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24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Each day, members of the Leadership Team carry out 'on tours' at both sites, where we visit as many lessons as we can to observe learning. There is such a terrific range to see, and I have been particularly struck this week by:

- A Year 9 Science lesson with 'breathing' plants.
- Walls being built in a Year 11 Construction lesson.
- In-depth debate about the politics of language in Year 12 English.
- Year 9 dramatists exploring farce through their study of Michael Frayn.
- Year 11 Health and Social care students planning and delivering a health promotion campaign, with their superbly detailed board displays all around the classroom.

We all agree that being 'on tour' is a real pleasure and one of the many privileges of school leadership.

Thanks to the vision, skill and endeavour of our site team and Art department, A Level Photography students will soon be able to enjoy their own darkroom facilities. A small room which had been used for storage has been transformed into a fully functioning darkroom. The facilities look extremely professional, especially as we have had a hugely generous donation of equipment from a local College. Good luck for the grand opening next week!

Your support this week for ensuring that students are not wearing ½ zips, tech fleeces or hoodies (except Imberhorne hoodies), at school is very much appreciated. This has been extremely well observed by students this week, as has the rule about coats not being worn inside classrooms, toilets, meeting rooms, offices, wet break/wet lunch break areas, or while students are sitting in the canteen.

Thank you for your messages of support and encouragement for our staff which are always a pleasure to read. I would like to remind parents of the importance of communicating with all staff in a civil and polite manner. Abusive and aggressive behaviour from parents, in person or via email, will not be tolerated. Our policy on this can be found on the website.

Reminders – the week ahead

- Please remember that school is **closed to students this coming Monday 27th November** (Disaggregated Inset Day).
- Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening takes place this Thursday (30th November) from 3.30-7.30pm.

Due to the parent consultation evening on Thursday 30th November please remember that it is a compressed day and will finish for students at 2.30pm.

Travel arrangements have been made as follows for students who catch school coaches/buses and taxis:

• School coach service **903**, **905**, **E579** and all taxis/minibuses are able to collect students at 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 <u>cannot</u> 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 Linafield/Dormansland.

Parents/carers are also welcome to collect their son/daughter if they wish at 2.30pm.

Key Dates

For forthcoming events and key dates, please refer to the calendar on our website. http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/calendar

Webinar - How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

The next Elevate webinar, entitled **How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child** takes place on 28th November at 6:00pm. These are very popular and highly informative (as well as being FREE). Book your place <u>here.</u>

West Sussex Disability register

Do you have a young person in your family aged between 0-25 who has a disability? If so, you are invited to sign up to the West Sussex Disability Register. Signing up will mean that you can:

- Help influence services and plan events
- Receive regular eNewsletters with local events, activities and information
- Access discounts on local and national attractions
- Find out about free specialist library resources

Further information is on the attached flyer. You can sign up here: westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister

Word of the week

mora or mic meen		adj Perceptible by the senses, especially the sense of touch
tangible	adj	Perceptible by the senses, especially the sense of touch
As we walked al	As we walked along the cliff edge, the sense of fear was almost tangible .	

Yours faithfully

Mr Lee Walker Headteacher