



The Abbey School

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

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THE HOWARD
Academy Trust



BOOK A TOUR TODAY!

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. At The Abbey School, we provide a supportive, inclusive, and high-achieving environment where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential.

What You Can Expect to See on Your Visit:

- Engaging Lessons & Inspiring Teaching – See our dedicated staff in action, delivering high-quality education.
- Excellent Facilities – Modern classrooms, specialist subject areas, a well-equipped sports hall, and vibrant social spaces.
- Strong Pastoral Care – A nurturing and inclusive community where every child is supported.
- Enriching Opportunities – A variety of clubs, trips, and extracurricular activities that enhance learning and personal development.
- A Safe and Welcoming Environment – High expectations, respect, and ambition at the heart of everything we do.

Accessibility & Inclusivity

We are committed to making The Abbey School accessible for all visitors. Our site offers:

- Step-free access and wheelchair-friendly pathways.
 - On-site parking, including accessible bays.
- Easily accessible location with good transport links.

Come and see The Abbey School in action! Book a tour today and experience firsthand why we are the perfect choice for your child's future.

CLICK THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK YOUR TOUR!



EASTER REVISION SESSIONS

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Following the success of our half term revision sessions earlier this year, we are delighted to announce that there will be a bigger and even better revision offering in the Easter holidays. A sign up form will be sent out to all Year 11 parents in the soon with more precise details.

Don't miss out as these sessions will be invaluable in helping to revise key content and skills, as well as building confidence ready for the GCSE exams this summer!

STAFF VS SIXTH FORM MATCH

It was an enjoyable afternoon down at the 3G pitch on Friday 21st March to watch the staff Vs Students football match which resulted in yet another year of the teachers beating the 6th formers 5-1.

Aside from the enjoyment of watching the game, it was fantastic to see so many of our students interacting with one another and enjoying the atmosphere. The entire, accessible, pitch side was full of students across all year groups and many students stood all around the fence line and some set up their own mini-games!

The event was a huge success, raising £560, which will go to improving Sixth Form facilities!

Big thanks to Mr Labrou, Mr Jarman-Howe, The Sixth Form Leadership Team and in particular Jessica F for getting the event organised.

We hope to arrange another whole school event very soon!



SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

WELCOME TO SPRING !

Enjoy the words of Catherine Pulsifer to bring energy and joy as the days start to get warmer and lighter.

SPRING

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

S oft winds whisper through the trees,
P etals open with buzzing bees.
R ays of sunshine warm the ground,
I n every corner, life is found.
N ature wakes from winter's chill,
G rowth and hope, a season to thrill.

STAR READERS KS3

HOLLY D

has read a massive 23 books this term and passed all quizzes – in total that is 385,160 words read.



JOET

has read 2 books, passed both quizzes – 126,120 words!



MITCHELL J

has read 3 books, passed all quizzes – 116,700!



Amazing achievement from these students – well done!

Reading is vital to student's academic progress, as well as their wellbeing. Regularly reading for pleasure will ensure your child makes a significant leap in progress accessing the curriculum in English and the wider school. Encourage your child to keep reading everyday to maximise their progress in learning.

FAVERSHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL: CREATIVE WRITING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Charisma O for achieving second place in the Faversham Literary Festival writing competition for her story: The Confinement.

Festival organisers said: the atmosphere created through well-chosen language, together with the use of metaphor and the cliff-hanger ending, made for an effective and memorable short story.

We are all very proud of Charisma's achievement - well done!





SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

STAR STUDENTS IN ENGLISH

Daniel A and Daisy T from 10J1 who are showing significant high level critical thinking and writing in all English lessons.

Ellie Marie A YR10 - She has been working consistently hard on her GCSE texts to prepare for her exams, producing incredible revision resources! Despite any obstacles that may come her way in school or life, she continues to show up with a smile and a positive attitude.

Ellie B YR7 - She has been a great supportive friend, helpful to teachers and always kind to those around her. She brings life into the classroom and never fails to make us all smile. Keep being such a positive, kind and caring person!

Polly C-S, River E and Nicholas B - routinely write pages of analytical response to any question we are covering in class. In general, I am really impressed by the level of academic/ analytic engagement

·Daisy C YR8 – She is always working hard, engaged in every lesson and always looking to embed her improvements.



Jake P– YR10 – He is working hard to improve his analytical work.

SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH TUITION YEAR 11 AND YEAR 10

The following students are regularly attending tuition in English every week, dedicating their time after school revising practising and preparing for their forthcoming GCSE exams – well done, and keep up the good work.

Year 10

Hannah M
Olivia H
Ruby S
Ruby H
Heidi R Kyra P
Daniel A
Isla H
Daisy T
Olivia I
Reuben J F
Ben S
Lilly W
Jake P

Year 11

Mia G
Ben C
Max W
Max I
Carris F
Poppy B
Enya B
Tymur C
Marley C
Grace C
Daniel F
Antani S

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 10 POETRY WORKSHOP

Recently, Year 10 engaged on two poetry workshops to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Power and Conflict poetry, and the Unseen poetry section. Students practised their exam skills, analysis of texts, and essay writing to build confidence in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE Literature examinations. The poetry workshops were a great success, and our students certainly rose to the challenge. Well done to all Year 10 students – the English department are incredibly proud of you all!

Reminder, there is tuition available afterschool every Monday with teachers in the English Department – all students are welcome to attend.

NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

MONDAY- THURSDAY

YEAR GROUP	TIMESLOT WITHOUT A LIBRARY PASS
8	11:30 - 11:50
9	11:50 - 12:10
10	12:10 - 12:30
7	12:30 - 12:50
11	12:50 - 13:10

FRIDAY

YEAR GROUP	TIMESLOT WITHOUT A LIBRARY PASS
8	11:00 - 11:20
9	11:20 - 11:40
10	11:40 - 12:00
7	12:00 - 12:20
11	12:20 - 13:00

NEW FEATURES IN THE LIBRARY:

- Sixth form shelf with titles catering to new adult readers, including books such as *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas.
- Wondering what's the difference between the fantasy subgenres? Come and check out our new display and get some recommendations as a bonus.
- Come and see our 'Books that defined us' display. Focusing on female authors and characters that had a big impact on staff.

COMING SOON:

- Bookflix. A new display featuring:
 - New titles
 - Top borrowed books
 - Books made into films/tv shows
 - Features of the week



SPOTLIGHT ON PE

EXAM SUCCESS

Year 11 Sport Science students got their results back from the external exam they took back in January. The results across the cohort were excellent, with a number of Distinction*, Distinction and Merit grades. This has resulted in many students not needing to retake the exam in May, thus completing their Cambridge National Sport Science qualification a few months early. A huge congratulations to those students; PE Department wishes them every success in the future.

RUGBY SUCCESS: SWALE SHIELD WINNERS

The year 10 rugby team came away winners of the 2025 Swale Shield hosted by Sittingbourne RFC. The lads narrowly lost to Border Grammar School in their first game, to then comprehensively beat The Sittingbourne School. Going into the final game, the boys needed to beat Queen Elizabeth Grammar School to level the top of the table and hope the big win earlier would be enough to win overall on points difference. A great performance against our local rivals secured the win and crowned us as overall winners.

Joint captains Will H and James K led by example the whole tournament and were key to our success.

Well done Boys!



PEC OUTREACH PROJECT

On Thursday the students in PEC embarked on their second visit for their outreach project to Brook Community Primary School in Ashford. PEC are working with 'Green Gang' students to teach them their skills in the garden to help them create a nice garden space for their school. Over the last term PEC have been growing seedlings, organising seed trays, chitting potatoes and harvesting seeds from last years produce, and have shared knowledge and practical skills.

