



## ABBOTSHOLME

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Weekly Newsletter ~ keeping you 'in touch'

Tuesday 2 July 2019

### News Year 3-4

Year 3-4 had a busy week....



A trip to Cadbury World.

### Pirates of the Curry Bean Showtime!



Attending  
the  
Burton  
Albion  
Sports  
Festival



and making Maya Death or Celebration Masks.





**Thank you** to the APA and parents for the support that they have given the beekeeping activity by helping fund and raise money for a new honey extractor. The Abbotsholme bees have been busy and we already have 20 frames of honey.



Now that we have been able to buy an extractor we hope to be able to spin the honey out of the frames, through a filter and into jars before summer gathering. The frames will go back onto the bees and with any luck they will refill them during the second main nectar flow of the year during July and August. You may have noticed Lyme trees about to flower, something our bees are very happy about. If you would like some Abbotsholme honey please speak to one of the students that takes part in the activity or to Mr Abraham, the proceeds from this will be reinvested back into the beekeeping activity. 🐝

### Gold DofE ~ Canoe

Last week Year 12 took part in their Gold DofE expedition, which took place in Scotland and involved the group paddling part of the Great Glen Trail. The starting point was at Gairlochy near Fort William and finishing at the top of Loch Ness. The group had packed up and were ready and raring to go, the only thing they need to go with them was the weather. For the first two days this however was not the case as the group found themselves constantly paddling against a feisty wind, which stunted progress, forcing the group to alter their plans. Nevertheless, with some determination and great team work they overcame the tough paddling conditions and were rewarded with two days of blue skies and no wind. This meant that they could enjoy the paddle up to Fort Augustus and their campsite for the night, before continuing up Loch Ness on the last day.



## Round Square Exchange Summer 2019

I am Georgia McCarthy and I have visited Abbotsholme School, from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School in Australia, for four unforgettable weeks on a Round Square exchange. It has been such an amazing experience that I will remember and cherish forever. I have made such incredible memories and met so many amazing people, that I am sure will become lifelong friends.

I also had many fun and enjoyable experiences. I went on boarding trips, where I did shopping and stand-up paddle boarding which was such a fun experience. I also went on weekends out with friends, which meant that I could meet new people and make new friends. I also had the opportunity to go to Chatsworth House with my host family. It was such a beautiful place and experience that I thoroughly enjoyed.

During the week I boarded in Orchard house with the Year 10 and 11 girls, which I loved. The atmosphere in the house was so nice and welcoming. Also while being here I had the opportunity to participate in and experience classes in another country. I found art, photography and agriculture (my option subjects) especially fun. Overall, my trip has been so amazing, and I am really sad to be leaving and saying goodbye to all of the amazing people I met and experiences that I had. If you, or anyone you know, is considering going on a Round Square exchange, I would highly recommend it. It is a fantastic experience that creates lifelong friends, unforgettable experiences, and teaches important life lessons. Thank you Abbotsholme for such a great Round Square exchange.



Vatsal ~ our Round Square exchange student from India, left everyone cheering after presenting a Chapel. Click [here](#) to view the video on our Facebook page.



Year 8 enjoyed some delicious **Tapas**. Some things were more popular than others, with the jamón and chorizo being the top choices. The tortilla española was not so well received. The comment was, ‘Please, Miss, can we take it off the table. It really smells!’ We tried some new things and practised a role play situation in a restaurant at the same time.



## Year 11 Prom

With the exams done and dusted the Year 11 pupils got dressed up and ready to party at their prom. Staff and pupils had a fantastic evening soaking up the sunshine before sitting down for a three course meal followed by a quick speech and then the dance floor opened up for people to party away with fantastic music throughout the night. Pupils have worked hard all year and fully deserved their evening of fun.



## Boarding End of Term Celebrations

The Orchard girls had an end of term celebration down at the sports field yesterday evening. This included a water fight, kite flying, racket games and pizza! Archie very much enjoyed soaking the girls and eating their pizza! Fun was had by all and we are very much looking forward to a restful summer break.



The Cedarholme summer social took place last week. To celebrate a year of successful co-habiting, the boys were treated to a bubble football session on the sports field. The game, in which the upper body and head are encased in a large inflatable dome, quickly descended from football into a battle of who could knock Mr Lisk over the most times. We then went back to the boarding house and ate huge piles of Domino's pizza so we didn't have to say any emotional goodbyes to each other. Have a wonderful summer, boys. We will miss you!



On Saturday 29 June, the hottest day of the year, all the full boarders headed off to Bosworth Water Park. On arrival the first thing we did was to find a nice cool wooded area out of the burning sun for our picnic. After lunch we went bell boating and were delighted to be greeted by an OA who is working at the Water Park. We were split into teams and had a few races against each other. Elisabeth, Aurora, Penny and Charlotte also had fun jumping into the water and having a swimming race around the boat, an ideal way to cool down in such heat. After the bell boating a few chose to play crazy golf and the rest went to the beach area. The beach was absolutely packed with people but a few of the girls braved the water for a quick swim.



# Notices

## Equestrian

For students who would like to continue lessons or start lessons in the new school year. Could you let the equestrian centre know when you come back to school in September and we can arrange your new riding slot.

There will be a number of holiday activities running at the equestrian centre over the summer from 'Own A Pony Days' to 'Pony Club Activities.' Please get in touch with the equestrian centre for more details.

### Save the Date Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 19

School is promoting a sponsored walk to raise money for the children's ward at RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry. Registration for the event can be found at [www.regevent.co.uk](http://www.regevent.co.uk).

The walk aims to raise awareness of Spinal Cord Injury and pay homage to the exceptional NHS medical care Eleanor Bloor (Year 7) received at both UHNM in Newcastle under Lyme & RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, both fantastic centres of clinical excellence in our area.

Eleanor and Charlotte (Year 3) want the day to be fun for every man, woman, child and dog! They have their sights set on swings for wheelchair users and virtual reality goggles for little ones on the children's ward so thank you for your support of this great cause.

**J A BLOOR FAMILY WALK**

Date: Sunday 15th September 2019  
Start time: 10:30am  
Location: Abbotsholme School, ST14 5BS

11km walk across the stunning Staffordshire countryside; over school fields; through Frocester, passing JCB lakes & HQ to Croxden Abbey & the village of Hollington, ending at Overton Farm, home to the Bloor family.

Bring a Picnic!  
 Dogs Welcome!  
 Return trip to school provided

£12.00 per Adult (includes a drink and a hot dog on return). £3.00 per child up to 14 years (includes a drink, hot dog and a walkers medal).

<https://regevent.co.uk>

**SUPPORTING RJAH HOSPITAL**  
Registered Charity Number: 1056678

**NHS**  
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

**ROUTE MAP**

Croxden Church & NC  
Croxden Abbey & picnic Site  
JCB  
Overton Farm  
START  
FINISH

Start: Abbotsholme School, ST14 5BS  
Distance: 11km  
Duration: 3h 30min

**J. A. BLOOR**  
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An enormous thank you to everyone who attended and supported the APA Summer Ball 2019.

Not only did we all have a fabulous, fun evening but we also raised just a few pennies short of £5,000!

These funds will go to support future events such as our Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 – please save the date.

Certain promises from the auction will also have the funds raised for their relevant departments saved to help fund specific extras as/when required.

A great result and please watch this space to save the date for the APA Summer Ball 2020 - to be announced next term!



## **A Level Results Day**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**@ 9.30am**

**Refreshments in the dining room**

## **GCSE Results Day**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**@ 9.30am**

**Refreshments in the dining room**