



The Abbey



Gateway

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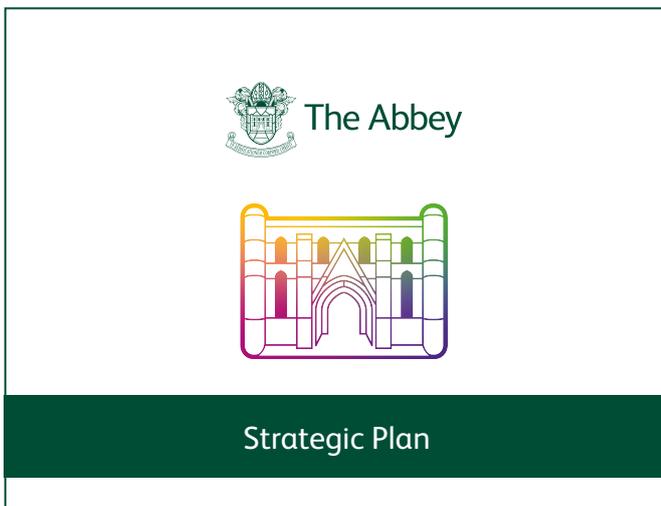


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We are delighted to announce the virtual opening of our latest building development at the Junior School: **The SPACE Project**.

The new spaces were 'opened' today with the help of guest speaker Miranda Krestovnikoff (1991): TV presenter, President of the RSPB, and Abbey Alumna. The event was marked with the release of hundreds of butterflies. [Click here to view the film.](#)



The SPACE Project includes a new Reception and classrooms remodelled into state-of-the-art learning spaces. The front

and side of the building are transformed, too: elegant, matching our other sites and sympathetic to our historic buildings, including the wonderful Knell House, designed by Alfred Waterhouse.

At the heart of the Project are two flagship spaces, named by students themselves:

The Fab Lab is a multi-functional, creative and investigative lab for science, art, music, drama, cooking, coding, robotics and much more - making it a centrepiece for discovery and exploration at the Junior School.

The Space is just that - a beautiful, light-filled space for all the community, switching seamlessly between drama and music rehearsals, clubs and classes spreading out and leading their own learning.

These remarkable spaces support inquiry, collaboration, creativity, investigation, discovery and play, allowing our students to flourish in bright and airy environments.

A physical opening celebration will take place on 17 September 2021, when restrictions should permit larger



gatherings. In the meantime we celebrate The SPACE Project: part of our commitment to providing outstanding spaces in which to learn with wonder and joy.



The Strategic Plan

Today we launch our [strategic plan](#) for the next three years in the life of The Abbey School.

The [plan](#) sets out seven key goals in three areas: the **experience** of students, the development of our **community**, and the **future** of our school.

For over 130 years The Abbey School has adapted and evolved to prepare students for

the always-changing world ahead of them. That is true now more than ever.

We are preparing girls to face the future on their own terms: that is above all the outcome this plan aims to support.



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As part of our strategic plan, today we take the first steps towards the foundation of a new society: The Abbey Parents Society (TAPS).

TAPS is intended to bring the whole community together, leading on social and welcome events and charitable activities, and acting as a sounding board for the School. In time we hope to launch a TAPS cafe...

All those interested in learning more or potentially becoming involved are warmly invited to a meeting on 7 July at 4pm in the Senior School Lecture Theatre.

Please [register your interest here](#) by Monday 7 June.

Human Intelligence

As we open The SPACE Project we also announce an outstanding and innovative programme of learning from Nursery to Lower III (Year 6): [Human Intelligence](#).



For many years our wonderful team at the Junior School have been developing a leading system of inquiry-based study. Our students are in charge of their own



learning. We help them to cover topics with active, questioning intelligence, led by questions, finding their own answers. Our teachers support, encourage and guide so that students have the confidence to make discoveries of their own.

Now we are ready to embrace the internationally recognised and renowned

Primary Years Programme (PYP) as an IB Candidate School combined, with a new initiative of our own: The Abbey Ideas + Passion Programme (Abbey IP). Together they comprise Human Intelligence. The programme is academically challenging, robust, meeting National Curriculum targets and going far beyond them. It is bold and outward-looking, prioritising creativity and connections. It is full of joy, reward and illumination. Simply put: it is the most exciting, innovative and rigorous curriculum available anywhere in the country.



As artificial intelligence races forwards, this is Human Intelligence: designed to prepare the creators, leaders and trailblazers of the next generation. To find out more visit the dedicated section of our website.

