



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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1 December 2023

Dear Families of KS5 Students

Re: Head Students 2023-24

I am excited to share with you that, the deadline for Head Student and Deputy Head Student has been extended to Monday, 15 December 2023, 10am. I am a great believer in “Leadership” being a quality, not a position. Over the years, I have learnt – often through my own successes and failures - that leadership is not something we are born with but instead, it is developed over time as a result of putting ourselves forward in a range of social situations.

As part of that commitment, I am keen to continue, for the eighth year running, to extend the leadership development opportunities to our senior students who wish to become a Head Student and a Deputy Head Student.

The opportunity is open to our current Key Stage Five students who are exemplary in their conduct and who embody our Golden Rules:

1. Be here. Every day.
2. Work hard and be nice.
3. Never give up on yourself or others.
4. Stay positive and be happy!

Anyone keen on the role is invited to send a 1-page letter of application, or a pre-recorded video message of no more than five minutes on the topic:

“Considering the current affairs in the North West, the UK and globally, what should our KS5 programmes look like next year – 2024-25 – so that the future KS5 students gain an even greater self-autonomy and independence in their transition to adulthood?”

All entries should be sent in **by 10am on Monday, 15 December 2023**, to my PA, Miss McComasky on pa@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I will be selecting the Head Students on the quality of ideas expressed and, as the Headteacher, I will have a final say in determining the appointments, announcing the chosen post holders on Wednesday, 20 December 2023.

I wish them all the very best of luck and reassure you that the staff are on hand to help and support them in their entries.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher