



Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an excellent start to the exam season at Abbot Beyne School. Students have come into exams prepared and determined to do well. We feel the exams to date are as fair as they can be given the levels of disruption there has been to the education of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. The Year 13 leaving date is Friday 27th May and the Year 11 leaving date is Friday 10th June although exams do carry on after this time. We will continue to provide revision sessions after these dates for students, either in their lesson time or the day prior to their exam. All subject teachers will make students aware of these sessions.

If you are a Year 11 parent I would like to ask a favour. As you know, many families are struggling at this time to make ends meet. I am asking for your support in terms of possible uniform donations. We would really appreciate any donations of school uniform or PE Kit (even the old PE Kit as students can borrow this if necessary). Students do need to wear their uniform up to and including the final exam but any donations of school uniform or PE Kit will be gratefully received.

You may also have seen in the news an increase of very unpleasant videos and comments being made on social media, especially TikTok, directed at students, staff and the school. We have had a number of students report these concerns to us as they are distressed by what they are seeing. Any accounts have been reported to the Police and TikTok. Can you please discuss this with your child, ensure that any offensive TikTok posts are removed and please can I ask that you check your child's phone to see that this is the case. We reserve the right to exclude students from school who are making or sharing these accounts as this is counter to the values that we are trying to instill in our students. If you come across any such accounts please do let us know and we will deal with this as swiftly and as effectively as we can.

My final plea today is around school attendance. We have seen a drop in our attendance whilst other schools are reporting rises in their attendance. Attendance at school is going to become our number one focus as the impact of not attending school is clear with the impact on achievement. Please ensure your child attends school every day they are able to and we will be tightening up around students who are missing school. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness then we would prefer them not to attend school, however if we can support your child's attendance in any other way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and come on Aston Villa.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher