



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Sixth Form Open Evening

We had a very successful and busy Sixth Form Open Evening yesterday. It provided a great opportunity for Year 11 students, and their parents, to visit the school and talk to staff along with Year 12 & Year 13 students about life in the Sixth Form. I hope it was a positive and informative experience for all. A school based Sixth Form provides really effective pastoral care and support, something we believe is particularly distinctive at Imberhorne. I am very grateful to the Sixth Form students who spoke at the event, it can be a little nerve-racking to speak in front of such large audiences. It is a tribute to Quinlan and Megan, our students, for speaking with such assurance.

Year 11 Mock Exams

There are two more weeks of school before our Year 11 students commence their mock exams. These are very important assessments, the results of which will play an important part in deciding which post-16 pathways they may follow. In our Sixth Form, as with schools and colleges elsewhere, there are certain entry requirements students must meet to be accepted onto courses. Historically we recognise that unless students can work at a certain level in Year 11 they are unlikely to cope with the demands of certain courses in the Sixth Form. Whilst we expect exams to go ahead in the summer for Year 11 and Year 13, it is also understood that mock exam performance, along with other assessment information, may help inform final grades for some students (particularly if they are unable to sit final exams). Mock exam grades are a good indicator of likely final grades in the summer. We expect all Year 11 students to be revising at least an hour a night and at least two hours a day at the weekend. Once mock exams commence, from Monday 6th December, Year 11 students will be on exam study leave, only attending to sit exams. At other times they should be revising.

Reading Day & Sixth Form Taster Lessons

On Wednesday 24th November students in Year 12 and Year 13 have a reading day and are not expected in school. Most Year 11 students will participate in Sixth Form taster lessons, experiencing what a day in the Sixth Form feels like. They are not expected to wear uniform on that day but will need to have their lanyard and ID card on them. A smaller number of Year 11 students, intending to go elsewhere next year, will participate in a team building day of activities. They have been informed about this separately.

Year 8 Virtual Consultation Evening – Compressed Day

On Thursday 2nd December we are holding our Year 8 virtual Consultation Evening. This is a compressed day with lessons finishing at 2.30pm, allowing time for our technical team to set up cameras and headphones for staff prior to commencing appointments.

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Key Dates

There will be an INSET day on Friday 3rd December. Students do not attend school on this date. We are then quickly into the last two weeks of term. The Autumn term finishes on Friday 17th December at 12.20pm.

Imber200

At a recent Governors' finance committee meeting we discussed various ways parents support the school. One long established scheme is called Imber200. This is a lottery run by Imberhorne School and registered with MSDC. Payment is £2 a month by standing order and 51% of the income raised is given as 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes each month. The remaining money comes to the school and has been used in a variety of projects to enhance and support learning. We currently have unallocated numbers available. Membership and mandate documents are available from finance@imberhorne.co.uk and if you wish to have more than one number in the lottery, as some of our supporters do, simply alter the amount in the bank details to £4 or £6 and let us know.

Feedback

I recently received a wonderful bit of feedback from a local nurse who has been involved with the vaccination programmes in schools within the county. After visiting numerous schools including our own, she mentioned how outstanding Imberhorne students were, unfailingly courteous and pleasant. We often talk about the importance of character, ethos and culture. It is always gratifying to hear the experiences of visitors to the school who talk so positively about our community and the values they encounter.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher