

Term 3.1 Newsletter 2024-25



HELLO SUMMER



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Summer is Here

To our Families

To our #teamabbey families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been another great half term at #teamabbey, and we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.

This half term has been bustling with various events that have provided our pupils with wonderful opportunities to engage and learn. We would like to express our gratitude to Kristan, a Year 10 pupil, for his dedication to the Chess Competition, aided by Kieren, our teaching assistant for Upper 7. We have included some images from this event in our newsletter for you to enjoy.

It was truly a pleasure to welcome families to our Earth Day celebration on 22nd April, where we had the opportunity to come together as a community. Additionally, our VE Day themed lunch on 8th May allowed pupils to reflect on and learn about the end of the war, marking eighty years since its conclusion. We were also thrilled with the success of our Heritage Day, where students shared their diverse backgrounds and cultures, enriching our community further.

We were delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which highlights the importance of parental feedback in our continuous improvement. We are particularly proud of the opening statement in the report, affirming that "Pupils know that staff care for them deeply and that there is always an adult there for them when needed." This sentiment reinforces our commitment to creating an environment where our pupils thrive and enjoy their time at school, resulting in commendable behaviour.

As we approach the final half term of the year, we kindly ask that you remind your children to follow sun safety guidelines during the warmer weather. Please ensure they come prepared with hats, water, and sun cream.

We are excited to announce that we have additional events scheduled for the calendar, and you will receive further communication regarding transition arrangements early in the coming half term.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy May half term.

Warm regards,

Mrs Windle and Mr Askham

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Chess Competition

We would like to commend our students who participated in the chess competition. It was a pleasure to witness their strategic thinking and sportsmanship. Enclosed with this letter, you will find some images capturing the enthusiasm and camaraderie displayed during the event. Such activities are invaluable in promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills among our young learners.

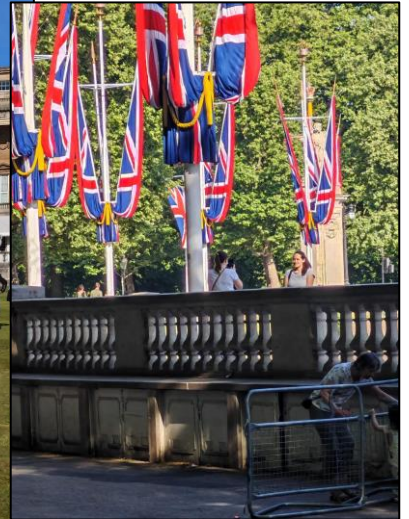


We are delighted to share some moments from our recent World Heritage Day, where students engaged in various activities to explore and celebrate our rich cultural heritage. The event was not only informative but also showcased the diverse backgrounds that contribute to our vibrant school community. Photographs from this event are also included for your enjoyment



A trip to the Palace

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Newbolt has been recognised for her exceptional services to education and was honoured with an invitation to the King's Garden Party. This prestigious recognition reflects her dedication and commitment to our school community. I hope you will join me in congratulating her on this well-deserved accolade.



Contacting Staff

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As within the last newsletter we continue to encourage our staff to have a good work / life balance at all times. This means that they will not return your call/ email/ seesaw message after working hours so please be aware of that. Could I also request that you continue to send in messages that are routed in kindness rather than anger. Nobody in our school community is perfect and we understand how frustrating it can be when your child is upset however a problem or worry is best sorted with a positive enquiry rather than a shout so please be kind at moments of stress and anxiety. The Schools Yellow pages over the next few sections of this newsletter

See Saw

Please ensure that you are checking your SeeSaw Accounts for updates from your class team and from the school. We have included Class contact details over the coming pages.

Our Feathers of Thanks

We want to also thank the many of you that have sent in your feathers of thanks



Yellow Pages

Abbey School Yellow Pages for Families 2024-25

Contacting the Class Team

Please be aware that when contacting the class teacher they will endeavour to **return your email within 24 Hours**. If you need to speak with someone before the 24 hour window please ring school reception who can direct your call accordingly. Tel – **01709 740074**

Attendance: Please ensure that you ring school to report your child's absence and follow the appropriate option for attendance before 9:00am. Tel - **01709 740074**

Safeguarding: The schools phone system has an option to be put straight through to the safeguarding team. Tel – **01709 740074**

Yellow Page of Contacts

Lower School: Mrs R Yorke

Lower Class and Teacher		E Mail Contact
Class L1	Miss Day	pday@nexusmat.org
Class L2	Miss Newall	anewall@nexusmat.org
Class L3	Mr Pitchford	jpitchford@nexusmat.org
Class L4	Mr Busby	jbusby@nexusmat.org
Class L5	Miss Hall	khall@nexusmat.org
Class L6	Miss Levitt	jlevitt@nexusmat.org

Upper School: Leader Miss J Newbolt

Upper Class and Teacher		E Mail Contact
Class U1 : Mr Edwards and Mrs Crowley		redwards@nexusmat.org kcrowley@nexusmat.org
Class U2	Mr Horstead	nhorstead@nexusmat.org
Class U3	Mr Smith	dsmith@nexusmat.org
Class U4	Mr Newbolt	snewbolt@nexusmat.org
Class U5	Miss Drew	hdrew@nexusmat.org
Class U6	Mrs Brown	vbrown@nexusmat.org
Class U7	Miss Tapp	jtapp@nexusmat.org

WAVEE Post 16: Miss J Newbolt

WAVEE Class Teacher		E Mail Contact
WAVEE 1	Mrs Lewis	dlewis@nexusmat.org
WAVEE 2	Mrs Harrod	KHarrod@nexusmat.org
WAVEE 3	Miss Puente	mpunte@nexusmat.org

Abbey@HorizonHub: Leader Miss R Lang

H1 Class	Mrs Binnie/Mrs Proctor	nbinnie@nexusmat.org vproctor@nexusmat.org
H2 Class	Miss Wilson	hwilson@nexusmat.org
H3 Class	Mr Warden	kwarden@nexusmat.org
H4 Class	Miss French	Kfrench2@nexusmat.org



**Yellow
Pages**

The Chain of Communication for our Families

If your call is urgent please contact reception who will direct your call accordingly

Contact: 01709 740074

1st Point of Contact Class Teacher

The class teacher will return emails and calls within 24 hours Please see Contact list for your class teacher contact. Staff will not respond after working hours (5:30pm)

2nd Point of Contact Head of Department

Lower School: Mrs Yorke	ryorke@nexusmat.org
Upper School & Post 16 Ms Newbolt	jnewbolt@nexusmat.org
Horizon: Miss Lang	rlang@nexusmat.org
Safeguarding LAC and Careers:	lshimwell@nexusmat.org

3rd Point of contact

Head of School:	Mr W Askham waskham@nexusmat.org
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4th Point of Contact

Executive Headteacher:	Mrs L Windle lwindle@nexusmat.org
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Other Key Contacts

Deputy Safeguarding Lead:	Tyson Gee tgee@nexusmat.org
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Family Support and LAC Advocate:	Karen Taylor ktaylor@nexusmat.org
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The year ahead a reminder

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Term / Half Term Dates	Term Starts	1/2 Term Hols Start (off school)	Back to School	Hols Start (off School)	Back to School	
Autumn Term	4/9/2024	28/10/2024	4/11/2024	20/12/2024	7/1/2025	
Spring	7/1/2025	17/2/2025	24/2/2025	31/3/2025	14/4/2025	
Summer	14/4/2025	26/5/2025	2/6/2025	23/7/2025	1/9/2025	

The next half term

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
2nd June	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
3rd June	Functional Skills Maths (Selected Pupils)	
4 th June	GCSE Maths Paper 2 Calculator (Selected Pupils)	
5 th June	GCSE English Language Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
5 th June	Eid Party - Non Uniform Day (Dress in Your Best)	
9 th June	GCSE Biology Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
10 th June	Functional Skills English (Selected Pupils)	
10 th June	Family Coffee Morning Main Site and Horizon	Families invited in 10:00am-12:00pm
10 th June	YST Adventure Challenge Primary @ Rother Valley (Selected Pupils)	
11 th June	GCSE Maths Paper 3 Calculator (Selected Pupils)	
13 th June	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
16 th June	GCSE Physics Paper 2 (Selected Pupils)	
16 th June	National Sports Week Begins	
17 th June	Whole School Bowling	
18 th June	Inflatables Courage Day	
19 th June	My Personal Best Day and Nexus Mat Secondary Sports Day (Selected Pupils)	
20 th June	The Change Maker Festival (Summer Fair)	Families invited PM 1:00-2:30PM Main Site Families invited Ticketed Event
23 rd June	RSE Day	
24 th June	Nexus MAT sports Day Primary	
25 th June	PRIDE Day (Sponsored Colour Dash)	1:30pm-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
27 th June	Year 11 Leavers Date and Prom	
1 st July	Football League Match	
3 rd July	YST Adventure Challenge -Horizon @Rother Valley	
9 th July	Parents Evening and meet the new class teacher Appointment options to be sent	Parents Eve 4-6pm Horizon Oasis and Main Site
14 th July -23 rd July	Transition Weeks Begin - New School Year Begins	
18 th July	YST Sports Day	10:00am-12:00pm Abbey Main Site (Ticketed Event)
23 rd July	Pupils break up for Summer (Normal Time) Non Uniform	

As with all events these can be subject to change. If this is the case we will notify you via SeeSaw, X and the Abbey school Facebook Page



*It takes a village
to raise a child*