The little book of

#teamabbey Key Dates

2025–26

All the dates you need for the new school year ahead. . .

and how you can be part of it!

Abbey School

Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Horizon Community College

THE WAVE HUB

Our Year Ahead together

We are delighted to share with you our Third "Little Book" of Key dates for 2025-26. The book has been well received by our families last year and we wanted to continue with this.

Don't forget, you are also part of the same House as your child and at whole school events we want you to cheer along for your house with your child.

A small disclaimer: Some events may be added to the calendar if more opportunities arise from our community links.

Similarly, we may have to reschedule or cancel events due to extenuating circumstances. We will of course, always update you if this is the case.

We can not wait to see you this year and thank you for your continued support

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Term 1 September – October 2025

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
1st & 2nd September	INSET DAYS No pupils in school	
3rd September	Pupils return to school (Normal time)	
8th September	International Literacy day –The Big Write	
11th September	Family Coffee Morning (All Sites)	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
12th September	YST Cross Country @Abbey (Selected Pupils)	
16th September	Flu vaccinations – main site only	
23rd September	Football League Match (Selected Pupils) Flu Vaccinations – Horizon hub	
24th September	YST Netball Taster Day	
25th September	British Food Tasting	Family Cooking Event 4:00-5:00pm (All Sites) **Ticketed Event**
25th September	Adventure Challenge (Upper School) @ Rother Valley	
29th September	School Photographer – Main Site (9am)	
1st October	Adventure Challenge (Upper School) @ Rother Valley	
2nd October	Y9 –Y14 Family Event Careers and Options	Families of Parents from Year 9 Post 16 **(Main Site 10:00am – 12:00pm)**
25th September	Adventure Challenge Barnsley Horizon Pupils	
6th – 10th October	World Space Week (Theme Living in Space)	
9th October	Parents Evening	**Parents Eve 4-6pm** Appointment options to be sent out via Seesaw
10th October	World Mental Health Day –Pupils can wear Blue if they so wish.	
WC 13th October	Black History Week to celebrate Black History Month – Enrichment Week	
14th October	Boccia Competition (Selected Pupils)	
14th October	Lower School Express Phase	Lower School Families 10:00-11:00am **(Ticketed Event)**
15th October	Upper School and Horizon Express Phase	Upper School and Horizon Families 10:00am -11:00am **(Ticketed Event)**
Friday 24th October	Pupils Break up for Half Term (Normal Time)	

Term 1.2

October – December 2025

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
3th November	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
11th November	Remembrance Assembly and Presentation	
11th November	Maths Functional Skills Exam (Selected Pupils)	
11th November	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12pm (All Sites)
12th November	Anti-Bullying Day	
12th November	English Functional Skills Exam (Selected Pupils)	
14th November	Children in Need Dress Up Day Girl Power Day	
WC 17th November	GCSE Mock Examinations (Selected Pupils)	
Date to Be Confirmed	Football League Match	
21st November	Art Enrichment Day (Pupils to come dressed in old clothes)	
25th November	Christmas Fayre Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish	All Sites 1:30-2:30pm
26th November	Winter Wonderland Visits for pupils School Photographs (Horizon Site)	
28th November	INSET Day No Pupils In School	
1st December	INSET Day No pupils in School	
4th December	Singing in the Community	
11th December	Christmas Dinner	
16th December	Christmas Performance Lower School – St Thomas Community Centre Horizon – at the Horizon Hub	Ticketed Event Upper School and Horizon Christmas Performances **1:30pm Start.**
17th December	Upper School and Post 16 Christmas Show Change of date Due to Venue availability	**1:30pm** Start at St Thomas Community Hall – Ticketed Event
18th December	Church Visit	
19th December	Disco and House Event	
19th December	Pupils Break up for Christmas **2:00pm**	

