



High Achieving Student Provision

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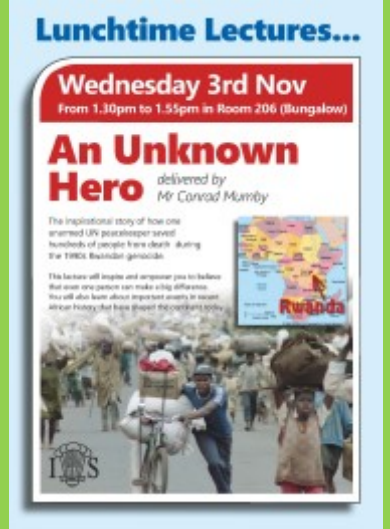
How do we further support and develop our high achieving students?

Students in our high achieving cohort are initially identified from a mix of Year 7 and primary school data and testing. However, as joint coordinators for high achieving students at Imberhorne, we feel that any student who demonstrates higher than expected progress, along with a great attitude to learning, can be a high achiever. This means that the opportunity for students to apply and challenge themselves is always open, whatever their starting point. Indeed, we have seen students starting on a low flight path at Key Stage 3 go on to achieve exceptional things.

Teachers at Imberhorne School work to stretch and challenge our students across all lessons and we regularly share good practice and successes in our regular Continued Personal Development (CPD) sessions. This provision ranges from ‘Challenge’ tasks or questions to stimulate students to think critically and develop higher level skills.



Beyond the classroom, the high achieving provision includes a programme of Subject Challenge Fortnights, where each department designs a range of enrichment projects that students can choose to complete in their own time. All tasks are open to all students, but this is an idea that is really aimed at high achievers being able to extend their learning with independent research and creative projects. A selection of the best challenge projects are showcased in the annual Imberhorne School magazine ‘Beyond’.



We also run a ‘masterclass’ series of specialist subject lectures, delivered by a mix of Imberhorne staff and outside speakers at lunchtimes. The aim of these lectures is to stimulate students’ thinking and offer them a taste of learning beyond school, which may help prepare them for future courses and interviews.



In addition, we run a lunchtime debating club at Imberhorne Lane, combined with coaching in public speaking for small groups of selected students. These activities feed into our preparation for the Rotary Club public speaking competition, which our Year 8 team won this year, beating teams from Worth and Sackville. In May, we will be hosting a debating competition with Sackville School, involving Key Stages 4 and 5 students.

For further reading, visit our website page for [High Achiever Provision](#) or contact Ms J Hughes jhughes@imberhorne.co.uk or Mrs S Latchman slatchman@imberhorne.co.uk