



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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learning community*

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We are over four weeks in to term, and I am very pleased to have this opportunity to write to you and let you know that I have had some really positive feedback from staff about how well they have started the year. The students have demonstrated a willingness to settle well and to positively engage with their studies. In addition, their standards of conduct and personal presentation are proving to be an excellent example for the new Year 7s to follow.

Year 8 is an exciting year for the students and I would urge you to encourage your child to make the most of the opportunities on offer. Last year I introduced a 'graduation' criteria checklist for students to work towards completing. This involved the students participating in a number of activities, both individually and as part of their form, which they gained recognition for at the end of the year. This was very successful and we will continue to build on this in Year 8 and look forward to celebrating with you at the end of the year. I will be explaining more about this at our upcoming 'Briefing Evening' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, which I hope to see as many of you as possible at. One feature of a good year group is how keen the students are to take part in the school's extended learning activities and to attend school events throughout the year. Having seen the enthusiasm last year for all the clubs, sports events, the Christmas disco, and the end of term activities at Blacklands, I trust that this will be continued. I am already excited about the French trip at the end of Year 8 – my aim is for every single student to attend that trip!

I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child has the correct equipment for school and is up to date with homework assignments. Being fully organised for each day is imperative for good learning. May I also thank you for your support in helping us to maintain high standards of uniform. Please refer to the school website should you need clarification of our updated uniform policy.

I believe that Imberhorne School is at its best when there is clear communication between the school, the parent/carer and student. As such, I would encourage you to contact your son/daughter's form tutor, in the first instance, if you have any concerns about your child. I am also available to help with queries or other wider issues pertinent to the school.

I must urge you to send your child to school daily. I know this is not always possible when children are genuinely ill but absences from school have been proven to have a detrimental effect, not only on their academic ability, but also on their social interactions, friendship groups and emotional health. If you have any concerns that your child may be feeling hesitant or anxious attending school, please get in touch immediately and we will support them in every way that we can.



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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.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the 'Key Dates' page on our website under Dates/Key Dates. Making you aware of key events such as 'Consultation Evenings', well in advance, will ensure that you have every opportunity to attend and discuss the progress of your child in Year 8.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Langstone  
Head of Year 8