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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A huge congratulations to all Bronze DofE students for the successful completion of their assessed expedition this week. This was a significant achievement for them, marking the progress they have made this year. It was also a significant undertaking for staff, with much planning and preparation from the team and staff giving up their own time at the weekend to support this. We are extremely proud of students and grateful for staff efforts.

Over the past week we have also had the final two Federation student participation events. The first was an alternative sports event last Friday, where 19 students visited Downlands School in Hassocks. They all had a great time turning their hand to Mini Golf, Pickleball, Kinball and Capture the Flag. The event was energetic, fun and full of smiles on a sunny afternoon. Mr Byrne was keen to say well done to everyone but asked for a particular mention of Lilly for her award of Player of the Day. The second was a Dance show at Chequer Mead Theatre, where Year 10 Dance students represented Imberhorne School with a fantastic newly devised piece. Mrs Brinkhurst worked hard with students to prepare for this event, and it was a great pleasure to see them perform and represent themselves and the school so well. Our breath was taken away by one lift in particular which showed astonishing precision and skill (you'll absolutely know the one I mean if you were there). Thank you to all staff and students involved - we look forward to sharing details of next year's events when they are finalised.

This week Year 11 finished their GCSE exams and Year 13 their A Level exams. We have been so impressed with their maturity and conduct through this exam series, but I wanted to highlight Year 11 in particular because our invigilators have all told me that their attitude and application has been impeccable. We wish all students the very best for their long summer break ahead and look forward to seeing them on their results days. I want to remind all families that we are still here should students need our advice, support or guidance. A huge well done also to Year 9 students who have approached their exams so well this week and good luck to Year 10 who will be undertaking their end of year mock exams next week.

You may remember me writing about the ArtBytes competition in previous letters. Last week we were delighted for, and incredibly proud of, Emilie Brooker who received her awards for South East Regional winner and National runner up in Hastings. I am sure you will have seen her smiling picture and beautiful artwork on our social media channels. We were also extremely proud of Sophia Reed and Chloe Upton who were runners up with their fantastic works. A massive thank you must go to Ms Mitchell and Ms Sassi who have supported and celebrated students throughout this process. We place a very high value on the Arts at Imberhorne School and are delighted that their profile is so high, so would also like to invite our families to the A-Level and GCSE exhibition taking place from 4-6pm at Imberhorne Lane on Thursday 17th July. This will be an excellent showcase of our talented students' work and is just before our Year 9 Celebration Evening.

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Whilst on the subject of our high-value arts offer and the importance we place on the arts at Imberhorne School, we are also extremely proud of our students who participated in the Summer Stage performances this week. The performances showed humour, sensitivity, collaboration and some outstanding student leadership. Our Drama team are so committed to nurturing student confidence and performance skills and this was another brilliant representation after our recent successful Year 10 GCSE performances. An enormous well done to all of our students who worked so hard to put on such a great show.

A reminder of some upcoming events in the calendar in a very busy half term:

- **Wednesday 25th June: INSET Day**
- Friday 27th June: Y11 Prom
- Tuesday 1st July: Music Summer Concert
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y6 Induction Day and Evening
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y7 Futures 'Take Your Child to Work Day'
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y8 Futures Day at Imberhorne Lane
- Friday 4th July: Y13 Prom
- Monday 7th-Friday 11th July: Y10 and Y12 Work Experience
- Monday 7th-Wednesday 9th July: Y9 Camp at Bewl
- Friday 11th July: Sports Day at Imberhorne Lane (KS3 only)
- Tuesday 15th July: Y10 Sixth Form mini-tasters
- Wednesday 16th July: Y10 Celebration Evening
- Thursday 17th July: Y9 Celebration Evening
- Tuesday 22nd July: School finishes for summer at 12.20pm

Finally, our uniform supplier has asked us to send out a message about a special offer on all uniform orders from next Wednesday until the following Tuesday:

10% Off All Uniform Orders - Limited time Only!

Start Date: Wednesday, 25th June

End Date: Midnight on Tuesday 1st July

<https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting success

GIRLS CRICKET FESTIVAL - ARUNDEL CASTLE

23 KS3 girls were invited to a day of fun, teamworking and cricket at Arundel castle. Some top class women's cricket was on view as the British Army, Royal Navy & RAF battled it out on the pitch whilst the girls also got the chance to try problem solving tasks, fitness games and teamwork and leadership tasks. We were lucky enough to also have an inspirational talk from Captain lmy O'Brien, who skippered a rowing boat with a female only crew, across the Atlantic last year. The 3.000 mile journey was completed in just 46 days and her feat, plus the endeavours of the ladies on the pitch, made this a very inspirational and enjoyable celebration of women's sport and achievement. A great time was had by all and a huge thanks needs to go to Mrs Wood who somehow managed to get all of us there, despite some last minute, logistical problems, we faced in the morning!

Words by Mr Byrne

Year 7 Athletics Participation Event

On Tuesday 17th June, Imberhorne hosted the first participation athletics for Year 7 students. We were joined by Oathall and Sackville and the spirit and community was on full display. Students



of all skill levels were welcomed and supported throughout the event, and they were given the opportunity to have a go at different events including Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, sprint races and hurdles. While there were no formal awards, the real achievement was the enthusiastic, involvement and teamwork displayed by all. Overall, the event was a great success, and we look forward to making this an annual tradition for our Year 7 students, continuing to inspire participation and promote healthy activities and lifestyles for everyone.

Reg Clarke Games

On Wednesday 18th June, students in Year 8, 9 and 10 took part in the annual district athletics competition at K2 in Crawley (Reg Clarke Games). Despite the soaring temperatures, the students displayed incredible resilience and some fantastic performances were displayed on the day including Maribelle (Y9) winning the Inter Girls Javelin, Dan S (Y8) second in the Junior Boys Discus and Bertie (Y8) finishing in 2nd place in the Junior Boys 100m final.

Performance of the day goes to Archie B (Y8) who ran the 1500m exceptionally well, despite running in the intense heat. He took the time to prepare for the race and although he was a little nervous beforehand, he ran an impeccable race, finishing 4th out of 11 students. Well done to everyone involved – a brilliant day of athletics!

Words by Mrs Pritchard