



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to welcome well over 400 parents and family members to our Year 11 Graduation Evening on Wednesday. It was the first time we have been able to hold this since May 2019. It was a fabulous occasion, providing an opportunity for us to celebrate what amazing characters our Year 11 students are. The Ann Bolt Shield was awarded to Jessica Taylor for her very impressive Record of Achievement. Mr Yule, our Chair of Governors, cited 10 students in total whose impressive Records of Achievement he had read and wished to commend. It was also a great pleasure to invite a former student, Henry Grub, to speak at this event. Henry left us in 2016 to study Natural Science at Oxford, he is currently studying for a PhD and engaging in ground breaking research. He is one of very many students who have gone on to great success from Imberhorne School. Henry reflected fondly on how his very earliest experiences in Year 7 on arriving at the school inspired him, ultimately leading to where he is now.

Change of Management Information System

West Sussex County Council are changing the management information system used by schools. This will have little impact on parents and carers apart from at a few critical points and with regards to how we share information with you. To transfer information from our current system to the new one there needs to be a managed migration of data. This will happen during the first week of June. This means that during the first week of next half term, week beginning Monday 6th June, we will not set any homework. The tool we use to set homework is Edulink, a communication tool you are familiar with. Edulink will be replaced by a new parent portal/app which students will also have access to. This is where homework and other communication will be shared in the future. From Monday 6th June Edulink will continue to function but will have no new information/data added. We are likely to share the new app with students from Monday 13th June and with parents from Monday 20th June, this will carry many of the same features as Edulink and provide the same level of information. This timetable ensures that we can manage each phase successfully. For a brief two-week period, you will therefore be unable to access information about attendance, behaviour or achievements. I apologise for this disruption.

Governing Body

An important part of school effectiveness is an active and well-informed governing body that can appropriately challenge the school leaders and provide good levels of accountability. Being a governor is a demanding role, digesting a wide range of educational matters, visiting the school and attending meetings, it takes considerable commitment. We are very lucky to have a very enthusiastic and highly committed governing body who bring a great deal to the leadership of the school. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Yule, has written a brief article about the role of governors and the involvement he has with the school -

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/Governors%20May%202022.pdf>

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Reminders

We have one more week before external exams commence for students in Year 11, these experiences seem to come around very quickly, despite our two years of disruption. Suddenly changes are afoot. Year 10 students are increasingly aware that they are one calendar year away from their own exams and Year 9 students are just a few weeks away from changing site and commencing their Key Stage 4 courses. Nothing ever stands still in school.

Finally, a reminder that on Thursday 19th May we are holding a Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening, that will (as usual) be a compressed day to facilitate the setting up of equipment and for staff to orientate themselves. The school day therefore finishes at 2.30pm.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher

What's coming up... Key dates for your diary



Week 31A

Mon 9th	Y9 Volunteering Day - Forms T, U & V Y10 GCSE Drama Dress Rehearsals
Tues 10th	Y9 Volunteering Day - Forms Q, R & S Y10 GCSE Drama Dress Rehearsals and Performances Student Council
Wed 11th	Y8 Geology Workshops Y10 GCSE Drama Dress Rehearsals and Performances
Thurs 12th	Y10 Geography Field Trip Y10 GCSE Drama Performance Assessments
Fri 13th	Y10 Geography Field Trip Y7 Tutor Reports Published Sat 14th and Sun 15th - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice

Week 32B

Mon 16th	GCSE exams start
Tues 17th	Y9 Teenage Booster & Men C Vaccination
Wed 18th	Y13 Final Assembly
Thur 19th	2.30pm early school closure Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 20th	

