



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

Compassion

Achievement

Respect

Endeavour

*The cornerstones of our
learning community*

19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Year 7 students were all given the opportunity to experience what the West Sussex Music Service has to offer. We care very deeply about the Arts and are very lucky to have a wide range of opportunities for students to learn an instrument and participate in performances. As a school, we would always urge any students mulling this over to take up the opportunity. You will have had a separate letter from Mr Williams with all of the details about in-school music lessons, and in some cases we are able to support the cost for families. Please contact Mr Williams directly if you have any questions.

Next week, Year 7 students will complete their CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests) . These are not tests that can be revised for and nothing for students to worry about. They are a set of national standardised assessments that are taken by thousands of Year 7 students every year across the country to help us to learn a bit more about the student strengths and where we need to further support and challenge them. The tests do not have any adjustments as they are meant to test what students can achieve in the time allotted. They will sit them in tutor groups and you will have been shared the details in a separate letter by Mrs Best.

We wished our intrepid group of Silver DofE students well on their practice expedition on Thursday of this week. The group were so successful on their Bronze expedition last year that we are sure they will have a fantastic time and come back with a great sense of achievement and camaraderie. We are especially thankful to Dr Hall for her tireless work and gargantuan efforts to put these opportunities in place for students, and to all of her staff helpers and leaders, without whom these expeditions would not be possible.

On Monday of this week (15/9) it was International Day of Democracy. Ms Marlborough has given assemblies to all year groups on the topic and its importance in a febrile and changeable political climate. She focused specifically on the comments of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, who highlighted *"the courage of people everywhere who are shaping their societies through dialogue, participation, and trust"* and stated that these efforts are more vital than ever *"at a time when democracy and the rule of law are under assault from disinformation, division, and shrinking civic space."* It is so important for our students to engage with politics and be questioning, active citizens who can advocate for themselves. Our new school Vision and Values underline this, especially our focus on community, inclusion, respect and relationships. We will continue to speak to students across the year about democracy and how this sits within our school culture so that everyone is able to feel safe in discussing the messages they are receiving and are supported to analyse and evaluate these so that they are empowered to form and express their own opinions in a way that does not harm others.

A reminder that for our Open Evening next Thursday we will be closing to students at 12.20pm. Details of the school transport service can be found below:

Metrobus will be operating the following services at 12.20pm on our last day of term:
281, 624, 638, 643, 648

Imberhorne Lane

East Grinstead

West Sussex

RH19 1QY

Tel: 01342 323562

E-Mail: info@imberhorne.co.uk

www.imberhorne.co.uk





The 903 and E579 Turbostyle services, Lingfield Minibus, 905 minibus and taxis etc are all also operating currently.

The 84 to Sharpthorne and West Hoathly - will not call at Imberhorne Lane, but can be boarded at East Grinstead Station 12.39pm - if your son/daughter needs to get this service please speak to their Head of Year as they will need to leave a little earlier.

The services to Lingfield and Dormansland are as follows:

The 281 – leaves 13.05 from Felbridge Hotel heading towards East Grinstead and 13.14 at East Grinstead Station

The 409 – leaves at 12.47 from Baldwins Hill heading towards Lingfield only

Food Bank

A reminder of the Harvest appeal for the East Grinstead Food Bank, below is this list of items they most need and the link to donate financially. Please bring any donations to Reception at either site:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned custard/rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Coffee
- Long-life (UHT) milk
- Long-life fruit juice
- Instant mashed potato
- Microwave rice

eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/harvest-appeal/.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting Success

U13 RUGBY

Hayes school 15 : 45 Imberhorne

The year 8 boys travelled to Hayes for their 1st fixture of the year, against a school that beat us last season. Seb M captained a side that included the returning Alex H-S, who missed much of last season and he was keen to make up for lost time, playing in the second row. He carried the ball well into contact, created more line breaks than any other player, tackled well and was rewarded with 2 tries and the player of the match award. Our backs tried to play expansive rugby, the forwards put a shift in, but we looked a little rusty – with a little hard work at training, I'm sure these boys will be in a good position to take on Sackville at the Friday Nights Lights event on the 26th September. See you all there!

Captain: Seb M

Player of the match: Alex H-S

Scorers: Jonjo O'G, James P (2), Zaiyn A, Josh H, Carter P, Alex H-S, Seb M(2)

Words by Mr Byrne.

Judo

Congratulations to Morgan Baker in Year 7 who won a Gold medal at the British Minors Judo Championships in Wales over the summer holidays.

Morgan now holds the titles of British Minors Heavyweight Champion and British Schools Year 6 and 7 Heavyweight Champion. We look forward to tracking Morgan's progress and success going forwards from here!