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I write as the spouse of a teacher who has been working as a junior maths/science teacher who has spent what I consider to be excessive weekend and holiday hours on assessment items and tells me it's worse for the teachers of the senior maths and science classes.

I've also heard that many experienced teachers of maths and science have chosen to step down from Head of Department roles and that others refuse point blank to 'put their hat in the ring" for these roles.

Someone has to wonder why an inner city school with a very good reputation had to advertise nationally 3 times over the course of several months before they finally received 2 applications for a job for the start of the next calendar year.

I've also heard complaints from friends whose children have been through this relatively new system.

I sincerely hope the system will be changed before my eldest child reaches Year 11 in 2017.

Yours sincerely but with anonymity preferred,

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