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# Student Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025



# Key Stage 3 Update



## Top Positive Points: 24th Feb - 2nd Mar

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1st = Luna W Charlie-Ann N Olivia H	1st = Nicola S Jannat MN	1st = Lena Q Kael E Sophie D
2nd = Sehar HN April H Joseph G	2nd = Abigail W Kaitlyn K Cherrie W	2nd = Bola O Jayden J Grace F Myles F
3rd = Layla-Rai C Alliyah A	Jonah J Ryley J	

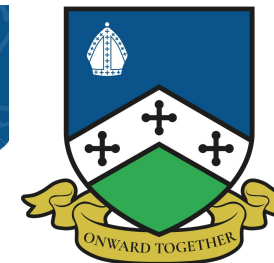
Well done to all!

## Swimming Success

Congratulations go to Francis is Year 9 who has done phenomenally well in the recent Staffordshire County Swimming Finals. Francis won Gold in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke and won Bronze in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events. A fantastic achievement to compete and succeed in multiple events and Francis will be going on to compete in the West Midlands Regional Championships. Well Done Francis!



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Can you say *"I am Resilient?"*

Demonstrate your resilience by coming to school every day. Don't give up, especially when things seem difficult. Try to accept your mistakes, reflect on them and improve next time. If you can demonstrate all these behaviours you will be on your way to being able to say: *"I am Resilient"*.



**Arbor**

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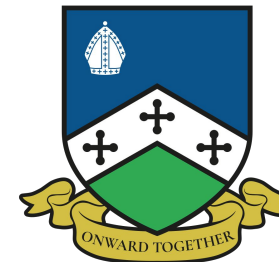
# Key Stage 4 Update



Burton and South Derbyshire open day tomorrow. If you are still looking then please attend so that see what they offer.



Pop Up Prom Shop. Mrs Davies has secured 30 tickets to the event and it is invitation only. Any girls that would like an invitation should come and see Mrs Davies.



## Bridge Community Hub

At Abbot Beyne School we are always looking at ways to support our local community and our school community. We are currently in the process of creating a food bank and uniform shop in school. This will be on offer to our students, families or people in our local community who may need the support.

We are asking for your help if you have any old uniform that you might be able to donate to the school, items we would be very interested in

Blazers  
Skirts  
Trousers

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## Toilet visits

Please make sure you go the toilet at break and lunchtime so that you do not have to go during lesson time. Students who arrange to meet up in the toilets during lessons will be sanctioned.

## Attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life.



The Earth's Core is as Hot as the Surface of the Sun. Temperatures in the inner core reach up to 5,700 Kelvin (9,800°F or 5,427°C).

## Prom

We launched details of the prom and the eligibility to attend with our Year 11 students this week. A letter will be out to all parents and carers next week with the full details and also details of how to pay. Students must remember that if we see a significant decline in their behaviour, the school reserves the right to not allow them to attend. If you have any questions regarding this please see Mrs Davies.

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# Post 16 Sixth Form at Abbot Beyne School

It can be difficult to cope with everything going on at once in our lives but support is available to you in school or from other services.

Shout – 24/7 text service -

<https://giveusashout.org/>

Young Minds -

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/>

The Mix -

<https://www.themix.org.uk/>

**shout**  
**85258**  
here for you 24/7



## Saturday Study Club

Saturday Study Club is open for Sixth Form students as well.

9am - 12pm at Evershed in the LRC.

Drinks and snacks are provided.

Bring your work with you - staff available for support.

Your lanyard must be worn at all times in school.

This is a safeguarding requirement as you are not dressed in school uniform.

If you have lost yours, please email Mrs Pollitt.



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## Upcoming Events

**11th - 13th March** - EPQ Presentations

**Thursday 20th March** - BTEC Results

**Friday 21st March** - EPQ Checking (Period 4)

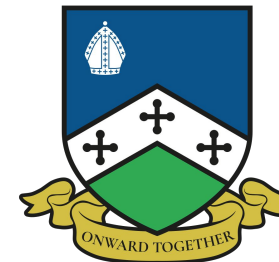
**Friday 28th March** - EPQ Deadline

**Friday 11th April** - Break up for Easter holidays

## Yoga Sessions

Yoga Class every Tuesday from 3-4pm in the Linnell gym

Anyone is welcome



## Awards and Recognition

**Sixth Form Students of the Week**



**Innovation** - Shea D

**Performance** - Theo T and Katie H-E

**Social Studies** - Ella B and George H

**Communications** - No nominations

**Maths** - Jude H



Why go anywhere else?  
[abbotbeynesixthform](https://www.instagram.com/abbotbeynesixthform)



# Communications



## TOP SPARX READERS IN FEBRUARY

**Year 7** - Fariah S - 6156 SRP

**Year 8** - Abigail W - 2199 SRP

**Year 9** - Jasmine S - 5467 SRP

**Year 10** - Tiago L - 4986 SRP

## OVER 95% ACCURACY

**Year 7** - Andrew G, Rheia P, Faria S, Muhammad Z

**Year 8** - Kacey K

**Year 9** - Freya S-D, Amanda D, Urooj M-N, Lena Q

**Year 10** - Dylan M, Kody H, Sienna S, Joe P

## MOST WORDS READ

Kawnain M - 378,846 words!



## Year 11 English Language and Literature Revision

Year 11 students should have now started their revision programme at home in preparation for their exams beginning for English on 13th May. Remember, we study the **EDUQAS** exam board.

Make sure you complete your homework each week as your teacher will be setting specific work to help you revise.

If your teacher has set up a revision folder with resources in it on Showbie, use these resources.

### Here are some other useful places to revise:

YouTube - [Dystopia Junkie](#) and [Mr. Bruff](#)

BBC Bitesize [Language](#) and [Literature](#)

[EDUQAS revision site](#)

Access to past papers for practising [Language](#) and [Literature](#)

## French GCSE Revision

If you are taking French GCSE, your first exam will be on 21st May for Listening and Reading. Your speaking exam will be timetabled **BEFORE** this and you need to be fully prepared for it. Remember, we study the AQA exam board.

[BBC Bitesize](#)

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## COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 7 - Lawrencina M

Year 8 - Ella F

Year 9 - Frances A

Year 10 - Amelia H

Year 11 - Charlie M

## World Book Day

We have had lots of events for World Book Day, including:

Colm Field, ex-student and published author visit with Year 7 students,

Book Fair for Key Stage 3 students,  
Teachers' dress up as a book character,  
Inter-house activities during tutor time.

# WORLD BOOK DAY

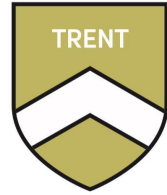


Colm Field  
Author visit



Staff dress as book characters





# House points

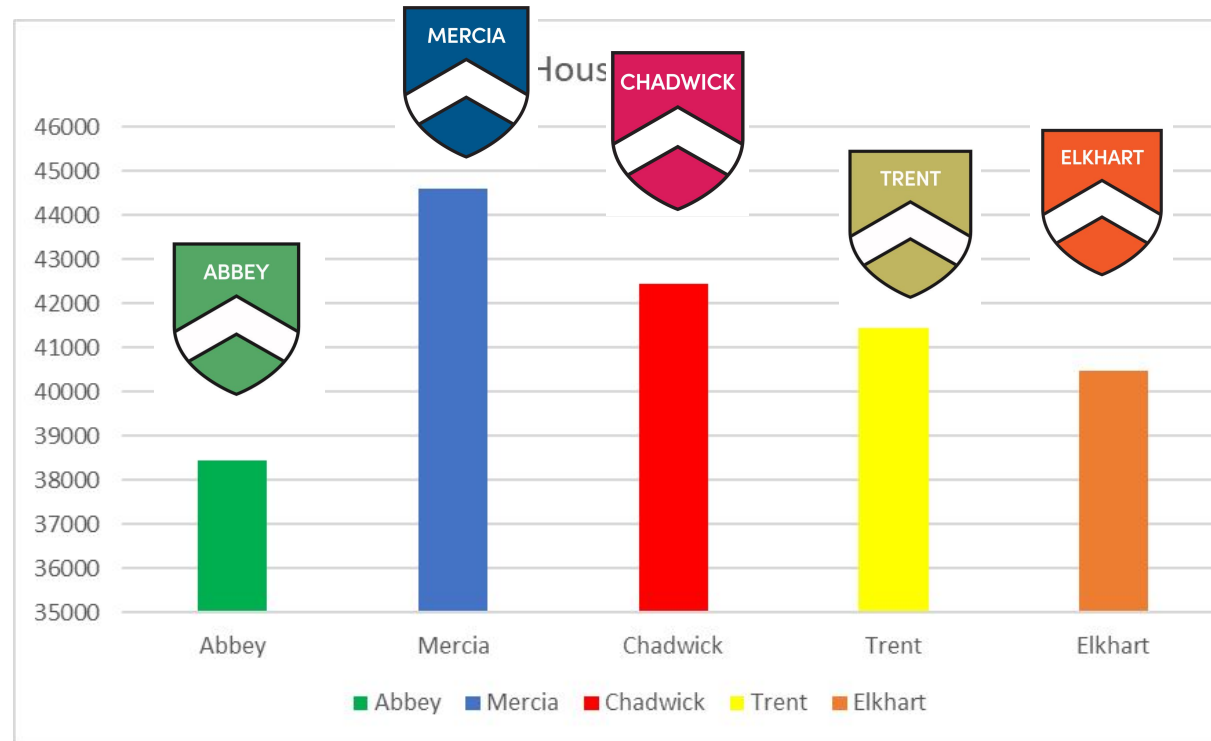


Mercia continue to lead the house points competition - well done to Mercia for working hard.

Results from the House World Book Day competition will be revealed next week.

Remember you can earn house points in a number of ways:

- Effort in classwork or homework
- Attending extra curricular activities
- Showing respect, taking responsibility or demonstrating resilience



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LEADERSHIP

TEAM

# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



As the expeditions approach, it is essential to focus on selecting the right foods to ensure the participants maintain their energy levels, endure the challenges and stay fueled throughout the weekend. We will be testing out a variety of foods to help students stay energized and ensure they consume adequate nutrition while on the move.

When choosing foods for an expedition, it is crucial to prioritize options that are **lightweight**, **nutrient-dense**, and **easy to eat** on the go. Here is a breakdown of some food categories that should be sampled and considered:



## Expedition dates-

**Bronze Practice walk / navigation day-**  
Saturday April 5th 2025

**Bronze Practice weekend -**  
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April 2025

**Bronze Assessed weekend -**  
Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2025

**Silver Practice weekend -**  
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th April 2025

**Silver Assessed weekend -**  
Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June 2025



**How to pack your DofE rucksack**  
Get more tips at [DofE.org/shopping/expedition-kit](https://DofE.org/shopping/expedition-kit)

- Liner:** Use a dry bag or rubble sack to line your rucksack to keep everything dry. *Lifelure Dry Bags*
- Sun protection:** Store in a sealable bag to avoid leakage and keep near the top or in a pocket to regularly reapply. *Lifesystems Mountain Factor Sun Protection*
- Fuel:** Double-bag fuel canisters in a sealable bag and store vertically to avoid spillage. *Trangia Fuel*
- Waterproof jacket and trousers:** Pack your bag in the order you will want your kit. Remember last in first out. *Craghoppers Horizon Jacket and Ascent Overtrousers*
- Head torch:** Pack evening essentials such as batteries or chargers together so you can find them easier in the dark. *Lifesystems Intensity 155 Head Torch*
- Survival bag:** Use up any gaps to help keep kit stable in the bag. *Lifesystems Survival Bag*
- Stove:** Clean and dry thoroughly, then place close to your back to maintain your centre of gravity. *Trangia 25-10L Stove*
- Mid layers:** Fleeces are lightweight and dry quickly. Keep near the top as temperatures can change quickly. *Craghoppers Strata Hooded Jacket*
- Tent:** Ensure the heaviest kit is close to your back and balanced on each side. *Vango Banshee 300 Tent*
- Sleeping mat:** Try to get all your kit inside your bag. If you have a large roll mat, you can tie it securely to the outside. *Vango Trek Sleeping Mat*
- First Aid:** Keep your first aid kit in the same place and easy to hand. Store small items you might need during the day in the top. *Lifesystems Trek First Aid Kit*
- Spare clothing:** Push spare clothes to the bottom of the rucksack to fill the space available. *Craghoppers Fusion Base T-Shirt*
- Rucksack:** Make sure your rucksack transfers the weight of your kit to your hips and not on your shoulders. *Vango Sherpa 60/70 Rucksack*
- Wash kit:** *Lifelure Wash Bag*
- Lunch/food:** Bag each meal separately to help ration your food. Pack your lunch at the top and have snacks to hand for extra energy boosts. *Wayfayer Expedition Food*
- Sleeping bag:** Keep your sleeping bag dry by placing inside a waterproof bag inside your rucksack. *Vango Latitude Sleeping Bag*
- Eating/drinking:** Plastic or titanium camping gear are lightweight, won't break and easy to clean. *Lifelure Ellipse Mug and Plate*
- Socks:** Always take at least two pairs of socks and ideally one set for each day. Pack to keep dry. *Bridgedale Hike Midweight Performance Boot Socks*
- DofE Buff:** *BUFF® Original headwear*
- Towel:** *Lifelure Travel Towel*

More advice on how to save weight and waterproof your kit, as well as the official DofE Expedition Kit List, can be found at [DofE.org/shopping](https://DofE.org/shopping)

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Find everything for your next expedition at one of our five recommended retailers in store or online. Find your nearest store at [DofE.org/shopping/storefinder](https://DofE.org/shopping/storefinder)  
Kit items shown are examples only. Always follow the advice and training of your DofE expedition supervisor.  
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a Registered Charity No. 1072940, and in Scotland No. SC038254, and a Royal Charter Corporation No. RC000806. DofE.org



# Enrichment

Check out the current standings in the Abbot Beyne Community Fantasy Football League. There are only 11 game weeks left until the end of the season, but there's still plenty of time for you to move up the league and challenge for the top-spots. Make sure you login, make any transfers and think about using one of the bonus chips - Free Hit, Wild Card, Bench Boost, Assistant Manager and Triple Captain - to boost your team up the league.

