

# Abbeyfield Weekly

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Welcome to another Abbeyfield parent update. It has been another busy week. Our formal examinations are starting to come to an end and our Y10s have been busy starting their PPEs and I have been really impressed with how well they have been doing.

We have had various trips out including our A Level students attending The Taming of the Shrew and some of our Y7s attending The Big Bang Science Fair. It has been lovely speaking to students about their experiences on these days.

Thursday evening saw 'Music at Abbeyfield' and I thought the talent was just fantastic. A real variety of genres and great performances. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



## **Behaviour Developmental Work**

### **Principals Message**

I have chosen to focus on this week on updating you all with some developmental work we are undertaking this term around Behaviour. Our school is often described as calm and orderly – it is. Those of you who have visited have remarked many times on this. Kindness is shown in many ways at Abbeyfield by pupils from the way they conduct themselves at breaks to the way they positively interact with staff around school. Many pupils stop and ask us how we are and vice versa for example. We have spent considerable time recruiting strong teachers and you will all be pleased to know that from September we are fully staffed. We have our own team of cover supervisors who will take lessons if staff are absent for any reason. This means that we intend to keep the use of cover teachers to a minimum from September.

Most pupils are doing the right thing at the right time all the time. The most important place for a child to be is in front of a teacher, learning. Inevitably however, on some days this may not always be the case for some. Things happen – some of this is part of growing up (this can be hard sometimes) and making mistakes but also from time to time we all need a bit of support and help when life throws us its “curve balls”. We have worked hard to build our Inclusion Intervention provision that can provide suitable support for young people when they need it. We have opened this year: Re-entry, The New Style Learning Hub, a refreshed On-Call and IEU (Internal Exclusion Unit) and our Reset Programme with Northampton Town Football Club and Think for the Future continues to be very successful in supporting our young people to reflect and make the right choices.

It is important that we now push on with some developmental work which is aimed at keeping our clear sanctions and high expectations but not penalising children in subjects where they are doing well. We are therefore trialling out on call for one lesson only if a child gets a C3. A second C3 in the day results in a detention and a third C3 in IEU for one day. We are re-launching detentions and trialling out the following until the end of term:

- Detentions will be called out at line up to remind all students as well as the automated emails to parents/carers.

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- C3 after school detentions will continue to have a second chance at attending the detention the following day. For the second chance detention, staff will collect students.
- If a student misses the second chance C3 detention, they will be placed in IEU the following day.

We will review these trials before we break up for the Summer. If your child has an appointment which means they cannot attend an after-school detention, please let the Head of Year know and we can move the detention to the following day.

We are keen to further build on our rewards offer – this has grown enormously since the start of the year, and we are now operating a 3:1 ratio in school (rewards vs sanction). This is because most children are doing the right thing and earning more reward points and not getting or have reduced their negative points. We have some exciting reward events planned as well as further ideas and there will be more to follow on this.

If you have any questions or further suggestions, then please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Perry or Mr Routledge (Assistant Principals for Behaviour & Attitudes).

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