



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today is quite a significant day in school. It is the end of a seven week half term (one of our longer ones, you may also be feeling that at home), we are halfway through the exam period and we have our Year 13 Leavers Celebration. With our Year 13 students, staff use this opportunity to tell students, in a very professional way, what they have thought about them for the last 2 or 7 years. It is a lovely way to celebrate student successes and for students and staff to be able to say goodbye to one another.

When we come back after half term we have just over another week of Year 11 students in lessons. I have spoken to Year 11 and Year 13 about the importance of having a break next week, however also reminding them on the first Monday back is the Maths GCSE and also Geography and Psychology A level exams. It is therefore essential that they continue revising and working hard with the payoff being two weeks later they will start one of the longest holidays they will ever have in their lives.

After half term lots of our attention turns towards next year. We start the countdown with Year 10 and Year 12 towards their final exams. Year 9 students move up to Linnell in a few weeks time as we prepare for our new Year 6 starters. We will also be reviewing how this year has gone, particularly in terms of the new school day and 75 minute lessons to see if we think this has made a difference. We will ask all staff, students and parents on their views about this year to help us plan an even better following year.

As we move towards a general election, my thoughts as the Headteacher of Abbot Beyne School turn towards what the different parties will offer in terms of education. I have previously shared with you the [school cuts](#) website on how much money we and local schools have lost over the last 10 years. It is important to fully understand what politicians are saying this time round to get the best support and opportunities for your children.

The Colour Run was a tremendous event last week and you will see some of the images in the newsletter (I have been out running twice this week to overcome my disappointing performance).

I hope you and your family have a lovely Bank Holiday and we will see your child back with us on Monday 3rd June for the final half term.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher