



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In preparation for our Open Evening I listened to a number of students talk about the school and their feelings and impressions of what we do and how we do it. Some of these students made brief presentations to parents at the event. When I listen to students talk about the school in this way I find it very moving. The younger students talk about their initial nerves and excitement upon starting at the school whilst the older students reflect on their experiences as they near the end of their time with us. Both perspectives fill me with pride. I love the great anticipation and energy that our Year 7 students have for the school and countless possibilities ahead of them. I am equally struck by the words Sixth Formers use to describe their feelings for the school, how they believe they have been shaped by their experiences and the deep bonds they feel for this community. School is important for many reasons, key in this though is the idea of personal growth and the sense that we help instil values, care and compassion in others.

Vaccination Programme

We have yet to hear about when the vaccination programme will be delivered to students, (in school vaccination will be available for all healthy 12 – 15 year olds in the coming weeks) however we have been advised that students who are 16 or 17 are now able to book their first vaccination [online](#).

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

INSET Day

Our Inset Day (Friday 1st October) enables staff to spend time focussing on our current improvement priorities, these are as follows:

- Literacy – Reading strategies, Extended Writing and Pre-learning Vocabulary
- Closing Gaps – Academic gaps as well as Cultural & Social gaps (experiences/opportunities we provide for students)
- Teaching and Learning – Developing our own skills and knowledge (classroom pedagogy) and developing students' study skills (promoting greater independence and helping students be more reflective)
- Promoting Wellbeing – Supporting some students to develop a positive attitude to learning, emotional literacy (understanding and regulating feelings), mental health support for those who need it

All teachers will spend time in workshops reflecting on some of these themes and ideas.



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Opportunities

The school does not sit still, we are constantly looking for next steps or ways to further refine what we do. Clearly some of these priorities have been triggered by our experiences over the last 18 months. Whilst a number of students have managed well, adapting to online learning very quickly others have struggled with many aspects of lockdown. We think the impact of this period will emerge over time, hence our focus on providing additional opportunities that support the academic and personal development of students. School should provide rich and fulfilling experiences. That is something we hope to return to, in full, this academic year.

Y11 & 13 Exams

Finally, information about adaptations to exams in the summer of 2022 are now being shared and discussed. Results days have been confirmed and they are as follows:

A Level (and equivalent) results will be released on 18 August

GCSE (and equivalent) results will be released on 25 August

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher