



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we welcomed both Year 8 and 10 parents and carers to Imberhorne Lane for an evening which focused on essential information we feel will help parents support their child through the year. My sincere thanks to the staff who worked so hard to make the evening such an excellent experience, and to all the parents who attended.

We had a range of visits this week to extend the learning for students. Year 11 Geographers travelled to Stratford in East London to complete data collection for their fieldwork. Many of our sports teams across the year groups have been in action this week with wins for boys' football in Years 7, 8, 9 and Sixth Form; Year 7 girls' football and U15 boys' rugby. The Year 11 football team won 1-0 last Friday in the 2nd round of the national cup against Thomas Bennett, round 3 is away to Bede's School in November. Thank you to all students who took part, and to the staff who organised these events.

Imberstars

Our first cohort of Imberstars across Years 7 and 11 have been announced. Ten students from each year group received their rewards either yesterday or today. Congratulations to each of our winners! There will be a new set of Imberstars next half term, so please encourage your child to look ahead and continue to make every effort in their academic work and extra-curricular activities.

Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and we want to work with you in educating children about online dangers. We are working with National Online Safety to provide resources for all parents and carers covering a huge range of topics, including online relationships, bullying, online challenges, social media platforms, age-inappropriate content, personal data, targeted adverts, games and trends.

To create a free account with National Online Safety to access their resources, please go to <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/imberhorne-school-upper-school> and select 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

To download their free app please go to

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

GooglePlay:<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>



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High School Musical

Rehearsals for our school production of High School Musical are now in full swing. If you are looking for high-quality live entertainment in the Chequer Mead Theatre, with all the joy and colour of a Disney production on stage, then do book your seats for the show. Performances are at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November, with a matinee performance at 2.30pm on Saturday 19th. Tickets cost £14 for adults and £8 for children, and can be booked on the theatre's website [here](#).

Are you interested in becoming our Clerk to the Governing Body?

We are looking for a person who can work as a Clerk for our Governing Body. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who has a good eye for detail, works well with others and who would relish the opportunity to work with our Governing Body. The main duties will be

- attending governing board meetings and committees, producing accurate, succinct minutes and an action log for each meeting
- building relationships with the Chair of Governors and Headteacher
- collating and distributing meeting papers using an agreed approach and within agreed timescales
- supporting the governing board to comply with relevant legislation and procedures
- keeping meticulous and accurate records

The expected number of hours across an academic year is 120, however for pay purposes the core hours are paid at 3.25 (3.15 hrs) per week. The rate of pay is £10.19 per hour. If you are interested, please email recruitment@imberhorne.co.uk

Vacancies

We have a number of other support staff vacancies. For full details, visit the '[Vacancies](#)' page on our website

'November Attender' Campaign

I have already written about the vital importance of your child's attendance. The impact on results and mental health of poor attendance is well known. In November we are running a series of initiatives in tutor time and assembly to promote excellent attendance, and the impact this has on your child's future. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school each day unless they are too ill to attend. Please contact your child's [Pastoral Support team](#) if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

Breakfast

A note to remind you that breakfast is available on both sites from 8.15 each morning. We offer juice and rolls to students in all year groups.

Merits

After half-term, the criteria for merits will be changed slightly to reflect the key skills of listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high leadership and teamwork. The merits will therefore link to character development.

Library monitors required

Mrs Brown our Library Supervisor is looking for some new Library Monitors. This is an opportunity for anyone who loves reading and/or would like something different to do at lunchtimes. In the past students have undertaken stock checks, labelling books by genre, restocking our stationery shop or checking stock against invoices when new orders come in, as well as general library duties. Students will be provided with a skip the queue pass for lunchtime on the day they help out. Application forms can be printed off or collected from the library.

Roadworks and Buses

Metrobus and West Sussex County Council have advised that due to roadworks at Felbridge from 31.10.22 until 11.11.22 there will be road closures which will affect the following Metrobus services:



624, 643, 281, 291

In the morning all the above services will not turn right out of Crawley Down following the normal route which passes Cuttinglye Road, continuing along the Crawley Down Road past Rowplatt Lane junction and on to Felbridge. The service will instead come into the village, serve the main village, and then return to Sandy Lane turning right to continue to the Dukes Head roundabout and then right at the roundabout following the A264 to Felbridge. The journey will reverse in the afternoon.

Students who normally board services at Cuttinglye Road and further along the Crawley Down Road do not have any public transport for the duration of the roadworks unless they are taken into Crawley Down village and are collected from the village. If you have any concerns, please visit the Metrobus website or contact the travel office on 01293 449191.

Would you like to find out about training to teach?

We work closely with the GLF Teaching School Hub, and they are holding an event for anyone who is interested in a career in teaching in either primary or secondary school and want to find out more. This is at 4.30pm on Thursday 3rd November in Epsom. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Word of the week

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| elucidate | verb | To make clear |
| He realised that he had confused them, and so he tried to elucidate his points. | | |

Finally, thank you for the many messages of support during my first half term as Headteacher. It is good to know that so many of you appreciate our work for your children. I wish you and your families a very restful Half Term break.

Yours faithfully

Mr Lee Walker
Headteacher



What's coming up...

Key dates for your diary



Week 9A

History Challenge Fortnight

Mon 31st

Tues 1st Nov

November Attendance Campaign Starts

Wed 2nd

Y11 Future Plans Interviews Start

Thurs 3rd

Y8 Art Gallery Trip 8Q,R,S
Y7 Drama Trip - The Famous Five

Fri 4th

Y7 Progress Reports Published

Week 10B

Maths Challenge Fortnight

Mon 7th

Y8 Art Gallery Trip 8T,U,V

Tues 8th

Y8 Art Gallery Trip 8W,X,Y
Y11 Skills Day
Student Council Meeting

Y13 BTEC Performing Arts Tour Starts
Y7 'Sussex Safer Roads' Roadshow

Wed 9th

Thur 10th

Early School Closure at 2.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening 4.30 - 7.30pm
Y7 Virtual Parent/Tutor Evening

Fri 11th

Y7 'Sussex Safer Roads' Roadshow