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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Even though we have only been at school for four days this week, we have packed a great deal in.

Firstly, we are celebrating some terrific sporting successes. Our Year 10 rugby team enjoyed a 54-5 win against Downlands School on Tuesday. The Year 8 football team played Downlands yesterday and won 5-2. Many congratulations to both teams on this terrific start to the season. Our swimmers were also in action at the Sussex Schools' gala, and there were some notable successes here too. We are awaiting the final overall results and I will share these next week.

The Futures Briefing for parents and carers of Year 13 students took place on Tuesday evening, with talks on Student Finance, UCAS application and apprenticeships. There were a wealth of hints and tips for parents whose sons and daughters are embarking on their final year at school and finalising their plans for the next stage of their educational journey. Many thanks to all staff involved in this event and to the parents and carers who attended.

I have enjoyed meeting students from Key Stages 4 and 5 this week to hear about their experiences of the school – what they like and what they think could make their experience even better. This week we have spoken about diverse topics including the curriculum, school buildings and bus routes. My aim is to use the feedback I take from these weekly meetings, as well as the feedback from members of the Student Council, to help develop the school for the future.

Open Evening – Thursday 29th September

We are looking forward to welcoming families with children in Year 6 to our Open Evening next Thursday. The evening runs from 4.30-7.30, and both sites will be open during the evening. Families will be able to find out about each subject area in our curriculum, our facilities and extra-curricular opportunities, and will have the chance to meet current students and staff. There will be an introductory talk from me, Dr Barr and Year 7 students at 5.30 and 6.30 in the Main Hall at Upper School. Please do pass on these details to any families who might be interested. Further details are on our [website](#).

Please remember that the school day ends for students at 12.20 on Thursday because of Open Evening.

Transport arrangements for Thursday 29th September Early finish at 12.20pm

Metrobus Services

- Metrobus services 638, 648, 643, will all operate as normal at 12.20pm.
- Metrobus service 281 – will operate but the stops are Gardenwood Road 1.15pm and Felbridge Hotel at 1.21pm
- Metrobus service 291 – will operate calling at the London Road stop near the Lingfield Roundabout at 12.44pm and continues to Felbridge for 12.51pm
- 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, 24X7 Minibus, Lingfield Minibus.

Southdown Services

- Southdown service 236 – will operate at 1.42pm for students going back to Lingfield and Dormansland calling the stop opposite Lower School.

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Inset Day – Friday 30th September

Next Friday is an Inset Day for staff training. The school is closed to students on this day.

WhatsApp

We are aware that some students in Year 7 are using WhatsApp to set up group chats for their tutor groups. Please remember that the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is **16 years old**. They should also be aware that in group chats, people who are not in their contacts will be able to see all the messages and send them messages. If your child is 16 or over and uses WhatsApp to communicate, please talk to them to ensure that the content, security measures and messages are appropriate. A guide for parents of students who are 16 or over on the safe and appropriate use of WhatsApp can be found in the links below:

WhatsApp Terms of Service [link](#) WhatsApp Privacy Policy [link](#)

Parent Forum

This will take place on Tuesday 27th September from 5.30-6.30 in the Main Hall at Imberhorne Lane. The Parent Forum is an opportunity for you to hear about our vision, our key priorities and also to give your feedback. There is still time to sign up for this if you have not already done so – please click [here](#)

Year 11 Careers Interviews

Next week we begin our one-to-one interviews with Year 11 students. The aim is to help them understand the options available to them post-16, and to signpost where they can find further information about their next steps. Further information and guidance on careers education at Imberhorne School can be found on our [website](#).

Year 8 Essential Information Evening

Please note that we have moved the date for the Year 8 Essential Information Evening from Thursday 6th October to Thursday 19th October.

High School Musical – School Show Update – 17th to 19th November

I am very much looking forward to seeing our production of High School Musical at Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead from 17th to 19th November. The show starts at 7:30pm each evening and there is an additional show on Saturday 19th November at 2:30pm. Tickets are £14 or £8 for under 18s. Please do come along and see what promises to be a very special show. Tickets can be booked at the Chequer Mead website [here](#).

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Lead Learning Support Assistant (closing Monday 3rd October)
- Exam Invigilators (closing Monday 31st October)

Further information can be found here: <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/support-staff-vacancies>

Word of the Week

explain	verb	To make clear; to show clear cause or reason
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With best wishes,

Lee Walker
Headteacher

Attachment: Key Dates 5A & 6B



What's coming up...

Key dates for your diary



Week 5A

English Challenge Fortnight

Mon 26th

Y7 Student Music Assembly - Period 5

Tues 27th

Parent Forum, Imberhorne Lane 5.30pm

Wed 28th

Thurs 29th

Early School Closure 12.20pm
Open Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Fri 30th

INSET DAY
Sat 1st to Mon 3rd Oct - Silver DofE Expedition

Week 6B

English Challenge Fortnight

Mon 3rd Oct

Tues 4th

Y11 R.E. Full Course Enrichment Day
Senior Maths Challenge

Wed 5th

Y9 Geography Field Trip - Docklands 9W,X,Y
Y10 Theatre Trip - Dear Evan Hansen

Thur 6th

Y9 Geography Field Trip - Docklands 9T,U,V

Fri 7th

Y9 Geography Field Trip - Docklands 9Q,R,S
Y11 Reward Trip - Thorpe Park