It was lovely for the students at both schools to meet up from the previous visit and have fun again. Brook students enjoyed showing off their site, playing games and showing us their pond. However, the highlight of the visit for PEC was definitely being able to have a cuddle with bunnies again!!

Over the next term we plan to visit three times and invite them to come to The Abbey to spend a day with us here.





FAVERSHAM GOLF ACADEMY

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025

As from September 2025, we will be offering students the chance to join the Faversham Golf Academy.

Faversham Golf Academy offers a unique post 16 education programme offering competitive golf to both boys and girls. The programme incorporates both full time education with a built in golf development programme.

Ours aims are very simple, to develop and improve our pupils:

Academic Potential:

- Pupils are able to study a wide variety of A Level and BTEC courses, enabling pupils the chance to achieve great grades.
- The 6th form has a brilliant track record of progressing many pupils into top universities across the country.

Golfing Potential:

- Through weekly PGA golf instruction, supervised practice and weekly matches, pupils have a brilliant chance to improve their handicap and become the "best you can be".
- Our programme is fully funded allowing everyone to access the game of golf.

For more information about Faversham Golf Academy, please email:

golfacademy@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk

or visit our website:

www.theabbey-that.org.uk/golfacademy

Abbey School Sixth Form

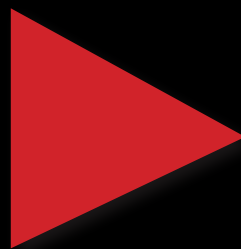
Are you ready to take the next step in your academic journey? At The Abbey School, our Sixth Form offers an outstanding opportunity for you to thrive, not just in your studies, but as an individual.

We are a vibrant and inclusive community which supports our young people to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make the successful transition to the next stage of their education or employment.

Find out more about our Sixth Form here:

<https://www.theabbey-that.org.uk/sixthform>

Click the box below to watch The Sixth Form Promotion Video



PASTORAL SPOTLIGHT ON... THE WIDER ABBEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Here at school, your children will see many people as they move through the day.

Wearing our dark blue or purple lanyards, students will see teachers, cover supervisors, teaching assistants, pastoral, safeguarding, SRP, reflection and PEC staff.

They will also regularly see our premises team and our cleaning team, the canteen staff and the office and attendance teams.

We have lots of regular external visitors too, who may wear a red or a green lanyard.

We have members of the Emotional Wellbeing Team in school most days – they are part of the NHS and work with our students to support wellbeing.

We have regular visits from our child-centred police officer, PC Amy Tyler – you may see her police patrol car outside school. PC Tyler comes to advise, support and offer a friendly face to our students.

We have external speakers who may deliver an assembly or a workshop in the hall.

We have regular visits from the NHS Immunisation Teams, to deliver vaccinations.

We have visitors in school from the Howard Trust – these are people who support in the organisation and running of our school.

We all have visitors from Social Services, Kent Connexions, and invigilators.

We have external teachers who come into provide music lessons for our students.

We have Reverend Dan in school for assemblies and to provide advice and support.

Here at The Abbey we aim to provide a welcoming, enriching and safe space, and our visitors help us to do this. We welcome visitors who provide a valuable link to the wider Faversham community.



ATTENDANCE REWARDS



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN?

BE IN 100% OF THE YEAR. BE IN 100% FROM 03/03/2025. ATTENDANCE GOLDEN TICKETS. YEAR 11 BE IN 100% UNTIL END OF TERM 5. YOU COULD BE ENTERED INTO ALL OF THESE IF YOU MEET EVERY ONE OF THE ATTENDANCE LEVELS! YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!

THE LINK BETWEEN ATTENDANCE & ATTAINMENT

THE IMPACT ABSENCE HAS ON YOUR ATTENDANCE RATE:

TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OFF IN A SCHOOL YEAR	ATTENDANCE RATE %	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	LEARNING HOURS LOST
0	100%	190 DAYS	0
10	95%	180 DAYS	475
20	90%	170 DAYS	95
30	85%	160 DAYS	142.5
40	80%	150 DAYS	190



ABOVE 95% ATTENDANCE =
 VERY GOOD CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs
ABOVE 94% ATTENDANCE =
 GOOD CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs
ABOVE 92% ATTENDANCE =
 FAIR CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs
ABOVE 90% ATTENDANCE =
 LESS THAN 50% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs
88% ATTENDANCE =
 LESS THAN 35% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs
LESS THAN 85% ATTENDANCE =
 LESS THAN 30% CHANCE OF 5 GCSEs

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Easy Fundraising Initiative

Supporting our Schools Together

The Howard Academy Trust has launched a new fundraising initiative to benefit all schools within the Trust, including The Abbey School. The Easy Fundraising platform provides an effortless way for parents, carers, staff, and the wider community to raise funds simply by shopping with participating retailers.

Getting involved is easy:

Visit the Easy Fundraising page for The Abbey School:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-abbey-school-faversham/>
or click the QR code below.



Register and select The Abbey School as your cause.

Shop as usual with participating retailers, and donations will be made automatically.

We would also greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word about this initiative to your networks. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference across the Trust.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please visit the link below which will take you to a FAQ page.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/#hiwfaq>

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

TERM 4

We are excited to share with you the Attendance Rewards for Term 4. This term, students will have the opportunity to win cinema vouchers for the whole family to view a film of their choice at The Light Cinema in Sittingbourne.

In order for students to be in with a chance of winning, they simply need to be in school. For each week that the students are in school they will receive an Attendance Golden Ticket. The more weeks they are in, the more tickets they receive the more chances they have of winning.

Good luck everyone!

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Attendance League

Please click the image below to view the results of The Attendance League for the first week of term 4!



All Change!

Exciting news as we announce our new PE kit!

Taking on board feedback from our school community about cost and availability, we have been working with our uniform providers to source good quality, lower price kit for sport and are delighted to share with you the new items available from Monday 27th January.

The new PE kit will be phased in over time and all current kit remains part of the PE kit uniform until it is out grown or worn out - we do not expect anyone to purchase the new kit until their child needs it.

Student feedback to the items has been positive and we look forward to seeing it being worn in the months ahead.

Kit can be purchased (when required) from all three of our sports kit providers:

Rival School & Dancewear
116 West Street
Faversham
Kent
ME13 7JB
01795590473
Email: sales@rivalschoolwear.co.uk
Website: www.rivalschoolwear.co.uk

Forster's School Uniform
17-19 East Street
Sittingbourne
Kent
ME10 4BQ
01795665540
Email: info@forsterskent.co.uk
Website: www.forsterskent.co.uk

Marc Leader
Global Leader Ltd
01795608840
07840658936
Email: sales@globalleaderlimited.co.uk
Website: www.globalleaderlimited.com





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SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4

6th Form Christian Thought Conference	3 rd March
English Year 10 Poetry Morning	3 rd March
English Year 10 Unseen Poetry Morning	4 th March
KS4/5 Careers Fair	5 th March
Year 13 Psychology Trip (London Zoo)	7 th March
Six Nations Trip	9 th March
Mid Term Assessments (All Years)	10 th March - 21 st March
Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening (TBC)	12 th March
Year 8 STEM Trip	14 th March
6th Form Interviews Week	17 th March
KS4 MFL Spain Trip	2 nd April - 5 th April
Pathways Form Released (Yr 8)	4 th April

WORK EXPERIENCE YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12

Work Experience week - Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025. Students will be allowed one week away from their usual timetable.

We as a school recognise that work experience is an especially important aspect of positive career development for our students. We constantly encourage our students to develop their experiences with access to work placements.

Our students experience this in Year 10 and Year 12 by encouraging your child to make initial contact with local employers themselves enables them to choose a sector of work that they may already have an interest in or aspire to, as well as encouraging ownership for their choices and preparing them for future job applications after education. This allows students gain valuable work experience that supports them with relevant subjects and university applications.

