



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We have now completed the first three weeks of the new term and I am very pleased to take the opportunity to write to you to let you know that we have had some very positive feedback from staff about how well the year group has settled in and started the year positively. It is important that the Year 8's set the example for our new Year 7 pupils to follow in all areas around the school from uniform and behaviour to their conduct in lessons.

Year 8 is an exciting year for the students and I would urge you to encourage your child to make the most of the opportunities on offer; for example the many after school clubs run by departments which allow further enrichment of those subjects and provide time for students to improve their skills. One feature of a good year group is how keen the students are to take part in the school's extended learning activities and to attend school events throughout the year. Having seen the enthusiasm last year for all the clubs, sports events, the Christmas disco, and the end of term activities at Blacklands, I trust that this will be continued.

At the end of Year 8, there will be a celebration assembly whereby students work towards completing a checklist that they can achieve by participating in a number of activities, both individually and as part of their form. I will be explaining more about this at our upcoming 'Briefing Evening' on Wednesday 9th October, at which I hope to see as many of you as possible.

I am already looking forward to the French trip at the end of Year 8 – my aim is for every single student to attend that trip as I know how much enjoyment they will get out of it.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child has the correct equipment for school and is up to date with homework assignments. Being fully organised for each day is imperative for good learning. May I also thank you for your support in helping us to maintain high standards of uniform. Please refer to the school website should you need clarification of our updated uniform policy.

I believe that Imberhorne School is at its best when there is clear communication between the school, the parent/carer and student. As such, I would encourage you to contact your son/daughter's form tutor, in the first instance, if you have any concerns about your child. I am also available to help with queries or other wider issues pertinent to the school.

I must urge you to send your child to school daily. I know this is not always possible when children are genuinely ill but absences from school have been proven to have a detrimental effect, not only on their academic ability, but also on their social interactions, friendship groups and emotional health. If you have any concerns that your child may be feeling hesitant or anxious attending school, please get in touch immediately and we will support them in every way that we can.

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In order to reduce disruption to your child's learning, we would ask that, where possible, medical appointments are made during the school holidays. We appreciate this is not always feasible so would ask that term time appointments are made either early in the morning, so that your child is in school by the beginning of lesson 1 which starts at 8.55am, or after 2.30pm. This will reduce disruption and ensure your child attends as many lessons as possible throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the 'Key Dates' page on our website under Dates/Key Dates. Making you aware of key events such as 'Consultation Evenings', well in advance, will ensure that you have every opportunity to attend and discuss the progress of your child in Year 8.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Celani

Head of Year 8