



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

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Achievement
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*The cornerstones of our
learning community*

9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As I near the end of my first term at Imberhorne School, I am overwhelmed by the achievements and endeavours of our students. From Student Council to sports teams, High School Musical to Year 7 choir, this has been a fantastic term in which to get to know the school. Thank you for your excellent support and kind words of encouragement – they are much appreciated.

Year 10 students had the opportunity this week to learn some features of the craft of public speaking when 'Talk the Talk' visited the school and provided individual sessions in Year 10 English groups. Students covered how to structure, plan and deliver a speech in front of their peers. Each person recorded their reflections in a 'Talk the Talk' booklet which they can keep and use to help them speak in public with more impact in the future.

Year 11 students began their first full week of formal mock examinations. They maintained an excellent focus and determination throughout and should keep up the good work in the coming week. My thanks to the exam team, invigilators and all staff who have supported Year 11 so effectively in these examinations.

For those Year 13 students applying for Medicine, Paramedic Science or Nursing there were mock interviews and medical, scientific and mathematical tasks to complete in preparation for interview on Wednesday afternoon. These activities were with staff in school, ex-students currently studying Medicine and a practising doctor. Good luck to all Year 13 students who have applied for university or are about to do so. Congratulations to those who have already received offers

Celebration of Achievement

We are celebrating the achievements of students who have received awards for gaining a particular number of merits this term. Those who have 50 or more have received their Bronze Awards, those who have over 100 merits will receive a Silver Award. You can read more about our approach to recognising achievement [here](#)

Three students in Year 10 - Bridin Hickey, Daniel Fox and Samuel Mildner will receive a Gold Award for passing 200 achievement points this term. Very many congratulations to them for this outstanding achievement!

Year 9 Options 2023

Once we return in the New Year, the Year 9 options process begins in earnest. Year 9 parents and carers should note the following important dates:

Thursday 5th January 2023 - Year 9 Options Briefing Evening

This event takes place at Upper School (Imberhorne Lane) at 6pm. You will find out all about the process for choosing options, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Students do not need to attend this event.

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Thursday 19th January 2023 – Year 9 Consultation Evening (Online)

Parents and carers will receive guidance on how to book appointments closer to the time. We recommend your child is present with you for your appointments, so that the teachers can discuss their progress in each subject. You will also be able to talk to teachers about all the subjects in the Key Stage 4 Curriculum your child may be thinking of choosing.

Giff a Chocolate – Christmas in our Community Campaign 2022

Last week we delivered just over 300 individual chocolate gifts, wrapped and accompanied by a personal message from Year 7 students to West Sussex Childrens' Services. These gifts are for children living in care settings. Thanks to all who supported this campaign so generously.

Student Absence

With the increase of flu and winter bugs, we have had a good deal of absence. In some cases, this has not been reported and this puts an extra strain on our administrative staff.

If your child is unwell, **please** follow our absence reporting process.

Telephone 01342 323562

Select Option 1 to report an absence in Years 7-11

Option 2 to report an absence in the Sixth Form.

Arrangements for the Final day of term

The final day of term for students in Year 7-11 is Friday 16th December. All students have normal lessons in Period 1 and 2, and tutor time in Period 3. School will finish at 12.20pm.

Sixth Form students have their final day on Thursday 15th December.

We return to school on Tuesday 3rd January – this is a normal school day for all year groups, and it will be Week B.

End of Term School Transport for 16.12.22

Metrobus Services

Metrobus services 638, 648, 643, and 281 will call in on both sites at 12.20pm.

Metrobus service 291 – will operate calling at the London Road stop near the Lingfield

Roundabout at 12.48pm and continues to Felbridge for 12.55pm

Metrobus 84 – will operate from East Grinstead Station at 12.39pm travelling back to West Hoathly and Sharpthorne

Metrobus 624 -will not operate at this time so students travelling to Smallfield and Horley will need to make other arrangements.

Coaches and Taxis

The following coach and mini bus services will operate their normal routes calling at both sites: 903, 905, E579 Turbostyle, 24/7 Minibus, Lingfield Minibus.

Southdown Services

Southdown service 236 – will operate at 13.42pm for students going back to Lingfield and Dormansland calling the stop opposite Lower School.

Current vacancies

We have a number of support staff vacancies –

Learning Support Assistants

Study Supervisors

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



Word of the Week

ravenous	Adj.	extremely hungry; intensely eager for gratification or satisfaction
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After a long day at school, he felt **ravenous** when he got home.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Walker
Headteacher

Attached Key Dates Week 15 & 16

What's coming up... Key dates for your diary



Week 15A Art Challenge Fortnight	
Mon 12th	Y7 Flight Path Allocation Published Y7 Christmas Lunch
Tues 13th	Y7 Dodgeball Event - Lunchtime Y8 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th	Y9 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th	Sixth Form Quiz
Fri 16th	Early Closure 12.20pm Break for Christmas Holidays

Week 16B Health & Social Care Challenge Week	
Mon 2nd	Bank Holiday
Tues 3rd	Start of term
Wed 4th	Ex Y13 Certificate Evening
Thur 5th	Y9 Options Briefing for Students Y9 Options Briefing for Parents
Fri 6th	