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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

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Dear Parents and Carers

Formal exams have started at Imberhorne for Years 11 and 13 and will begin to be much more frequent across May and June as of the middle of next week. Please can parents and carers of students in Years 10 and 12 remind them of the need to respect signage around the school so that we can ensure that exam spaces remain silent and uninterrupted. To facilitate this, there will be a change of route to the canteen for students at Imberhorne Lane. This was trialled successfully last year and means that students do not have to pass spaces where exams are taking place to reach the canteen. On the note of Year 10, thank you to all parents and carers who engaged with Year 10 Consultation Evening last night. Your ongoing support is enormously appreciated and we hope that the constructive conversations that took place will help Year 10 students to focus and prioritise as they head towards Year 11.

The warmer weather has been welcomed by staff and students alike at Imberhorne this week, but obviously presents some challenges. Can I please request that parents and carers ensure that their children have sunscreen applied if they are to spend their breaks and lunch outside and ideally that they have some to top up with. I also need to ask that parents and carers ensure that their children are equipped with water and that they drink regularly throughout the day as the warmer weather continues. Students have been reminded that there is plenty of time to refill bottles during break and lunch and that this should be the only time that they do this so that there is no interruption to their learning.

Congratulations to the over 80 Bronze DofE students who completed their practice expedition this past weekend. Thank you also to all of the staff who gave up their time to support and supervise students so that this could be done safely and successfully. Students will now prepare for their assessed expedition in the summer, confident in their ability and any potential challenges ahead.

Next week on Thursday 8th May is the 80th anniversary of VE Day. I will be doing an assembly on this around remembering and commemorating this with students the following week, with a particular focus on the experience of BIPOC. There are some excellent resources on the BBC, the RAF Stories website and the Royal British Legion website. There will also be an event at King George's Field in East Grinstead on the day, starting from 6pm. The information poster for this has been shared on our social media and is also attached to this letter.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Raegan O'Donnell in Year 8 after she won the Reigate and Banstead Young Sports person of the Year Award over the Easter break. Raegan was a key member of our under 14 girls team who had such an excellent run in the national cup this year and continues to be an excellent role model as a sports person and leader in all of the teams she represents.

Yours faithfully

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