Please encourage your child to take up this opportunity as we know it is a valuable learning experience. I will be available to help and give advice in this process, your child can come and see me for support Mrs Priestley Careers/Business Area

Final deadline for forms 25th April 2025



Consideration In The Community

Most of you are wonderful ambassadors of the school through your kind and considerate actions towards others in our local community, especially when travelling to and from school.

Remember its **not fair** for anyone to be allowed to deliberately make life miserable for others. **We will never tolerate nasty behaviour or bullying towards those in our school community.** Always ask an adult for help if you are being treated unkindly or if you feel frustrated about the ways others are treating you.

DO

Move aside on the pavement to allow to use it.

Speak using appropriate tone and at a sensible level to those you are with, using language that is not offensive or swearing.

Cross roads safely, using the bridge to navigate the A2 and by looking up and checking the traffic for all other streets where there are no pedestrian crossing facilities

DO NOT

Monopolise the whole pavement space by walking in a group forcing elderly, those with prams or indeed anyone from the community into the road.

Shriek, shout, threaten or swear to those around you, be they friends, members of the public or students who attend other schools - this is intimidating behaviour brings our school into disrepute and this will be followed up and dealt with.

Run across the A2, this is a busy road with TWO speed cameras on it for a reason - the number of accidents. **DO NOT** become a statistic (injured or worse). Do not walk out directly in front of cars and expect them to stop.

Knowledge Organiser



Please click on what year group you are in below to access all of the Knowledge Organisers for Term 4!

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 24th March 2025!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!



RUFUS V
Year 9
63HP



GVIDAS A
Year 7
113HP



YULIYA H
Year 7
97HP



HOLLY D
Year 7
90HP



STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES W/C 31ST MARCH

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Thurs	3.15	3.20	3.205	3.30	4.30	3.30	3.30
Friday Only	1.55	1.40	1.50	1.45	2.00	2.00	2.00

#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Celebrating Your Achievements

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to its significant boost from X (formerly Twitter). Instead of being a niche platform for tech enthusiasts, Bluesky has become a mainstream social media site. From Musk buying the platform, Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X - but the way social media sites are run has a lot to do with that.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS
Bluesky does not have private accounts. All accounts are public by default, meaning anyone can view your posts and interact with you. This is a key difference from other social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook, which offer private accounts as a way to control who can see your content.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS
Bluesky does not have a 'block' button. This means that anyone can interact with your posts, even if you don't know them. This can be a concern for parents and educators, as it opens up the possibility of unwanted interactions and harassment.

TROLLING AND BULLYING
Bluesky is a community-based platform, which means that users can be targeted by trolls and bullies. The platform does not have a robust moderation system, which can make it difficult to report and remove harmful content.

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER
Bluesky does have a filter for adult content, but it is not as strict as other social media platforms. Parents and educators should encourage users to use the filter and to report any inappropriate content.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES
Bluesky is a platform where anyone can create an account, which means that there are many fake accounts. Parents and educators should encourage users to be cautious of people they don't know and to verify the identity of anyone they interact with.

ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING
Bluesky does have a 'block' button, which can be used to prevent users from interacting with your posts. Parents and educators should encourage users to use this feature to protect themselves from unwanted interactions.

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE
Bluesky is a platform where users can express their opinions and ideas. Parents and educators should encourage users to use the platform responsibly and to engage in respectful conversations.

Meet Our Expert: The National College

Follow us on social media: @wake_up_weds, /www.thenationalcollege, @wakeupwednesday, @wakeup

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT,
CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR PREVIOUS
NEWSLETTER!

NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

At The Abbey School, we strive to create a **safe and secure** environment for the school community. Our school is a **welcoming and inclusive place** where we all show one another respect and look out for each other.

We will not tolerate any **threatening, abusive or violent** behaviour and action will be taken when necessary.





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