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8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy week at school. Our Year 6 Induction Day took place on Wednesday, alongside of this Year 8 students moved site for the day and participated in careers workshops. On Friday we invite Year 5 students to our Imberhorne Lane site for a day of activities that leads into our community festival, iFest. All of this is taking place as well as the start of Key Stage 4 (GCSE and BTEC courses) for Year 9 students. I am very grateful to my colleagues for all their incredible hard work making sure these events are well planned and for then delivering the activities to students. At this end of the term it is remarkable.

Our end of year Proms are also taking place. Year 13, who missed their Prom in Year 11 due to the first lockdown, had their Prom on Thursday. On Wednesday 13th July Year 11 are due to have their Prom. As usual we anticipate glamorous outfits along with stylish and sometimes quirky modes of transport. It is a lovely way to say well done to our students for all that they have achieved in a challenging time.

Year 10 students have received feedback from their recent exams, results are due to be published to parents on Friday 15th July. A number of students will be participating in work experience from Monday 11th July. All Year 10 students are involved in a range of activities in the final week of term before they finish for the summer. On their return in September they will rapidly move towards making post-16 choices. These end of term activities are designed to help them focus on next steps.

Sometimes safeguarding concerns or issues arise over the summer when school staff may be away or out of contact. Such concerns may be regarding services or clubs that students can access in the community. The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) suggests parents or carers who may have concerns ask the organisation some basic safeguarding questions to ensure they are safe. Please take a look at the WSCC 'Safe clubs for children' campaign for simple advice. To make a referral or have a consultation with the LADO, please email LADO@westsussex.gov.uk or call the dedicated phone line on 0330 222 6450 during office hours.

We also recognise that students experience varied emotions and feelings at different times. There are a number of staff in school that students can seek support from if they are feeling vulnerable or upset. In the school holidays students may not be able to access the same support. We have been provided with this resource (below) which provides some useful self-help strategies for young people.

https://www.annafreud.org/media/15030/my-self-care-plan-secondary.pdf









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Tel: 01342 323562 E-Mail: info@imberhorne.co.uk www.imberhorne.co.uk I met with some of our new teachers today due to join the school in September. It is exciting to look ahead, I always think September is such an optimistic time in school, the potential of the year before you, as yet unrealised. I am confident they will all add great value to our amazing staff team. I am also a little sad to think I will not see them develop and grow as teachers. This constant cycle of renewal is good and healthy for school. I am certain, having listened to the plans and aspirations for next academic year, that the school will continue to go from strength to strength and wish new students and staff the very best for their journey at Imberhorne.

A reminder that our last day of term is Thursday 21st July, the school day finishes at 12.20pm for students.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown Headteacher