## Fantasy Football League Update

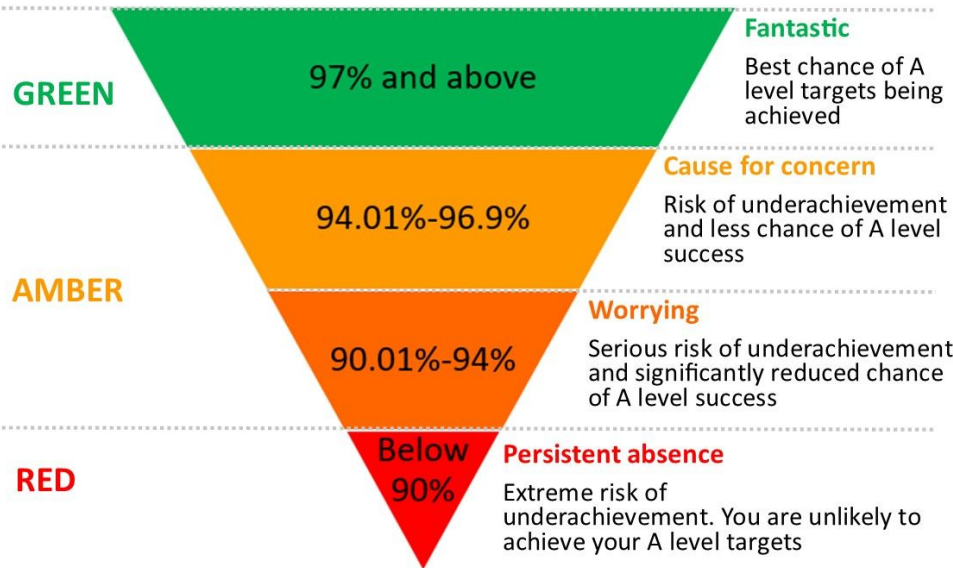
Category	Leader	Team Name and Points
Years 7-9	Jack F - Year 7	Football FC - 1180 points
Years 10-11	Jake C - Year 11	Risky Raya - 1213 points
Sixth Form	Jamie C - Year 12	Wout not Fased - 1293 points
Staff	Mrs Wright	Mrs W & Son FC - 1296 points
Community Member	Mr Mike Turner	Tokyo Allstars - 1380 points



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# Attendance

Your attendance matters



**Most Improved Form Attendance**

**10A**

**Best Form Attendance**

**9C**

**Most Improved House Attendance**  
**Abbey**



**Attendance Matters**

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# CAREERS

## Fictional World Book Day characters with dream jobs



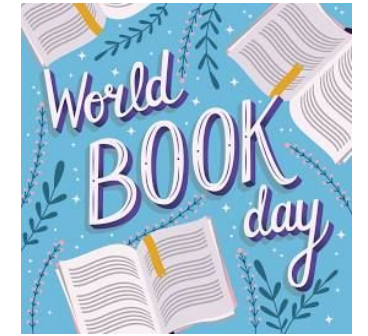
Detective



Secret agent



Teacher



Nanny



Business owner/entrepreneur



Scientist



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## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025



The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) delivers inclusive activities and a hot meal over the school holidays for children aged 5 – 16 years who are eligible for benefit related school meals.

If your child is eligible, they can have up to **four free places** on our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and you will receive an email or letter with your child's unique 'HAF' code.

We have funded local organisations to develop a timetable of enriching activities where children will get the opportunity to try new things, work on arts and crafts, cookery and sport as well as receive a hot meal wherever possible.

Please use the buttons below to find out what's on in your local area, apply online for Free School Meals to see if you are eligible, or visit our frequently asked questions or book a place.

The Department for Education has provided funding for this initiative.

[Timetables and booking](#)

**Please note:** Bookings open 10 March 2025 from 4pm

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Information for Providers](#)

[Find out if my child is eligible for Free School Meals](#)



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## Francis Shines at the 2025 Staffordshire County Swimming Championships

We are thrilled to celebrate Francis' outstanding success at the 2025 Staffordshire County Swimming Championships, held over the past few weekends at the Sandwell International Aquatics Center in Birmingham.

Francis showcased his incredible talent and determination, becoming a double county champion by securing Gold in both the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. Adding to his impressive performance, he also claimed Bronze in the 100m and 200m Freestyle.

Competing against some of the best swimmers in the region, Francis demonstrated his versatility, finishing 4th in both the 50m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley—a fantastic achievement given the high level of competition.

His journey doesn't stop here. Later this year, he will be taking on the West Midlands Regional Championship, where he has qualified in the top 4. We wish him the very best as he continues to make waves in the swimming world!

Congratulations, Francis—we are incredibly proud of you!

