



## Abbot Beyne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful day we had yesterday at Abbot Beyne School. Firstly we had the Colour Run for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 (I do hope you did not have to spend too long cleaning the bathroom afterwards) and then the Year 7 Disco in the evening. Today we have students out completing The Duke of Edinburgh Award. It is fantastic to see the school running 'back to normal' and students being able to enjoy the diverse enrichment activities we have on offer.

A number of Year 7 parents have requested that we take individual photos of our Year 7 students. Apologies that this did not happen at the start of the year with the restrictions we had in place. This will be happening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May and further details will be sent to all Year 7 parents today.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our Ready to Learn programme. A number of parents commented on our survey that we needed to tighten up on uniform and behaviour which is exactly what this programme is trying to do. If you need any support with getting the right uniform for your child, either financially or logistically, please do not hesitate to contact us. A reminder that students no longer need the new PE Kit for September if their old PE Kit still fits them, they will simply need to be in the correct PE Kit. We will continue to allow students to come to school in their PE Kit on the days they have PE lessons so that they have more curriculum time and spend less time getting changed.

Next week we have our Year 8 Bushcraft residential. A couple of parents commented on the survey saying they wish their child had been able to have a residential before now but we have been mindful of the pandemic, planning time and allowing parents the time to save the money for students to be able to go on these trips. Hopefully now the calendar can be more fixed and students can be clear what will be on offer for them every year of their time at Abbot Beyne School.

In terms of the rest of the survey, we had a reduction in responses this time. As a mathematician I can read this in a number of ways but I am choosing to read it as more parents are happy with what we are doing and do not feel the need to respond. I fully recognise the opposite could be true but I am being positive. There was an even response to the online or in person consultation evening question so, for the Year 7 Consultation Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, we are going to try and do both. Parents will be asked to book online as per usual but you will either be able to come into school for your appointment or complete the appointment online, whatever works best for you. We will need to be very strict for those of you that choose to come into school that appointments still only last five minutes as other parents will be waiting online. Further details to follow. Also, for Year 7 parents, the date for the iPad Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 6pm and 7.30pm in the Evershed Hall.

I will continue to respond to other comments from the parent survey over the next few weeks and will contact parents who left their name / details to discuss some of the issues further.

Next week is the first week of the new Behaviour Block and Week 2 in the school timetable.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher