



## Abbot Beyne School

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I have been completing some reading this week on parental engagement and how this differs from parental involvement. Engagement is about what we can do as a school to help build positive relationships with you and also assist you to engage in supporting the learning outcomes for your child. This is often easier at primary school when you can read with them. For me, the best thing you can do at secondary school is simply be interested in what your child has done and engage in conversations about school. On top of this, if you can support regular routines around homework, managing time, effort and emotions then you really will be helping your child achieve the best they can at school. I say this now, not to patronise, or to suggest you do anything now, but as we turn our thoughts towards next year in school it might be appropriate to do the same.

Next week, any student who is in Year 10 and is not on work experience is expected in school for the full week and we have activities for them every day. For students in Years 7-9, Tuesday is our Community Sport Day and Thursday is our Sports Day. Students should come dressed in any sporting clothes they have on Tuesday and their Abbot Beyne School PE Kit with a top in their house colour on Thursday. On Monday students are expected in full school uniform and then on Wednesday and Friday it is non-school uniform. Year 12 students have been made aware of their plans including the London visit. We will finish on Friday around 12pm.

In the new term, students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 are expected in school on Wednesday 4th September at the usual time. All other students begin back at school on Thursday 5th September at the normal time. It is essential that students attend school on their first day so that they are set up for the year so please ensure you have made a note of these dates in your diary.

In terms of feedback from the parent survey, in September I will send home a breakdown for each year group of what we cover in terms of the curriculum and also key dates and enrichment activities for each year group. We will clarify on the website the behaviour policy and our Ready to Learn programme. There will be two Year 11 Consultation Evenings to discuss progress for these students. We will be continuing with the use of knowledge organisers from homework. We are not always going to agree on every decision that the school makes and our role is to provide the best education we can with limited resources, based on educational research.

Kind regards

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Headteacher