



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

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The cornerstones of our learning community

6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a refreshing and relaxing break over the Christmas holiday.

Two events at school this week have highlighted our vision 'to enable all young people, regardless of background, to achieve the highest possible standards of academic excellence...whilst they enjoy an enriching and fulfilling preparation for life in the modern world.'

Firstly, we welcomed back approximately sixty of last year's Year 13 students for their Certificate Presentation Evening. It was terrific to see them collect their examination certificates and subject awards from the Town Mayor, Cllr Adam Peacock. We heard their diverse stories of life after Imberhorne and celebrated their time at the school in the first face to face Presentation Evening since the pandemic.

On Thursday we welcomed 250-plus parents, carers and family members to our Year 9 Options Information evening. This was a hugely informative event – the start of the process of Year 9 selecting their options from the large range of GCSEs and BTECs on offer. The information booklet is now live on our website and the link is [here](#) along with lots of information about this year's process. Well done and thanks to the staff who organised and supported both of these events so successfully.

Year 11 and Year 13 Parents and Students - Information about Summer Examinations

Dr Jo Saxton, the Chief Regulator at Ofqual, recently published a letter for students, parents and carers about A Level, GCSE and BTEC examinations in 2023. This summarises the support that will be on offer, as well as providing information about grading, contingency planning and other details. You can read the letter [here](#).

dear_imberhorne

Please support your child's reading by following our Drop Everything and Read Instagram page https://www.instagram.com/dear_imberhorne. You will find there a list of book recommendations from staff and students. Please encourage your child to have a look at the recommendations, choose some titles and make a resolution to read more in 2023. Many of the books can be borrowed from the school or your local library.

Key dates for this Half Term

9 th January	Year 12 Essential Information Evening 6.30pm (Imberhorne Lane)
16 th – 20 th January	Year 13 Mock Examinations
18 th January	Year 9 Options – new subjects Q and A (Online)
19 th January	Year 9 Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm (Online) – Early Closure of school – 2.30pm
20 th January	Non-Uniform Day (Cancer Research) Year 11 Mock Exam Results day
24 th January	Year 9 Options Q and A (Online)
30 th January	INSET DAY (no students in school)
2 nd February	Year 11 Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm (Online) – Early Closure of School – 2.30pm

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FREE sessions for parents on how you can support your child's exam success

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your child at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school. Elevate are running four sessions in total, and the first is in two weeks time:

Tuesday 17th January (6-7pm)

How to Help Your Child Make Better Notes

Here's what will be covered on the night:

- ✓ The most effective way to structure notes
- ✓ The 3 levels of acquiring knowledge and how to implement this with your child at home
- ✓ The power of deliberate practice and the fastest way for your child to improve their marks.

[Click here to register for free](#)

Dates and times for the other sessions are as follows:

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Memory - 7th February

How to Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 28th February

How Your Child Can Maximise Marks in the Exam Room - 21st March

Advice from the UK Health Security Agency

As we returned to school on Tuesday, the UKHSA issued some advice on winter illnesses. The guidance aims to help minimise the spread of illness in education and protect the wider community. There is advice on hand hygiene, when to keep children at home and about flu vaccination. You can read the detail [here](#).

Energy Drinks

Please remind your son or daughter that 'energy' drinks, which are extremely high in caffeine and sugar, are not allowed in school.

Current vacancies

We have a number of vacancies –

KS4 Administrator/Professional Clerk
Temporary Part-time Teacher of Maths
Teacher of English
Teacher of RE
Leader of Learning for Computing

[Here](#) is a link to our website where you will find further detail on these roles and the application documents under the heading recruitment.

Word of the Week

analyse	verb	separate into parts or elements; to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results
Sherlock Holmes liked to analyse the evidence available to him before reaching a conclusion.		

Yours faithfully

Mr L Walker
Headteacher

What's coming up...

Key dates for your diary



Week 17A

Health & Social Care and KS3 Computing Challenge Fortnight

Mon 9th

Y12 Essential Information Evening for Parents/Carers

Tues 10th

Wed 11th

Y7 Charity Dodgeball Event - Lunchtime

Thurs 12th

Fri 13th

Week 18B

KS3 Computing Challenge Week
Y9 Mentoring Week

Mon 16th

Tues 17th

Student Council Meeting

Wed 18th

Y9 Options - Q&A Sessions for subjects new to KS4

Thur 19th

Y9 Consultation Evening
Early School Closure at 2.30pm

Fri 20th

Y11 Mock Exam Results Day
Non Uniform Day - Cancer Research