



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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13 January 2026

Dear Families,

Ref: Year 11, 12 and 13 Confirmation of Post-16/Key Stage 5 Education Plans – Deadline for Response 30 January 2026

Further to our letter dated 18 December 2025, I am writing to the families of students currently in Years 11, 12 and 13 to seek confirmation of your child's plans for their Post-16 non-statutory education the next academic year.

All decisions relating to Key Stage transfer (from year 11 onwards), or proposed ongoing post-16 placements (for years 12, 13 and 14) must be formally confirmed by the school to the Local Authority by the end of the current term, which concludes on Friday, 13 February 2026. This is a statutory requirement and applies to all students within these year groups.

To ensure we meet this deadline, we ask that, **by Friday, 30 January 2026**, all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 confirm their intended plans for September 2026. Specifically, you are asked to confirm whether your child:

- Plans to leave ALS, and if so, clearly state their intended next destination; or
- Wishes to be considered for a placement at ALS for the next academic year.

Please note that, due to the ongoing significant oversubscription of Abbot's Lea School, and the growing demand for placements, the Local Authority and the school will take into account student's level of school as one of the key criteria for an ongoing placement.

To be considered for a place at ALS Key Stage 5 from September 2026, a student's attendance across the current and previous academic year must be **at least 75%**. Students whose attendance falls below this threshold will not normally be offered a place for next year unless a strong, clearly evidenced case is made in support of such a placement by Mr Mason, Assistant Headteacher – Secondary Department.

We ask that you confirm your plans or preferences **no later than Friday, 20 March 2026**. This will allow sufficient time for any necessary follow-up discussions or reviews prior to the statutory Local Authority deadline. All confirmations and queries should be directed to Mr Mason at: secondary@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting us in planning effectively for the next academic year. Should you require further clarification or advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mason directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher