



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break and thank you for your continuing support.

GCSE and A Level Exams

I hope our exam year groups (students in Year 11 and 13) use the holiday period well. They need to rest and recuperate but also use time to revise for their examinations. **The first GCSE exam is on Monday 16th May, the first A Level exam on Thursday 19th May.** Effective revision is the best way to ensure exam success. We have a whole section on our website devoted to revision and preparation for exams - <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/study-skills-revision>

My advice to Year 11 students is to commit to two hours revision a day, divided into smaller chunks of time. I hope our resources provide them with a good range of strategies to use. I am confident Year 13 students have been given plenty of advice and guidance on revision by their subject teachers.

Year 9 Assessment Fortnight

Our Year 9 Assessment Fortnight also commences straight after Easter, these assessments will inform their end of year report and may help shape some teaching groups in Year 10. Taking time to prepare for these assessments is good practice for future years.

Computer Server Maintenance

We are having some electrical upgrades over the Easter break which means our computer servers will be down for two days – Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th April. This means that there will be no computer access for students or staff during this period.

Key Dates

School resumes after the Easter break on Monday 25th April. In that first week after the holidays we have a **Year 10 Parents' Virtual Consultation Evening on Thursday 28th April**. This is followed by a **non-uniform day on Friday 29th April** raising funds for the Young Epilepsy Centre. We are of course closed on **Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May**, and then delighted to welcome Year 11 parents and students to our **Graduation Event on Wednesday 4th May**. This should be a wonderful evening of celebration.

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I have been delivering assemblies this week on the theme of Spring, a time of renewal. The start of Spring is marked by the Vernal Equinox, which this year fell on Sunday 20th March. The date when day and night are of equal length. Spring always feels like an optimistic time of year, a period that encourages us to look forward. I used this theme to revisit an assembly I gave in my first year of Headship. On that occasion I spoke about a young man called Stephen Sutton, who although diagnosed with terminal cancer embraced life and undertook a series of remarkable challenges in order to raise money for charity. He remains an inspiration to others, only seeing positive opportunities ahead of him. I challenged the students to reflect on what their story would be, how will others talk about them and describe them. We always reflect on the importance of character and how our character defines us. I will not be here in future years to see how the students in this school grow and develop but I can encourage them to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

Yours faithfully
Mr M Brown
Headteacher

What's coming up... 	
Key dates for your diary	
Week 29A Music Challenge Fortnight Y9 Assessments	
Mon 25th	Back to School
Tues 26th	Y8 Music Presentation Assembly Y12 Virtual Essential Information Evening
Wed 27th	Y7&8 Junior Maths Challenge
Thurs 28th	Early school closure at 2.30pm Y10 Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 29th	Non Uniform Day - Young Epilepsy
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Mon 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 3rd	Student Council Meetings
Wed 4th	Y11 Graduation Ceremonies
Thur 5th	
Fri 6th	Y9 Volunteering