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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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12th September 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Essential Information for Year 7 Parents – Thursday 19th September

I am delighted to invite you to our Essential Information evening for Year 7 Parents and Carers on Thursday 19th September at Windmill Lane. Year 7 students are not expected to attend as the information given is intended for parents and carers.

The main presentation, led by Headteacher Mr Brown, will be in the Main Hall at 6.30pm. We strongly recommend that you attend this presentation to obtain essential information regarding your child's progress through Year 7. Towards the end of the presentation, our Network Manager, Mr Melmoe, will introduce you to SIMS Online; an electronic system allowing you to see up to date information about your child, including homework. If you have an older child in the school, you will be familiar with its predecessor 'SIMS Learning Gateway'. We are confident that this new system is much more user-friendly as it is accessible via both a web browser and the new SIMS Parent App.

There will also be other *optional* sessions run by other members of staff before the presentation that you may wish to attend. They are as follows:

- **How To Support Your Child To Achieve Their Potential And Beyond** – Mr Turner will introduce the concept of growth mindset and how this can make all the difference to achievement.
- **Friendship and Emotional Issues When Starting Secondary School** – Many young people feel anxiety and struggle to cope with change. Mrs Yates (Inclusion Manager) and members of our pastoral team will take you through strategies and ideas that you can use with your child when the going gets tough!
- **E-Safety** – Miss McCusker will explain how you can ensure that your children are using the internet safely and minimise risk online.
- **Reading at Home** – This workshop will introduce some of the strategies we use to encourage and develop students as readers. Whether your child is a 'reluctant reader' or a more confident reader, we aim to offer some tips to help support and develop their reading at home.

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5.20pm-5.50pm	Friendship and emotional issues when starting at secondary school	How to support your child to achieve their potential and beyond	E-Safety and Using The Internet	Reading at Home
5.55pm-6.25pm	Friendship and emotional issues when starting at secondary school	How to support your child to achieve their potential and beyond	E-Safety and Using The Internet	Reading at Home
6.30pm	Headteacher's Presentation in the Main Hall			

There will be limited spaces available in the optional sessions and we therefore ask that you book your place(s) if you wish to attend.

To book:

- Visit our school website at www.imberhorne.co.uk and click on the "Parents" tab
- Click "Online Services"
- Scroll down to the "Parents' Evening System" section and click "Login to Parents' Evening System"
- Please complete the information requested to login. There is no username/password required, just enter your details together with your child's legal name and date of birth
- Follow the remaining on screen instructions
- Online Bookings will open on Wednesday 11th September at 9.00am and will close on Thursday 19th September at 9.00am.

Should you have any issues accessing the system or booking workshop sessions, please contact our IT Support Team on 01342 310989 or email itsupport@imberhorne.co.uk

On the evening, we ask that you report to the Main Reception at Windmill Lane to sign in and you will be directed to the correct venue for each of the sessions. I will be available all evening should you wish to discuss anything and I look forward to seeing you on the 19th September.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Friend
Head of Year 7