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# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we were delighted to welcome Year 7 into the school for the first time and to welcome Year 10 into the start of their next two or four years at Imberhorne Lane. We were also incredibly pleased to see many students returning, as well as some new faces, for the first day of Year 12. They have all impressed us with the warmth and positivity that they have shown, setting themselves up for an extremely positive year.

This week's letter is only a short information giving letter before my usual Friday letter next week, which will cover our first full week back. It is followed with a letter from Mr Fallick outlining some behaviour and standards updates that we will be putting in place to support students to enjoy school without distraction and be the very best they can be. We look forward to seeing Years 8, 9 and 11 on Monday and hope they have enjoyed a fantastic and highly restful break.

### **Windmill Lane toilets and Imberhorne Lane Sixth Form lift**

We were thrilled to open our new toilet block at Windmill Lane this week after a complete remodel this summer. These will initially be only used by Year 7 students whilst they settle into the school and we will review this in the coming weeks. We hope to be able to do the same with the other block of toilets at Windmill Lane in the coming year and will keep you informed.

Our Sixth Form is also now completely accessible, with a platform lift having been installed on the side of the building at the Imberhorne Lane site over the summer. We are incredibly pleased that there is now proper equitable access to all staff and students so that they are able to have the full experience of Sixth Form at Imberhorne.

We have plans afoot for further improvements to both sites in the coming years and will keep you informed through these letters.

### **Minibuses**

You may have seen the message over the summer over the appeal that we have had to set up to help us replace two of our minibuses. Unfortunately, these were stolen in a coordinated theft at the start of the summer holiday and found beyond repair. All of our minibuses are used daily to support the over 40 clubs, 80+ trips and countless sports fixtures that take place. The insurance will only contribute a small amount to the costs of two replacement buses, so any contributions that you are able to make to support us with this is enormously appreciated.

### **Student photographs**

Student photographs will take place over the coming weeks. Key Stage 3 students will have their photographs taken at the Windmill Lane site on Friday 12th September. Key Stage 4 and 5 students will have theirs taken on Monday 15th September.

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**Open Evening**

It is our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 25th September. For any parents and carers of Year 6 students, Mr Whatford's speech has a set number of places that can be booked across three different sessions - information on this will follow shortly. Any visitors not wishing to book will be able to tour both sites with student guides. Any guides and subject helpers will be provided with letters for parents and carers in the coming weeks as we will need your consent for them to attend. We are extremely grateful for the brilliant way in which they always represent the school.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

Our Autumn Term Extra-Curricular activities start week commencing Monday 15th September, please take a look at the wide range of clubs and activities the school offer and encourage your children to take part <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/clubs-and-activities>

Kind regards

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Headteacher