



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is always obvious in school when Christmas is coming. The tree gets delivered, people talk about what they are getting in the Black Friday sales and we see some of our students becoming a little more tired and grumpy as this is always the longest term of the year. I spoke in assemblies this week to the students at Evershed that Santa would be watching and that they need to try their best over the next few weeks. As we all know in our own lives, when we are tired it can often be harder to motivate ourselves, even if it is a nice thing. To all of the students, we have spoken about the need for plenty of sleep and good routines to ensure they get the most out of the next few weeks at school.

Year 11 mocks start on Monday 9th December. Occasionally an exam may finish earlier or later than 3pm. If the exam finishes earlier, we dismiss the students slightly earlier than 3pm (never earlier than 2.30pm). If the exam finishes later, students know they need to stay that bit longer to complete it. All students have their own individual timetable so you can check the times if you usually pick your child up from school.

On Thursday 5th December we are holding an evening at school for students who were in Year 11 or Year 13 last year to come back and collect their examination certificates. Students have been messaged with the details of this event and we hope to hear how college, university, the world of work or apprenticeships are going.

As many of you know I am from Liverpool and I am lucky enough to support the team in red. This week I was fortunate enough to take my son up to see them beat Real Madrid. It was a fantastic experience and all the better for sharing it with George. As the Headteacher of this wonderful school, I am privileged that I get to be able to work with young people everyday and get to share in their life experiences. I know that the staff feel the same, an example of which being our Year 10 visit to A Christmas Carol this week. The behaviour of our students on the visit was exemplary and I have had a number of staff comment how proud they were of our students and their behaviour in the theatre. It is moments and trips like this that help motivate us in our jobs and help make the effort worth it.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and have made the most of the Black Friday sales.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher