finally, we arrived at the Thiepval Memorial, a monumental tribute to the missing British and South African soldiers who fell during the Battle of the Somme and have no known grave. Here, amidst the towering arches and inscribed names of the fallen, we bowed our heads in silent tribute, honouring the memory of those who gave their lives in service of their countries.

As our journey through the battlefields drew to a close, our hearts were heavy with the weight of history and the sacrifices of those who came before us. We concluded with a visit to Langemarck German Cemetery and a solemn stop at the Passchendaele Cemetery and the Passchendaele Memorial Museum.

We are grateful for the opportunity to embark on this journey together, and we look forward to future adventures that will broaden our horizons and deepen our appreciation for the diverse experiences that shape our world.

Lest we forget.

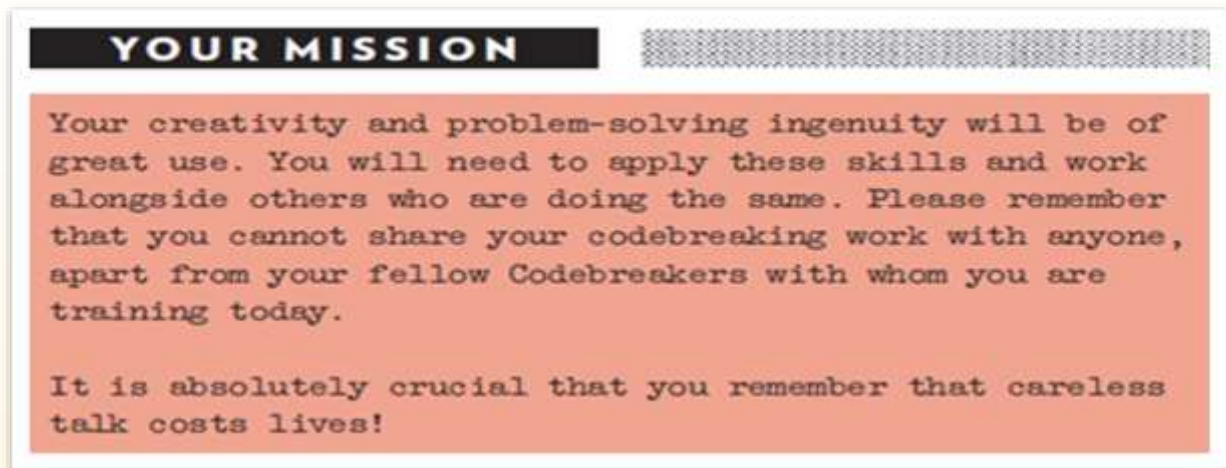
Mrs Kerr, Mr Lyons, Miss Jones and Mr Belcher



Trips

Year 7 trip to Bletchley Park: Wednesday 26th June

45 Year 7 pupils and staff headed on a discovery into the secrets of Bletchley Park in Buckinghamshire on Wednesday 26th June. As soon as they arrived, they were split into two groups and given the following mission to fulfil as they explored the large area that encloses many huts as well as the main house that housed the hundreds of codebreakers Britain had working on deciphering enemy messages throughout the second world war.



They explored Hut 8 where Alan Turing worked on decrypting the German naval coding machine, called Enigma. Pupils were able to use the Enigma machine during their codes and ciphers workshop where they practiced deciphered secret codes.



They also saw the famous Bombe machine that helped speed up the process of decrypting Enigma and paved the way for the first computer to be built by other codebreakers at Bletchley Park.



We were also lucky to have a tour of Bletchley Park from very interesting guides who were able to provide the background history of the place and some personal stories about people who worked there.

It was a hot day, but we came prepared and everyone had a marvellous time having learned lots about codes and decryption.

Trips

Villiers Park Residential for Year 10 Future Leaders to Bath University:

Monday 1st - Thursday 4th July

A group of Year 10 pupils attended Bath University for a 4-day residential trip. The pupils who are all enrolled in the Future Leaders Programme were there to expand their knowledge of university and apprenticeships while experiencing student life at university.

Through projects and challenges they were able to develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills, as well as building their confidence and independence.

Well done to our future leaders for their hard work during this residential and for the exemplary way they represented the school.



Mr Stubbs

Assistant Principal

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition: Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th July

I would like to say a massive well done to all the Year 9 pupils who completed their Bronze DofE Expedition section.

They were put to the test on both the practice and assessment expeditions with the temperamental environmental conditions, but despite this they all persevered and learnt a lot about self-preservation in the challenging conditions.

Mr Quant the assessor and I, both agreed that overall, this group collectively showed some of the best navigation, stamina and campcraft skills that we have ever seen.

Back at camp there was a multitude of different menu options being cooked as well as impromptu gymnastics displays when building human pyramids. One group even discovered that cows are not too fond of mobile phones when it was left behind after lunch and a cow decided to try and eat it but spat it out.

Also, a huge thank you to Mr Quant, Mrs Lloyd and Miss Caldwell who provided guidance and assistance to the group.

Mr Bates

PE teacher



Trips

Year 10 trip to The Big Business Event: Thursday 13th July

We took 16 Year 10 pupils to the Institute of Technology for 'The Big Business event.' We had two teams who competed against 16 other teams from local schools. They spent the day working with a range of businesses to create a new business project. At the end of the day each group pitched their idea to a panel of Dragons.

We are very pleased to announce that one of our teams won the whole event earning themselves a HUGE bag of sweets, £15 Amazon vouchers each and an iPad for the school.

Our winning team was:

Oliver S
Amelia Tr
Alessia V
Sophie C
Josie D-C
Ruby H
Penelope P
Fay H



Our second team who also did brilliantly was:

Cayden K
Harry M
Jack H
Max S
Christopher B
Joseph E
Lewis A
Kacper M

Mrs Stevens

Assistant Principal, Pastoral & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Competitions

Repetition Photography Contest

This month our theme was 'REPETITION'. Congratulations to Cadence C (Year 9) for her winning entry. You can see more pictures of entries on our social media page.



Cadence C

I absolutely love the rain, so I went outside and made the most of it as the sun will probably be coming out soon!! Whilst I was outside I was admiring the pretty daisy's with raindrops on them and decided the REPETITION from the petals fitted the photography competition perfectly so I took a picture of them with two of them in the image, one seen clearly and one more blurred as I thought this made the image look more effective so the viewer of the picture can focus on the first daisy and feel like they are outside in the rain admiring the actual daisy that I used in the image!

Winner – R4 and Tie Pin

Competitions

Mock Trials

We were lucky to take 14 of our amazing pupils to Croydon Court to compete in the finals of the Mock trials competition where they competed against 10 other schools.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we didn't win, however our pupils were phenomenal! We were in the top 11 schools in the country (out of 200) so it was an incredible achievement to get to this round.

We were also in the court that was filmed and 2 of our pupils were interviewed for the SKY programme FYI.

They were absolute stars and definitely represented us well. Very Abbey Park Proud.



Ms Bowie
Librarian

School Uniform Donations



Do you have any pieces of branded Abbey Park uniform lying around that are still in good condition and could be used by someone else? Perhaps they no longer fit or you no longer need it. Are you just not sure what to do with it? If so, we might be able to help you!

Pre-loved uniform will be put to good use by supporting our pupils and their families. We are looking for donations of branded Abbey Park uniform, specifically blazers and ties but we will happily take trousers, shoes, jumpers and PE kit too.

If you do have any items you no longer need, then please drop them in at reception. All we ask is that donations are in good condition and have been cleaned.

Many thanks in advance for any support you might be able to offer.

Mr Stubbs
Assistant Principal

Pupil Laptops

When pupils are given a school laptop to use at home, please ensure the software and antivirus are updated by turning the laptop on weekly.

Please return the laptop to the school reception or IT office if it is no longer in use at home so that it can be distributed to pupils who now need a device.

If you're experiencing any problems with the laptop at home, please let us know.

IT Support





SEND Coffee Morning

Do you have child at school with additional needs?

Are you worried about your child and would like to talk to someone?

Would you like a chat over a cup of coffee and a biscuit?

We would like to invite you to the first Abbey Park SEND Parent Coffee Morning.

This is an opportunity for parents and carers of young people who have additional needs to come together for a chat. It will also be a chance for you to meet Louise Edmonds, the school SENDCo, and members of the teaching assistant team.

We will also be joined by SIAS and Swindon SEND Families Voice.

Tuesday 17th September 2024 9:30am

Abbey Park School

SIAS
SEND Information
Advice & Support



**Swindon SEND
Families Voice**

It has been a great year for the library, with a huge increase in loans and library use. We have loaned out over 4,000 books this academic year and the library has been full of pupils every break and lunch time.

The after-school clubs have been a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to explore and share their love of books and writing. The pupil-lead book club enjoyed reading 'Burn' by Patrick Ness. There have also been lots of book quizzes and even a couple of murder mystery games. While the creative writing club explored free writing, poetry and developing writing devices.


We also host the Games club, which has evolved into the Dungeons and Dragons group. So many pupils have joined that we had to expand the number of staff running the session. Lots of them really got into the roles of their characters and shared storytelling, with some pupils hoping that next year they can become Dungeon Masters themselves and lead the groups.

Swindon Youth Festival of Literature (SYFL) was a great success this year, with pupils having the pleasure of working with Steve Cole, Ash Dickinson and Steve Antony, as well as seeing the legendary Dame Jaqueline Wilson. Our feeder primary schools attended an assembly with Jennifer Bell. Meanwhile for World Book Day, we had an inspirational talk from Joffre White. As last years winners of the School Library Association Community award, illustrator Steve Antony drew a cover for their magazine which featured all of the librarians who run and support SYFL, it was such a wonderful honour and a wonderful way to be recognised for the time and effort put into this event.

We have already started planning next years events and will be joined by Julian Sedgwick, Chie Kutsuwada, Anna James, Sue Wallman and Ash Dickinson. It's shaping up to be another exciting week and a brilliant way to celebrate authors and their work, while also building connections with other schools around Swindon.

Summer Challenge

While the summer is a great time to relax and have a break from school, it is also the perfect time to catch up with some summer reads. This year we have the Book Bingo, which should be sent on Epraise.

 BOOK BINGO				
Read a fiction book set before you were born.	Read a book by an author from a different country.	Read about a historical event.	Read the first book of a series.	Read a book set in a different country.
Read a book that has been adapted into film/TV.	Read a sci-fi/fantasy book.	Read a book of poems.	Read a funny book.	Read a prize-winning book.
Read a book about a mystery.	Read a book written over 100 years ago.	Read a book by a female author.	Read a book based on a true story.	Read a non-fiction book.
Read a book with non-human characters.	Read a book that someone recommends to you.	Read a book you've never heard of.	Read a book that was published in 2024	Read a graphic novel.
Read a thriller or suspense book.	Read a book you wouldn't normally try.	Read a play.	Re-read a book you enjoy.	Read a book that was published the year you were born.

 BOOK BINGO				
Read a poem	Read a comic or a magazine	Read a non-fiction book.	Read a short story	Read a blog post
Read a graphic novel	Read a Shakespeare abridged version	Read the lyrics to your favourite song	Read a newspaper article	Read a review of a film
Complete a crossword puzzle	Read the first chapter of a classic novel	Re-read one of your favourite books	Read a recipe you would like to make	Read your horoscope
Read about your favourite actor on IMDb	Look up the definition of a word you've never heard of before	Use a Thesaurus to find 5 synonyms for the word 'nice'	Read the Wikipedia page of an author from the 19 th century	Listen to an audiobook

For our more enthusiastic readers there is also an Independent Novel Study. For anyone who wishes to complete this Option, please pop along to the library or email bowien@abbeyparkschool.org.uk for more information. Just return entries to the library in September with your name on and reward points will be given for every task completed.

Enjoy the summer and Keep Reading!!

Ms Bowie

Librarian

Useful Information

Buying books

In the library we try to keep a wide variety of books and authors, however it is impossible to stock everything. If your child enjoys reading it can be difficult to keep up with buying them books, especially in the current economic climate.

So here are a few tips to keep costs down:

- Join your local library, it is free to join and you can borrow up to 16 books at a time.
- While at the library, many have a withdrawn section where you can take as many books as you can carry for £1.
- Charity shops often have a book section, the bonus is you can return them when you have finished and support a good cause.
- Discount book shops such as The Works offer a wide range of books at discount prices.
- Online WoB (World of Books) is a secondhand book shop which offers books at a reasonable price and offers free delivery in the UK.

Local libraries

North Swindon Library

Orbital Retail Park, Thamesdown Drive, Swindon, SN25 4AN

01793 707120

northswindon.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 2.00pm - 6.00pm
- Tuesday - closed
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Thursday - closed
- Friday - 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Sunday - 11.00am - 3.00pm

Central Library

Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QG

01793 463238

central.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Thursday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Friday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday – closed

Local Bookshops

Bert's Books

54 Godwin Court, Swindon, SN1 4BB

07949 190977

bert@bertsbooks.co.uk

Opening hours

- Monday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Thursday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Friday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Saturday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Sunday - 10.30am – 4.00pm

Waterstones

3 Canal Walk, Swindon SN1 1LD

01793 436465

www.waterstones.com

Opening Hours

- Monday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Thursday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm



At Abbey Park we are committed to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our school and it is paramount in all we do. We hope that our termly safeguarding update will give you an overview of our approach, offer some useful guidance and information and inform you of what your child is learning in school about how to keep themselves safe. For more information about safeguarding, please look at our website.

What does Safeguarding look like at Abbey Park?

At Abbey Park School we follow the Government policy document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This is statutory guidance for all schools in England to follow and comply with. It has recently been updated and therefore our safeguarding policy has been updated to reflect this. You can find this on our safeguarding section on the school website. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's responsibility**. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in making sure that children grow up having the best life chances. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all adults should make sure their approach puts the child at the centre of the decision making and that the best interests of the child are always considered. We believe that it is in the best interest of our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school. Our safeguarding themes are woven into lessons across the curriculum, into assemblies and throughout daily life in school. Here are just a few examples of how we teach safeguarding at Abbey Park:

Dedicated safeguarding team in school every day

Pastoral support for each group.

Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA's) and Pastoral Support Assistants who have specialist training in supporting a child in their social and emotional needs

Members of staff who have completed basic mental health training

Mental health pupil ambassadors

Mental health staff ambassadors

A dedicated mental health lead – Mrs Stevens

Wellbeing Wednesday each Wednesday Tutor time looking at how to look after mental health

Assemblies and lessons taught throughout the year, including but not extensively, anti-bullying, equality, diversity, fire, sun, children's safety, exploitation, sexual harassment and violence and online safety.

PHSE curriculum covering how to be healthy, having healthy relationships and developing emotional literacy

Online safety curriculum

RSE (Relationships and sex education) curriculum

Weekly tutor time reminders about staying safe in school and our expectations

If you need any support with your child, please contact a member of the safeguarding Team.

Abbey Park Safeguarding team

Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Kara Stevens

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Lorraine Hatcliffe

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Miss Vanessa Redondo

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Karen Candy



Contact details and circumstances – please keep us up to date!

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for every parent/carers. If you change your phone number, e - mail or move house, please let the admin team know or update it on Arbor. We also need at least two emergency contacts for your child.

We also ask that you keep us up to date with any changes in your personal circumstances that may impact your child.

Mrs Stevens: stevensk@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Mrs Hatcliffe: hatcliffel@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Miss Redondo: redondov@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Mrs Candy: candyk@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Contact details:

Please can we ask that you ensure the school has at least two contact details in case of an emergency. This can be done on Arbor



Useful contacts:

Swindon MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) have added a new front door service called 'Contact Swindon'. If you have concerns about a child and want to speak to a social worker, family services worker without going through school please call - 01793 464646.

If you have concerns that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999.

School Nursing team – for support to help children with their physical, mental and emotional well-being and referring to other specialist agencies.

Tel – 01793 465050 or email: snn@swindon.gov.uk

Online safety guidance for parents: <https://swgfl.org.uk/>

Assembly and PSHE this term:

At Abbey Park School all pupils attend Assemblies and PSHE sessions each week.

During PSHE this term pupils have been learning about the following topics:

Year 7	Drugs education
Year 8	Health & Wellbeing: Identity and Relationships
Year 9	Health & Wellbeing: Healthy Lifestyle
Year 10	Relationships/CEIAG & Healthy Relationships

Social care or external agency involvement

A polite request to keep the Pastoral team updated if your child is receiving support from social services or any external agencies. This will enable us to ensure the right support is given at the right time.

Special guardianship orders or unofficial care givers

Just a reminder to keep the school updated if a child is under a special guardianship order or unofficial care placement to ensure they receive any support needed.

The Pastoral Team updates



Mrs Stevens
Assistant
Principal
Head of
Pastoral
DSL



Mrs Candy
Head of
Year 7



Mrs Hatcliffe
Head of Key Stage
Year 9 & 10
DDSL



Ms Redondo
Head of Key Stage
Year 8 & 11
DDSL



Mrs Everett
PSA – Attendance & Yr7



Mr Morris (Mat cover)
Year 8 PSA



Miss Asbury -
Semmons
Year 9 PSA



Mrs Harwood
Year 10 PSA



Mrs Charl
Year 11 PSA

Miss Yeoman
School counsellor




Miss Fry
School counsellor
(MAT Cover)



Safeguarding information










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Below are some useful contacts and places for parents and pupils to get advice and guidance if you need it over the summer.



Where to get help over the summer

- Safeguarding team via e-mail
- Contact Swindon (01739 464646)
- Reporting tool on our website
- CEOP
- Child line
- NSPCC
- The dock – online
- The police
- Parents/carers



If you suspect it, report it!

How to stay safe over the summer



Water Safety Code



All pupils have had assemblies on what to do in emergencies over the summer and how to fun but be safe in the community.

With the arrival of the lighter evenings and the summer holidays fast approaching, it is also important to remind pupils of how to keep themselves safe when both online and out and about.

The Safer Internet Centre have produced a guide for keeping online habits and interactions healthy:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

The Child Mind Institute has produced the following tips for a successful summer break:

<https://childmind.org/article/strategies-for-a-successful-summer-break/>

Follow this link for some helpful summer safety tips: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/stay-safe-summer-tips-and-advice>

Have a happy and safe Summer!

Online safety: Each term we will add online safety guides for parents. All of these guides can be found on our website under the safeguarding section.



Term 1 Curriculum Map - KS3

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	Literature and Context:: Beowulf	Literature and Context:: Frankenstein	Literature and Context: Of Mice and Men
Maths	Time, Place Value, Properties of Arithmetic, Factors & Multiples	Percentages, Sequences, Forming & Solving Equations	Volume & Surface Area, FDP, Probability, Sample Spaces
Science	Cells & Particles	Electricity & the Periodic Table	B1 Cell Biology & Skills
MFL	Spanish: Mi Vida French: La rentrée	Spanish: Mis Vacaciones French: Vive les vacances	Spanish: Somos Asi French: Mon monde à moi
Humanities	Philosophical Thinking: Exploring Britain History: Intro Geography: Exploring Britain	Philosophical Thinking: Restless earth History: TBC Geography: Restless Earth	Philosophical Thinking: God and the problem of suffering. History: Trenches and the Rise of Hitler Geography: Living World (AQA Unit)
Business Computing	Introduction to Secondary systems & Microsoft Word	Computer Components	Data Representation
Design Technology (DT)	Resistant Materials: Swivel Lid Box Graphics: Chocolate Box Textiles: Pencil Case	Resistant Materials: Passive Speaker Graphics: Travel Game Textiles: TBC	Resistant Materials: Swivel Lid Box Graphics: Logo Design Textiles: Pencil Case
Visual Arts	TBC	TBC	TBC
Performing Arts	Drama: Intro Music: Graphic Scores	Drama: Professional roles and technical theatre using "Sparkleshark" Music: Africa	Drama: Blood Brothers Willy Russell's play/musical explores the social and economic reality of Liverpool in the 1970's Music: Time Lapse/Time Lapse sequencing
PE	Netball, Gym, Rugby, Basketball, Dance	Netball, Gym, Rugby, Basketball, Dance, Football	Netball, Fitness, Rugby, Basketball, Dance, Football, Tag, Trampoline
Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education (PSHCE)	Transition/Welcome to Abbey Park	Global issues & discrimination	British Rights & Values: Living in the wider world

Term 1 Curriculum Map - KS4

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	Year 10	Year 11
English	20th & 21st Century Literature: An Inspector Calls	Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice.
Maths	Foundation: Perimeter, Area & 3D Forms, Algebra recap, Graphs Higher: Perimeter, Area & 3D Forms, Solving Quadratics & Simultaneous Equations	Foundation: Algebra & Shape Higher: TBC
Science	B4 Bioenergetics & C2 Bonding, Structure & Properties of Matter	C6 Rates & Extent of Chemical Change & B5 Homeostasis & Response
MFL	Spanish: ¡Desconéctate! French: Qui suis-je?	Spanish: ¡Desconéctate! French: Qui suis-je?
Humanities	Philosophical Thinking: Christian beliefs History: Medicine in medieval England and Medicine in modern Britain 1900-present Sociology: Intro Geography: Challenges of Natural Hazards	Philosophical Thinking: Religion, peace and conflict History: Cold War crises 1958-70 Sociology: Paper 2: Crime and Deviance Geography: Changing Economic World
Business	Investigating small business and Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	Growing the Business
Computing		
Design Technology (DT)	TBC	TBC
Visual Arts	TBC	TBC
Performing Arts	Drama: Duologues Music: Rudiments of Music Treble/Bass Clef, Note Lengths, Chords, Scales	Drama: Portfolio write up and controlled assessment Music: Listening activities and practice questions
PE	Netball, Badminton, Football, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Volleyball GCSE PE: Components of Fitness CNAT Sports Studies: R185 Performance & Leadership: Task 1 Key Components of performance	Netball, Badminton, Football, Dodgeball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Volleyball GCSE PE: Sports Psychology CNAT Sports Studies: R186: Media & the sport: Task 1 The different sources of media that cover sport
Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education (PSHCE)	Global issues, including terrorism	CEIAG: Living in the wider world (next steps)

Summer Holidays**Monday 22nd July - Friday 30th August****Inset days****Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September (closed to pupils)****Return to School****Wednesday 4th September****Year 7: 8.40am start****Years 8-11: 10.15am start**

Monday 9th September	Whole School Individual Photos
Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th September	Open Evenings
Wednesday 18th September	Trip: Blood Brothers, King's Theatre, Portsmouth
Wednesday 25th - Thursday 26th September	Open Mornings
Thursday 3rd October	Trip: The Little Prince, Egg Theatre, Bath
Tuesday 8th October	Trip: An Inspector Calls, Bristol Hippodrome
Wednesday 9th October	Trip: The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park
Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th October	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 16th October	Autumn Concert
Monday 14th - Friday 18th October	Well-being week

Autumn Half-Term**Monday 28th - Friday 1st November****Return to School****Monday 4th November**

School Calendar 2024-25



Abbey Park School Terms and Holidays 2024 - 2025



September 2024						
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August 2025						
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INSET Days 2nd and 3rd September, 18th and 19th November, 2nd June, 21st and 22nd July

Lunchtime Finish 20th December and 18th July

Bank Holidays 2024/25 UK

25 December '24	Christmas Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday
26 December '24	Boxing Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	25 August '25	August Bank Holiday
1 January '25	New Year's Day	5 May '25	May Day Holiday		