



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

Compassion  
Achievement  
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*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

June 2019

## Ref: Celebrating 60 years with a big school reunion event on 14 September 1pm-11pm

Dear Parents/Carers

This September marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Imberhorne Lane site opening. We know that for a number of our families, Imberhorne has welcomed several generations through its doors, with many of our current students following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents! As such we would like to let you know about the big reunion event we are organising and to invite any former students (over 18) to join us on Saturday 14 September.

### History

When the site opened in 1959 it was a stylish, modern construction for the town and operated, as a secondary modern school, independently of the Windmill Lane site (formerly the County Grammar School) for a number of years.



[Note the reference to the by-pass in the image above from the East Grinstead Courier, September 1959!]

The two sites eventually merged in 1970 as Imberhorne Comprehensive School, with the lower years based on the Windmill Lane site and the older years taught at the Imberhorne Lane site – a tradition that continues to this day. Over the last six decades, five Headteachers have led the school, including Mr Brown who took over in 2013.



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[The photographs above featured in the new comprehensive school prospectus in 1970]

### **The reunion event**

On Saturday 14 September, we are holding a momentous school reunion event: Dancing Through the Decades! This is a fabulous opportunity for generations of ex-students to revisit the site, meet old classmates along with former members of staff, and celebrate their magical memories of the school.

The event will run between 1pm and 11pm, with music, dancing, refreshments, memory boards and more! We hope it will provide a wonderful opportunity for friends to be reunited.

### **Book your tickets**

Are you a former student? If you've been thinking about organising a reunion for a while, then we've taken all the work out of it for you – and you get to meet back where it all started! Simply contact old friends and share the details.

Tickets for the event are on sale at [www.buytickets.at/imberhorne](http://www.buytickets.at/imberhorne) or from Martell's and Greenaway Residential on the London Road, East Grinstead. The early bird price of £15 runs until 10 July (£20 after that and £25 on the door). Disabled parking and tours of the school can also be booked online.

We would also encourage you to join our alumni page on Facebook where you can share your memories and photos: [www.facebook.com/imberhornealumni/](https://www.facebook.com/imberhornealumni/).

### **Join our alumni network**

To inspire and develop current and future cohorts of students, we are eager to build our alumni network. While we enjoy fabulous careers support from the local business community, home-grown talent adds an extra dimension to help raise aspirations even further. Please complete our online form at <https://forms.gle/myPY4G4HQ4tseh9N8>.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs Nikki Burch**  
**Fundraising and Partnerships Manager**

CALLING ALL FORMER IMBERHORNE STUDENTS AND STAFF!

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

SATURDAY  
14 SEPTEMBER  
1PM TO 11PM

IMBERHORNE  
SCHOOL  
REUNION

1959-2019

60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

It's 60 years since our Imberhorne Lane site opened – get some friends together and come and celebrate!

LICENCED BAR ☆ FOOD VENDORS ☆ CAKE STALL  
DJS ☆ PHOTO BOARDS ☆ SCHOOL TOURS

**VENUE: IMBERHORNE SCHOOL**  
Imberhorne Lane, East Grinstead,  
RH19 1QY (disabled parking available)

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**EARLY BIRD TICKETS: £15 –**  
**BOOK BY 10 JULY** (£20 thereafter,  
£25 on the door). Buy tickets at  
[www.buytickets.at/imberhorne](http://www.buytickets.at/imberhorne)  
or from Martell's on London Road