



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term.

I very much enjoyed meeting so many of last year's Year 13 students at their Certificate Presentation Evening on Thursday 4th January. They had a good deal to tell us about their progress since leaving Imberhorne in the Summer, and it is gratifying to hear how well they are doing at university, on apprenticeship, gap year or otherwise. Huge thanks to our Town Mayor for sharing his thoughts about how they can make the most of their futures, before presenting their certificates and congratulating them on their A-Level achievement.

Many thanks too to the East Grinstead Rugby Club, who came into school last Friday to meet with some of the students who went to Tanzania in October Half Term, and present the school with a donation which will help towards supporting student hardship and student wellbeing in school, as well as a donation to Champion Chanzige to continue their great work with young people in Tanzania.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the new staff who have joined us at the start of this term:

- Miss Beswick – Learning Support Assistant
- Mrs Brinkhurst – Teacher of Dance
- Mrs Ferguson – Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Hunt – Science Technician

Year 9 Options

During this term, Year 9 students will be invited to state their preferences for courses they would like to follow in Years 10 and 11. Key dates are as follows:

- Week beginning 15th January – Y9 students work through options activities with their Form Tutor.
- Thursday 25th January – Year 9 Parents Evening.
- Thursday 7th February – Year 9 Options Briefing and Subject Fair for parents/carers and Year 9 students.

Year 11 – Important Information

- Students are receiving their mock results in tutor time on Monday 15th January.
- Year 11 reports are released on Bromcom on the same day.
- Year 11 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 18th January, from 3.30pm – 7.30pm. Appointments can be booked online [here](#). Year 11 parents and carers – please take this opportunity to hear from your child's teachers about the next steps they should take to achieve success in their Summer examinations, and how you can support them in this.

Early closure – Thursday 18th January

Please note that due to the Year 11 Parents Evening, the school day will finish at 2.30pm next Thursday. Travel arrangements are as follows:

- School coach service **903, 905, E579** and all taxis/minibuses are able to collect from **Imberhorne Lane** their relevant sites at 2.30pm.



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- The following Metrobus services will also run their usual route: **638, 643, 648, 281** at this time. Please note that the **624 and 84 services cannot operate at 2.30pm** and will therefore run as a normal school day finish.
- Southdown PSV service **236** service will run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

Year 12 Information Evening

This will now take place at 7pm in the Di Gasson Studio, Imberhorne Lane on Monday 15th January, having been postponed because of the snow last Monday.

Year 13 Mock examinations

These take place next week, and I send my best wishes to all Year 13 students for success in these examinations.

Adverse weather – possible school closures

Please see below a reminder of our procedure in the case of adverse weather:

If any of the arrangements to the school day must be changed or, in extreme circumstances, if the school is to be closed, announcements will be given via the school website and our Social Media pages. If the weather conditions have deteriorated overnight, we aim to post the information by 07:00 am.

In the morning if a school bus/coach is more than 30 minutes late please advise your son/daughter to go home and, if possible, make alternative arrangements to get into school providing it is safe to do so. If this is not possible, please telephone or email the school.

We would also ask that in poor weather all students are dressed appropriately for the expected frost or snow. Students should wear suitable footwear for walking through ice and/or snow, changing into normal shoes on arrival at school. Should any problems arise through the school day, announcements will be made via Bromcom and on our website. Through close liaison with bus companies, our aim is to ensure that students have the means to get back home safely.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unclear with any of the advice given above.

Clubs and activities

A full list of the clubs and activities available for students is available on our website [here](#). Please encourage your child to start the new year by joining a club or activity – perhaps something they have never tried before or an interest they wish to develop further. There are a huge range of different activities taking place at lunchtime or after school and these are an excellent way to develop learning and confidence, meet new friends and have fun.

Open 2 Music at Imberhorne School

'Open 2 Music' is an instrumental music service providing tuition in schools since 2007. They will be at Imberhorne this term and offer free taster lessons in different musical instruments in school during January. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please see the attached flyer. [Attach flyer](#)

Word of the week

animosity	noun	A feeling of strong dislike or ill-will
There was no animosity between the two sisters.		