



## About Imberhorne School

Imberhorne School will be offering School Direct training placements for September 2019 intake in Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry, Modern Foreign Languages (German/French./Spanish), Business, Computing, History, Music, Technology (Textiles/Graphics) and Drama.

Imberhorne has a long tradition of ITT, having provided placements for PGCE students from Chichester, Brighton, Sussex and the Open University. Before the development of School Direct, we regularly participated in the Graduate Teacher training programme and we currently employ a number of teachers who trained with us in this way. In addition to University based curriculum and professional studies, we provide a complementary programme of induction and Professional Studies to our trainees, with after school sessions operating most Wednesdays. We also arrange a number of off site visits for trainees to enhance their knowledge of wider provision. All School Direct trainees receive support from a trained, experienced school based mentor together with the Professional Tutor who oversees all continuing professional development and initial teacher training. Imberhorne invests in its staff, providing many opportunities for reflection, training and development.

The school is situated in semi-rural surroundings on the north-west edge of East Grinstead. It draws most of its students from the western half of the town and from the villages to the west, between East Grinstead and Crawley and northwards to Lingfield. It is a split site school; the Windmill Lane site (the former Grammar School) houses Years 7, 8 and 9 (Key Stage 3), whilst the Imberhorne Lane site is home to Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4) and the Sixth Form. We believe that the split-site is advantageous to our students; students based between two locations helps them settle in and creates a smaller community, with the added benefit of a clear progression from KS3 to KS4. Imberhorne is officially a Comprehensive Community School (co-educational), with Specialist School status. The age range of our students is from 11 to 19 years. Our school roll totals at just under 1600, including around 300 in the Sixth Form.

Ofsted rated the school 'Outstanding 'in 2010 and we achieve outstanding academic success in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science, complemented by high levels of attainment in all other areas of the curriculum. We are proud of our academic traditions but also keenly aware that our curriculum must meet the needs of all our learners. We work hard to ensure that all students achieve their full potential and provide a wide range of courses that enable all students to be suitably challenged. We are equally proud of the emphasis we place on developing students' wider skills and firmly believe that we must equip our students with the skills and experience of communication, teamwork and self-reflection; the development of which are seen as a key focus of learning.