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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this the morning after our virtual Sixth Form Open Evening, we have released a number of video resources, including a lovely video featuring some of our current Sixth Form students talking about life in the school from their perspective. There are lots of very positive messages that resonate with our views of the Sixth Form.

A number of webinars have also taken place, these featured our subject leaders introducing their subjects to students and parents. We hope that these opportunities, along with our 'futures interviews' help our current Year 11 students make those very important decisions about post-16 study. A significant majority of students stay on to study with us in the Sixth Form, we are rightly proud of what we achieve as a school and the profile our Sixth Form students have.

In addition to this we completed our Year 7 achievement assemblies this week. We have had to run these differently to normal, only bringing small groups together to receive their achievement certificates. It was, however, a really positive experience. We have missed such opportunities to date, so took full advantage of being able to applaud our new Year 7 students, congratulating them on their positive start to life at Imberhorne. Instilling a sense of success and showing how much we value our students, and what they do, is at the heart of what we believe education is about. Plenty of photographs will be shared soon!

For Year 7 parents we are running virtual consultation sessions with form staff next week. We are trialling new software that extends the capacity of our current parents evening booking system. I believe most appointments have now been booked and hope these sessions are a success. Once these consultation sessions are completed we will start to roll this out to other year groups. For the foreseeable future this will be the way to manage interaction between parents and teachers.

You are aware that we have been very cautious with our school calendar this year, many activities and events have been postponed or cancelled. A key date we are looking at is the next planned Inset (training) Day which is due to take place on Monday 30th November. We note that this date lies within the current lockdown period. This means that families will have extremely limited options for how this time is spent. Inset days when positioned alongside a weekend offer valuable opportunities for families to travel or visit others, assuming restrictions will be lifted from 2nd December, we are therefore changing the date of our inset day to **Friday 4th December**. I hope that does not cause any unforeseen difficulties but feel confident that the overwhelming majority of our school community will welcome this decision.

Yours faithfully

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