Term 2.1
January – February 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
5th January	Pupils Return to School Normal Time	
8th January	Family Coffee Morning	Coffee Morning All Sites (10:00am-12:00)
WC 12th January	Exam Walk Throughs (Selected Students)	
15th January	YST Dance Festival Preparation @ Take 2 Theatre (Selected Students)	
19th January	Martin Luther King Day	
20th January	Big Write Day	
27th January	Holocaust Day Assembly	
3rd February	Football League Match	
6th February	Time to Talk Day	
9TH February	Express Phase Whole School (Both Sites)	Parents into school 10:00-11:00am
10th February	Functional Skills Maths Examination (Selected Students)	
10th February	Safer Internet Day	
11th February	Functional Skills English Exam (Selected Pupils)	
11th February	YST Dance Festival @ Take 2 In Barnsley (Selected pupils and their families invited)	
13th February	Valentines Disco	
13th February	Pupils Break Up for Half Term	

Term 2.2

February – March 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
23rdFebruary	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
WC 23rd February	GCSE/BTEC Mock Examinations	
3rd March	Football League Match	
5th March	World Book Day – Come dressed as a character from your favourite book	
6TH March	YST Girl Power Day 2	
WC 9th March	British Science Week	
12th March	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12:00pm (All Sites)
17th March	YST Shooting Stars Girls Football Tournament @Millmooor Juniors (Selected Pupils)	
18th March	EID Celebration	
20th March	Red Nose Day (Donate £1)	
25th March	Family Easter Egg Hunt	All Invited taking place at Abbey School Main Site 2:00pm-3:00pm
27th March	House Event PM	
27th March	Pupils Break Up For Easter	

Term 3.1

April – May 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
13th April	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
15TH April	World Art Day	
16th and 17th	Exam Walk through and Functional Skills Resits (Selected Pupils)	
17th April	Family Coffee Morning	10:00am-12pm (All Sites)
21ST April	Earth Day	Earth Day Community Event 2:00pm-3:00pm
23rd April	Forest Schools Eve	4-6pm (Ticketed Event) Main Site
28th April	YST MATP Day	
4th May	Bank Holiday	
7TH May	VE Day	
7TH May	BTEC Sport Exam (Selected Students)	
11th May	GCSE Lit Paper 1	
12th May	GCSE Biology Paper 1	
12th May	Football League Match	
13th May	National Numeracy Day dress as a Rock Star TT Rockstar competition	
14th May	GCSE Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator	
14th May	Parents Eve	4-6pm (All Sites) Appointments sent Via Seesaw
15th May	Heritage Day – Come dressed to represent your Heritage	
18th May	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1	
19th May	GCSE Lit Paper 2	
20th May	YST Upper School Athletics at Herringthorpe Stadium	
21st May	English Language Paper 1	
22nd May	House Event	
22nd May	Pupils break up for Half Term (Normal Time)	

Term 3.2
June – July 2026

Date	Whole school events/ pupil experiences	Family Invites
1st June	Pupils return to school (Normal Time)	
2ND June	Physics Paper 1	
3rd June	GCSE Maths Paper 2 Calculator	
5TH June	GCSE English Language Paper 2	
3rd June	Eid Party – Come Dressed to Impress	
8Th June	GCSE Biology Paper 2	
9th June	Functional Skills English	
9th June	YST Adventure Challenge Primary (Selected Pupils)	
10TH June	GCSE Maths Paper 3 Calculator	
12th June	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2	
15th June	GCSE Physics Paper 2	
18th June	EIS Secondary Sports Day (Selected Pupils)	
19th	Girls Football Disney Shooting Stars (Selected Pupils)	
23rd June	Nexus MAT Sports Day Primary	
25th June	Change Maker Summer and RSE Day	1:30pm-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
26th June	Y11 Leavers Date and Prom 6:30-9:00pm	
2nd July	YST Adventure Challenge –Horizon	
3rd July	PRIDE Day (Sponsored Colour Dash)	1:30pm-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
6th July – 17th July	Transition Weeks Begin – New School Year Begins	
6th July	National Sports Week Begins	
7th July	Inflatables Day	
8TH July	Whole School Bowling	
9th July	Fixtures Day	
9th July	Parents Evening and meet the new class teacher Appointment options to be sent	Parents Eve 4-6pm Horizon Oasis and Main Site
10th July	Sports Day	1:30-2:30pm Abbey School Main Site Families invited (Ticketed Event)
17th July	House Event and Rock Festival	
17th July	Pupils break up for Summer (Normal Time)	

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