



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Year 12 students who joined Abbey Grange Sixth Form this September.

The start of Sixth Form represents an exciting new chapter, and it has been fantastic to see students applying themselves to their studies, making new friendships and becoming involved in the wide range of opportunities available beyond the classroom. We look forward to supporting this cohort throughout their Sixth Form journey and wish them every success as they begin working towards their future aspirations.

Students in the Sixth Form have embraced the Academy's focus on CPE (Consolidate, Practice and Extend) and ATL (Attitudes to Learning), demonstrating exceptional commitment to both the wider school community and their own academic development.

Through mentoring younger students, taking on leadership responsibilities and modelling positive behaviours around school, Sixth Form students have played a key role in creating a supportive and aspirational environment. At the same time, students have shown a strong focus on their studies, engaging positively with independent learning, enrichment opportunities and classroom activities, helping to establish a culture of high expectations, resilience and academic ambition across the Sixth Form.

Mr M Delgado
Director of Sixth Form





Wednesday
11th Nov
6:00 - 8:00pm

OPEN EVENING

Discover Where Abbey Grange Sixth Form Can Take You

We are delighted to welcome Year 10 and Year 11 students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 11th November, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about life at Abbey Grange Sixth Form and the exciting opportunities available after Year 11. During the evening, you will be able to:

- Hear from our Sixth Form Team
- Explore our subjects, meet staff from every department and see what studying at Abbey Grange Sixth Form has to offer
- Talk to current students about their time at Abbey Grange Sixth Form
- Understand the support and opportunities we provide to our students



Whether you already have a clear idea of your next steps or are just beginning to explore your options, our Open Evening will give you a valuable insight into what makes Abbey Grange Sixth Form such a rewarding place to study.

Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/AGA6thformOpenEvening26>



Preparing for Success in Year 13

Year 13 students have completed their in-class assessments, providing an important opportunity to demonstrate their progress and identify areas for further development as they prepare for the demands of their final year. The assessments have given students valuable experience in applying their knowledge under exam conditions, while also providing teachers with key information to support students in achieving their UCAS and Apprenticeship this year.

Sixth Form Students Complete Silver DofE Expedition

Congratulations to sixteen Year 13 students who have successfully completed their assessed expedition for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is a significant achievement and marks the completion of the expedition section of the award. Students will now complete their presentations and submit evidence for their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, including activity logs and assessor reports, to secure their full Silver Award.

Looking ahead, Silver DofE enrolment for Year 12 students will begin over the coming weeks, providing a fantastic opportunity for more Sixth Form students to develop new skills, contribute to their communities, and challenge themselves through adventurous experiences.



Year 13 Students Pursue Prestigious Pathways

Congratulations to all Year 13 students who have submitted applications for Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine this term.



These applications require significant commitment, dedication and careful preparation, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work our students have shown throughout the process. As we approach the half-term break, all Year 13 students are reminded to continue working on their UCAS applications, particularly personal statements and course choices, to ensure they are in the strongest position to meet upcoming deadlines and secure their next steps after Sixth Form.

British Physics Olympiad Round

Students in Year 13 Physics took part in the **British Physics Olympiad Round 0** on 1st October. The Olympiad provided an excellent opportunity for aspiring physicists to challenge themselves with high-level problem-solving questions, develop their analytical thinking skills and gain experience of tackling concepts beyond the A-level curriculum.

We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the Sixth Form in this prestigious national competition.

Enrichment Update

Our Sixth Form community has enjoyed a range of enriching opportunities this half term. Friday lunchtime drop-in sessions have provided students with a welcoming space to seek advice, support and guidance on a variety of Sixth Form matters. Meanwhile, students have been preparing for the upcoming **Ethics Cup**, developing their critical thinking, discussion and debating skills as they explore complex ethical issues. Excitement is also building for the forthcoming **Camino de Santiago expedition**, with participants undertaking preparation activities and planning for what promises to be a challenging and rewarding experience.

Year 11: Sixth Form Taster Day

A reminder to all Year 11 students and their families that our **Sixth Form Taster Day and Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 11 November**. These events provide an excellent opportunity to explore the wide range of courses, enrichment opportunities and support available within our Sixth Form. Students will experience sample lessons, meet subject teachers and current Sixth Form students, and gain a greater understanding of post-16 study at Abbey Grange. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and helping them make informed choices about their future.



Step-Up Programme Launches for a New Cohort of Scholars

We are delighted to announce the launch of the next phase of our Scholars Programme as we begin identifying the next cohort of students for the prestigious Oxford New College Step-Up Programme.



Abbey Grange is proud to be one of a small number of schools nationally involved in the programme, which aims to inspire, challenge and support academically able students from Year 11 through to Year 13. The programme provides sustained guidance, mentoring and enrichment opportunities designed to help students make successful applications to leading universities, including Russell Group institutions and Oxbridge. This support benefits students considering any highly competitive university course, not just Oxford or Cambridge.

Over the coming weeks, staff will identify a new group of scholars who demonstrate strong academic potential, curiosity and ambition. Students selected for the programme will gain access to a range of opportunities, including university outreach

activities, academic enrichment, guidance on higher education pathways and opportunities to engage with like-minded peers. Previous planning has highlighted the intention to create a broad and inclusive Scholars cohort while supporting students through the Step-Up Programme's allocated places.

The launch of the programme forms part of the Academy's wider commitment to raising aspirations and ensuring that talented students are supported to achieve their ambitions. Further information will be shared with students and parents as the new cohort is confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming our next group of Scholars and supporting them on their journey towards some of the country's most competitive universities.

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