



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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**Compassion**  
**Achievement**  
**Respect**  
**Endeavour**

*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Activities Week begins on Monday. There are a fantastic array of activities and opportunities for students in Years 7-9, including Hands on History, Oracy, Film and Blog writing, Metrobank Workshop, Bake Off, Climbing, Street Dance and School Campaign. Students in Year 7 will visit Blacklands, Year 8 have their three-day trip to France (La Grande Découverte), and most of Year 9 will be on Challenge at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. I hope these experiences will help our students challenge themselves, learn new things and create lifelong memories.

Year 10 will be out on work experience and have booked themselves into a wide range of placements, which will open new doors for them and widen their learning about the world of work. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported in any way – providing placements, encouraging your child to make new contacts or just simply ensuring they have taken the initiative in setting up their work experience.

Year 12 are taking their mock examinations next week, and I send my best wishes for these.

### **Athletics Success**

Well done to the 34 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 who represented Imberhorne School at the Reg Clark Games Athletics Competition. They were a credit to themselves and the school. We had a huge number of first places and 90% of our students made the final in their event. Our junior boys set an area record for the 4x100 relay. Congratulations to our talented athletes.

### **Summer Holiday Music Lessons and Workshops**

Sussex Academy of Music are offering online holiday music lessons and workshops - on piano, guitar, drums and vocals. These may be of interest to your child if they are looking to make progress with their music over the summer break. Further information can be found on the Academy website (<https://sammusicservice.com/schools>) and there is more detail in the attached letter.

### **Uniform for Activities Week**

In light of the fact it is Activities Week, students who are in school should wear PE kit each day next week.

Students who are on any of the trips should note the dress requirements for that particular activity.

### **Strike Days**

The NEU have announced two further days of industrial action on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. The first of those days is our Induction Day for Year 6 students which we are planning to go ahead with. I will send a separate letter detailing our further plans for both days once we have completed the necessary contingency planning.

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### Keeping children safe online over the summer – information for parents

Attached is some information from a company called Safety Net about how to keep your children safe online over the Summer holidays. It is a timely reminder of the key messages about internet safety, including online gaming and social media, and how to set parental controls.

### Vacancies – Pastoral Support Assistant

**We are looking to appoint a Pastoral Support Assistant.** This role provides support for the Head of Year. Pastoral Support Assistants play a crucial role in providing comprehensive pastoral support to students in a year group. They are responsible for addressing the day-to-day concerns of students, parents, and staff members, ensuring a positive and inclusive school environment. This role involves handling parental enquiries, supervising students, assisting with administrative tasks, and supporting the overall well-being of students through mentoring and behavioural management. If any parents or carers are interested in finding out more and applying for the role, please see the job details on our website.

### Word of the Week

opulent	Adjective	Wealthy, rich, affluent
The business tycoon spends much of his day relaxing in his <b>opulent</b> mansion.		

### Word of the Week - Headteacher's Postcard Challenge

I am challenging students from any year group to write a postcard which sounds like it was sent from a location in Britain or further afield and contains **at least three** words of the week from the year so far (see list below). The postcard must sound 'real' – ie it should read like a real postcard and not have lots of unconnected sentences with words of the week in them. **Students should underline the words of the week in the postcard. All entries must reach the school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – and be handed in to Reception at either site.** There will be prizes and certificates for the most imaginative entries.

elucidate	verb	to make clear
ostentatious	adj.	an attempt to impress others
decorum	noun	dignified propriety of behaviour, speech, dress
judicious	adj.	using or showing judgment; wise; sensible
convey	verb	to carry, bring, or take from one place to another; to make known
nonchalant	adj.	coolly unconcerned, indifferent, or unexcited; casual
ravenous	adj.	extremely hungry; intensely eager for gratification or satisfaction
analyse	verb	separate into parts or elements; to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results
integral	noun	relating to, or belonging as a part of the whole; necessary to the completeness of the whole
evaluate	verb	to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of
encapsulate	verb	to place in a capsule; to summarize or condense.
palpable	adj.	readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived; capable of being touched
quintessential	Adj.	relating to the most perfect embodiment of something; pure and essential essence of something
efficacy	noun	the ability to produce a desired or intended result.
inherent	adj.	existing something as a permanent and inseparable element, quality, or attribute



evoke	Verb	bring or recall (a feeling, memory, or image) to the conscious mind.
justify	Verb	to defend or uphold as warranted or well-grounded
suggest	Verb	to mention or introduce an idea, proposition, plan for consideration or possible action
equity	noun	the quality of being fair or impartial

Yours faithfully  
Mr Lee Walker

Attached:  
Summer Holiday Music Lessons  
Online Safety  
Key Dates Weeks 37 & 38