



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The first week back after a break is often hard for staff and students to settle back into a routine, the same with all of us when we go on holiday. For us as we come back this term we have the end of the formal exam season, the start of internal exams in all other year groups that start next week and then preparations for next year.

In terms of next year, we are planning a number of small changes. All of these will be communicated to students before the end of term in assemblies and again in September.

- 1) We are reviewing the negative points issued for particular events. We are increasing our focus on academic achievement and will give a greater number of negative points to students who misuse their iPads in class (we will have a system to monitor this much more closely) and any student that is removed from a lesson.
- 2) All students in Years 7 - 10 will move to Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader (Year 11 will also continue with Sparx Maths) for homework. We will be looking to reward students more for the completion of this including non-uniform days for the best classes in terms of completion, and also ensure that all students complete this work in detentions if necessary. Maths will be due every Wednesday and English (known as Sparx Reader) will be due every Thursday.
- 3) We will change the format and descriptors of reports so that they are clearer to parents.
- 4) One day per week we will have a longer form time and all lessons will be 70 minutes that day instead of 75 minutes. This time will be spent with forms looking at PSHE and looking further into some of the topics covered in this subject.

We will also start over the next couple of weeks discussing with you and your child the last week of term and the events involved in Sports Day, Community Sports Day and Activity Day.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and if we can support you any further please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher