



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Key Information – Term 5 (Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May 2024)

As is normal at the end of each term, I am writing to share information about the activities coming up next term.

As you know, our Philosophy of Education is the ASD Model ©. This means we place equal value on students' academic progress, specialist therapeutic support and development of life skills.

As a result, we carefully design all enrichment opportunities to meet our students' needs and support their progress academically, personally and socially.

I hope you find the calendar of events helpful and that you are able to join us for some of the open events:

Date	Activity	Notes
Monday 15 April	School re-opens for students	
Tuesday 16 April	Swimming	Over the next 6 weeks, Ireland, Wales, Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, Canada and Brazil classes will be enjoying swimming lessons. Details about specific dates will be provided to you by your child's class teacher
Tuesday 16 April	CIAG Coffee morning for families at 9:30am-10:00am	Career Connect will be hosting a coffee morning to share how they support with Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance with families of our KS4 and KS5 students.
Friday 19 April	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher for Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher for Secondary Department) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary assembly: 9.30–10am • Key stage 3 and 4: 10–10.30am • Key Stage 5: 10.30-11am Open Coffee morning: 9.30–11.30am	We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise school via your child's class teacher. Please note, all primary students will be encouraged to stay for all of the assembly and therefore there will be no stay and play.

Tuesday 23 April	CIAG interviews for students- all day	Career Connect will be facilitating 1:1 interviews with secondary students, Year 10 and above to offer support with Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance.
Friday 26 April	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher for Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher for Secondary Department)</p> <p>Primary assembly: 9.30–10am Key stage 3 and 4: 10–10.30am Key Stage 5:10.30-11am</p> <p>Open Coffee morning: 9.30–11.30am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise school via your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Please note, all primary students will be encouraged to stay for all of the assembly and therefore there will be no stay and play.</p>
Friday 26 April	ADHD nurse introduction in assemblies	As Alder Hey begin to offer ADHD review meetings in our school, the ADHD nurse will be introducing themselves in assemblies so that the students recognise the nurse as an agreed commissioned professional in school
Tuesday 30 April	CIAG interviews for students- all day	Career Connect will be facilitating 1:1 interviews with secondary students, Year 10 and above to offer support with Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance.
Wednesday 29 April	School nurse visit to Year 6s and Year 9s	
Friday 3 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher for Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher for Secondary Department)</p> <p>Primary assembly: 9.30–10am Key stage 3 and 4: 10–10.30am Key Stage 5:10.30-11am</p> <p>Open Coffee morning: 9.30–11.30am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise school via your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Please note, all primary students will be encouraged to stay for all of the assembly and therefore there will be no stay and play.</p>
Friday 3 May	Non-uniform day	Non-uniform day in exchange of donations of chocolate items for our Summer Fair.
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday	School is closed
Tuesday 7 May	CIAG interviews for students- all day	Career Connect will be facilitating 1:1 interviews with secondary students, Year 10 and above to offer support with

		Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance.	
Friday 10 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher for Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher for Secondary Department)</p> <p>Primary assembly: 9.30–10am Key stage 3 and 4: 10–10.30am Key Stage 5:10.30-11am</p> <p>Open Coffee morning: 9.30–11.30am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise school via your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Please note, all primary students will be encouraged to stay for all of the assembly and therefore there will be no stay and play.</p>	
Monday 13 May	English literature GCSE		
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Tuesday 14 May	CIAG interviews for students- all day	Career Connect will be facilitating 1:1 interviews with secondary students, Year 10 and above to offer support with Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance.	
Thursday 16 May	Maths GCSE		
Friday 17 May	Outdoor learning day	Our outdoor learning group will be leading a host of exciting activities for our students	
Friday 17 May	<p>Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher for Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher for Secondary Department)</p> <p>Primary assembly: 9.30–10am Key stage 3 and 4: 10–10.30am Key Stage 5:10.30-11am</p> <p>Open Coffee morning: 9.30–11.30am</p>	<p>We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise school via your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Please note, all primary students will be encouraged to stay for all of the assembly and therefore there will be no stay and play.</p>	
Monday 20 May	English literature GCSE Maths functional skills exam		
Tuesday 21 May	English reading and writing functional skills exam		
Wednesday 22 May	English speaking and listening functional skills exam		
Thursday 23 May	English language GCSE		
Thursday 23 May	Diversity in: science day	Our students will be celebrating diverse figures who have been integral to the world of scientific progression	
Thursday 23 May	School Disco	<p>3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>France, Canada, Peru and USA</p> <p>Voluntary donation £1</p>	<p>5-6:30pm</p> <p>Brazil, Fiji, New Zealand Tasmania, Samoa and Australia</p> <p>Voluntary donation £1</p>

Friday 24 May	Non-uniform day	We ask that should your child wish to wear their "own clothes" today, they donate a chocolate item which will be used for our chocolate tombola during our summer fair
Friday 24 May	Primary Department Open Reading	Families of our youngest students are welcome to join their class for an afternoon reading 1:30-2pm (you may take your child home after that session)
Friday 24 May	School Disco	12:00-13:00pm Wales Ireland, Portugal, Italy and Spain will engage in singing, dancing and sensory activities Voluntary £1 donation
Friday 24 May	Last day of school for students	School opens again on Monday 3 June

Attendance and punctuality

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we will expect to work closely to understand your family context and work with you on providing the support you need to help your child improve their attendance.

We appreciate that for many of you, punctuality is not within your control, as you rely on SEN transport providers to bring your child to and from school.

However, where you are in control of the journey to school, we do expect a punctual arrival.

Despite a heavy flow of traffic, all students have been consistently in lessons by 9.15am each morning unless their transport has arrived late.

In the same way as we monitor attendance, we now also monitor punctuality and will be inviting the families of those students who are regularly late to explain their situation to us so that we can support improved compliance with a punctual arrival to school.

Assemblies and Open Events

Assemblies are facilitated by me (Deputy Headteacher), Miss Gibney (Assistant Headteacher – Primary Department) and Mr Mason (Assistant Headteacher – Secondary Department).

Each week, a different person or class will lead the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know.

As families of Primary Department students will be aware, we have been supporting students to stay in the Primary for longer amounts of time each week. I am delighted to see that, as planned by the end of this term, we have managed to reach the point where all students attended the entire assembly. We will continue to support this wonderful learning skill.

We appreciate the feedback many of you gave us in the recent family surveys about how much you have enjoyed stay and play and, whilst we will be reviewing more such opportunities for next year, **in Term 5, we would like to invite parents of Primary Department students to join their child's class for an Open Reading session on the last day of term – Friday, 24 May 1:30-2pm.**

For our Secondary students, we look forward to seeing you join our weekly assemblies and coffee mornings, as well as a **special information session for families held on Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 9:30-10am focused on Careers Information, Advice and Guidance.**

I hope that you find this information useful.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's class team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher