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1st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday I visited a range of Sixth Form enrichment courses we have on offer. I observed singing in the Musical Theatre group, Spaghetti Bolognese being prepared in the Food Technology rooms, potentially life-saving training in CPR, yoga, and even investment in stocks and shares. This is just a small selection of what is on offer for Sixth Form in enrichment afternoon. They provide an excellent opportunity to develop new skills and widen personal horizons alongside our academic curriculum.

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our 'Working in Education Taster Session' today. Dr Barr presented information about routes into Learning Support Assistant and Study Supervisor roles. If you are interested in finding out more, but were not able to attend today, please contact Dr Barr on cbarr@imberhorne.co.uk

Christmas in Our Community Campaign 2022 - Gift Some Christmas Chocolate

We are working in partnership with West Sussex Childrens' Services to ensure that children living in care settings in our local area receive a gift from an Imberhorne student.

Thank you to all those who have donated a Christmas chocolate gift this year by today's deadline. We will ensure that they are delivered with suitable messages and cards from our students.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Art and Health & Social Care examinations have been taking place this week. There are more mock examinations taking place from Wednesday 7th December to Friday 16th December. The timetable is attached with this letter and can also be found on our website here.

Seating plans are displayed on the exam noticeboard outside the Year 11 Head of Year office, along with equipment lists. Please help us and your child to achieve their potential in the exams by ensuring they have a clear pencil case, ruler, pens and pencils, clear water bottle, basic maths equipment and the recommended scientific calculator for their Science and Business exams.

I wish Year 11 all the very best of luck in their mock examinations.

Year 13 Consultation evening

Year 13 parents and carers are warmly invited to the consultation evening on Thursday 8th December. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers and discuss current progress. The evening takes place online, via SchoolCloud, and you can book your appointments here.

Thursday 8th December – Compressed day

Following our normal procedure for consultation evenings, assemblies will be cancelled and all lessons on both sites will start at 8.40am. The school day will therefore finish for all students at 2.30pm.









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Travel arrangements have been made as follows for students who catch school coaches/buses and taxis:

- School coach service **903**, **E579**, **905** 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: 638, 643, 648, 281 at 2.30pm.
- Metrobus 624 will call at school at 3.00pm, 291 will call at Felbridge at 2.51pm, 400 will call at Felbridge at 3.26pm.
- Southdown PSV service **236** service will also run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

Parents and carers are, of course, able to collect their son/daughter from school at 2.30pm.

If there are any difficulties with these arrangements, please inform your child's Head of Year as soon as possible.

Reading - Parent Survey

The far-reaching benefits of reading have been well documented. We know that regularly reading for pleasure has a positive impact on academic progress. Recent research increasingly shows reading supports our mental well-being and develops important attributes such as empathy. DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) has been part of life at Lower School for a number of years now. The vast majority of students tell us that it has had a positive impact on their reading habits, and anecdotally parents have said the same. As part of our continued focus on reading and literacy skills, we would like to gather parent and carer views. Please complete the Google Form survey by following this link: https://forms.gle/eJuFWVJ1UkYKgir68

Thank you in advance for completing this short survey.

Year Group Christmas Lunches

We are looking forward to each year group having its own designated Christmas Lunch Day, on which we will serve Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing & Gravy (a vegetarian alternative will be available), Ice-Cream and Orange Juice.

The days are as follows:

Year 10 - Monday 5th December

Year 11 - Tuesday 6th December

Year 7 – Monday 12th December

Year 8 – Tuesday 13th December

Year 9 - Wednesday 14th December

There will be no other hot food available to order via the food app on these days, all other food and snacks will be available. The cost of the Christmas Lunch will be $\pounds 3.50$ and payable via ParentPay, please ensure there are sufficient funds for your child to have the Christmas Lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the cost of the Christmas Lunch will be covered.

For Year 10 and Year 11 ONLY, a Google Form was sent to them individually for them to order their Christmas Lunch. This form has now closed.

Current vacancies

We have a number of support staff vacancies –

Clerk to Governors Learning Support Assistants Study Supervisors



<u>Here</u> is a link to our website where you will find further detail on these roles and the application documents.

We also have a vacancy for a Temporary Teacher of Mathematics. <u>Here</u> is a link for more information.

Word of the week

nonchalant	adj.	coolly unconcerned, indifferent, or unexcited; casual
She waited her turn for the audition, trying to look as nonchalant as possible.		

Yours faithfully

Mr L Walker Headteacher

Attached: Key Dates Week 14 & 15

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable