



Abbot Beyne School

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9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of every half term we like to look back at all of the things that have gone well that half term and things that we can improve upon. In terms of things that have gone well we have had

- Our Mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13
- Our highest attendance at a Consultation Evening (Year 12) since before Covid-19
- The Key Stage 3 Careers Fair with over 20 providers in school
- Year 12 Work Experience
- In terms of lessons in school, an improvement to our Do Now activities at the start of lessons
- A small increase in attendance

The ongoing issues we have had with Bromcom and the Mychildatschool app are something that we need to address alongside our continuing drive to improve attendance.

I have also been reflecting on how I would like the school to become a bigger part of the local community. We are fortunate that we are able to host Winhill Village Football Club matches and training (when the light allows) and the Winhill Cricket Club. We do this with no charge to both organisations as we want to be able to support the local community. We try and have staff as a presence at the start and at the end of the day, we visit Elizabeth Court and meet the residents there and work with a number of other organisations in the local area, but if you feel there is more that we can do and you have some opportunities please do get in touch.

I have been fortunate enough this week to be involved in interviews in and out of school supporting another organisation. I am always blown away by the passion and commitment of staff who want to make a difference with young people. I often find it interesting how many people, when I tell them what I do, say they would never do my job. The same often goes both ways, but I do feel it is important to recognise that working in a school and shaping the lives of youngsters is a privilege. We always try to do our best and whilst sometimes you might not agree with us, we always do these things for the right reasons.

I hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing your children return at the normal time on Monday 19th February 2024.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher