



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

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17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen students in Year 11 receive their mock results. It is important that they understand that the grades they have received represent their cumulative achievement to date and not just their outcomes from their exam papers. Some students will feel naturally slightly disappointed with these results, but should use this as an opportunity to engage with every bit of feedback, additional practice, content revision and intervention/after-school session that is available to them. We know that this is a capable cohort and the next few months will go extremely quickly, especially as they are punctuated with another round of mock exams and two more school holidays. Any support in the form of reinforcement, taking a specific interest and more direct/targeted input from parents and carers is much appreciated so that we are all giving your children the right amount of praise and encouragement together. Please also see the specific subject-based advice that has been produced by subject leaders after marking this round of mock papers in the Year 11 Newsletter sent yesterday.

I hope that Year 11 parents and carers have seen the letter this week from Mrs Cook and Mrs Abingdon - contrary to my communications with you all last week, our Prom venue has now reverted back to our original date of **Friday 27th June!** I am sorry for this confusion, but they have now cancelled the double-booking, reinstating our original booking date.

This week an exciting opportunity to enter the Art Bytes nationwide competition was opened up to all Year 9 students. Entrants are to create an original piece on either the theme of 'Flora and Fauna' or 'Humans', submitting their entries by Thursday 13th February 2025. The first stage of the competition requires the school to select 30 entries for submission to the nationwide competition, with these entries being placed on display in school. From these 30 pieces, three will be chosen by public vote to be put on virtual display, before being entered for regional and national judging. All entries must be 2D and can be painted, drawn or mixed media - no digital art or photography is permitted for this competition. The originals must be taken to Ms Mitchell in Room 7 at Windmill Lane and a photograph uploaded and submitted to the 'Year 9 Art Bytes Competition' Google Classroom. We are extremely excited to see the no doubt excellent work that is submitted by students.

Parents and carers may be aware of our work in the Soft Federation with Sackville School, Oathall Community College and Downlands Community School. We continue to build this close relationship within the Soft Federation and are committed to our ongoing partnership with these schools. This year we have already seen some great success with further shared staff collaboration, training and development; the establishment of a number of cross-federation student events and activities (more information to follow in the future); a whole-federation day of INSET training; and a programme of highly constructive and supportive school-to-school improvement visits. We are extremely proud of the collaborative and developmental work of the Soft Federation and its impact. I look forward to sharing more information on this with you in the future, particularly with regard to the upcoming student events.

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It is the Year 11 Consultation Evening next **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** and would urge you to sign up for appointments if you haven't yet done so. A reminder that school will close at 2.30pm on this day to allow for a prompt start to this event.

Travel arrangements for our early closure are as follows for students who catch school coaches/buses and taxis:

- School coach service **903, E579** and all taxis/minibuses are able to collect students at their relevant sites at 2.30pm.
- The following Metrobus services will also run their usual route: **E579, 636 638, 642, 643, 648, 281** at this time. Please note that the 624 service cannot operate at 2.30pm and will therefore run as a normal school day finish.
- Metrobus service 646 will run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** it is a non-uniform day in support of 'Meningitis Now'. A letter regarding our non-uniform day has already been shared with you.

And a reminder that **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** is an Inset Day.

Please find attached a flyer with details regarding an Imberhorne School Young Enterprise Initiative event taking place **this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**, it was previously advertised as a 'Car Boot Sale' but due to the forecast for the weekend, will now be run as an indoor 'Table Top Sale'. Please come along and support the event.

Finally, a request for any French and German speakers to contact Mrs Weller, co-Head of Modern Foreign Languages ([HWeller@imberhorne.co.uk](mailto:HWeller@imberhorne.co.uk)) if you are able to potentially offer some of your time to speak with our A-Level students. As part of their course they need as much practice of speaking their study language as possible and any support you can offer for this is highly appreciated. This can be done face-to-face in school or could potentially be set up as an online session via GoogleMeet. Thank you in advance to any volunteers.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford  
Headteacher

Enc. Table Top Sale  
Home-Start Training Opportunities

### **Sporting Success**

#### **Year 8 and 9 Girls Football**

The Year 8 and 9 Girls Football Team are through to round 6 in the U14 National Cup! We now have to play either Riddlesdown (Croydon) or Colfe's School (Bromley), meaning we will be one of the last 16 schools in the country! The team was amazing on the night and were already winning 4-1 at half time. In the second half we hit the post 3 times and ended up drawing 4-4. In extra time they stood tall and fought for every ball, winning in the second half of extra time 5-4! I was very proud today to be their PE teacher and a teacher at Imberhorne. The girls held their nerve and were worthy winners against a very good Downlands team.

**Words by Mrs Wood**

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