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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We are three weeks in to term, and I am very pleased to have this opportunity to write to you. Teachers are continuing to award achievement points in abundance and some Year 7 students have already reached double figures, which is a fantastic achievement so early on in the year. Furthermore, some tutor groups have already gained over 300 achievement points which reflects what a great start to Imberhorne they have made and that they are coming to school with the right attitude to learning. The extra-curricular clubs are in full flow so if they have not joined anything please can you ask them to consider attending as I would like to see all Year 7 students attend at least one club a week.

Each year we produce a list of key dates for the coming academic year and these can be found on our website under Dates/Key Dates. We do feel it is worth checking these dates to ensure you can plan ahead and anticipate reports and Consultation Evenings. If your son/daughter then forgets to pass on information, you can help him/her with reminders! Letters sent out by the school are also displayed on our website.

We are very keen to ensure our homework policy is carefully followed. If you have any concerns, please discuss these with the relevant subject teacher or their form tutor. A list of your child's teachers can be found at the bottom of their timetable. To email them directly, use their first initial followed by surname @imberhorne.co.uk For example:
gfriend@imberhorne.co.uk

I am very excited about the upcoming Transformation Days in early October. Please refer to my earlier email for information on this. These days will be a great opportunity to forge new friendships within tutor groups, whilst promoting a sense of teamwork.

I appreciate there have been a lot of costs at the start of the year. I think it is helpful to be aware that in July, during Activities Week, the whole year group will be visiting Blacklands Farm for a team building day; they will also have a visit from the "Hands on History" team. These events will cost approximately £30. In addition, there will be a one-day Geography trip which will cost approximately £20. As all of these visits are outdoor based, they have to be timetabled close to each other in the summer term which unfortunately results in a number of requests for money at the same time.

I am sure you are aware that good attendance is important at school. It is no surprise that all the research shows that students who have more than 10 days off school in a year (50 lessons) struggle to reach their potential. Time off school not only affects students' learning, but knocks their confidence and make them more anxious about returning to school. It is important to note that we do not authorise holidays taken during term time.

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In order to reduce disruption to your child's learning, we would ask that, where possible, medical appointments are made during the school holidays. We appreciate this is not always feasible so would ask that term time appointments are made either early in the morning, so that your child is in school by the beginning of lesson 1 which starts at 8.55am, or after 2.30pm. This will reduce disruption and ensure your child attends as many lessons as possible throughout the year.

I look forward to meeting you at the various events during the year particularly the Merit Assembly in November. Form tutors will be available on that morning if you wish to catch up with them. If you have any queries during the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Friend

Head of Year 7