



## Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Year 7 Consultation Evening last night. We have maintained for a number of years the hybrid system of some parents and carers attending online and some coming in to school in person. Alongside this we have stayed with fixed timings for appointments to ensure we do not end up with long queues of parents and carers waiting to talk to teachers if appointments overrun. If you have any feedback on what we do, please do let me know.

If you do wish to speak to a Head of Year or teacher at any other point, can I ask that you always ring and make an appointment in advance so as to not make a wasted journey. Often staff are dealing with issues or teaching and if you just turn up, you may not be seen. You would not just turn up at your Doctor's surgery and expect to be seen and the same happens at school so to avoid disappointment please ring and make an appointment. Wherever possible we will try and see you within 24 hours but this will always be 48 hours.

You are no doubt aware we are currently switching from Bromcom (Mychildatschool) to Arbor. I know there were issues with Bromcom this week in terms of seeing your child's timetable but this should now have been resolved. During the first week back we will send out login details for parents. This will then become the website you will use to view timetables, attendance, points and reports. Some students have logged in to Arbor in advance but they do not need to do this, we will give them a detailed breakdown on how to do this during the first week back. For the first week, unless it is a real emergency regarding Bromcom or Arbor, it will probably just be teething problems so please do not contact us and allow us to rectify them.

Finally, I wanted to share some success from our Sixth Form last year. Published data from the government has shown Abbot Beyne School students made the second highest progress of all students in Burton and Uttoxeter and fourth in the whole of Staffordshire if you do not include independent schools. A phenomenal achievement and well done to the students and staff. Progress at Sixth Form relates to how students have achieved compared with their GCSEs and obviously for us at Sixth Form we have a number of students join us who have been taught GCSEs at different schools across the local area.

I hope you have a really good break and we look forward to seeing your children again on Monday 24th February at the usual time.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher