



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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learning community*

11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I continue to hear mixed messages regarding Covid infections in school. I know that across the county the picture varies, significantly. Some schools continue to experience high levels of staff and student absence. We remain fortunate in East Grinstead with what appears to be relatively low rates. If rates continue to fall we hope to reinstate assemblies after half term. For the last few months we have avoided bringing large groups of students together, assemblies however are ideal opportunities to share key messages, in person, with students. Our values and ethos rely on the sharing of such messages, collectively.

Year 9 Volunteering

We are now planning for activities in the summer term. In the month of May we hope that all Year 9 students will participate in a day of volunteering in their community. We have identified three dates and on each of these dates (three form groups at a time) the timetable will be collapsed for the day to facilitate their volunteering experience. Volunteering, the act of giving one's time to help others, is something we value as a school and believe helps build a sense of community responsibility and empathy. We ask that parents help plan/provide a volunteering experience for your son/daughter, further details about this will be shared shortly. We have the capability to place some students but can only do that for limited numbers.

Activities Week

Later in the summer term we intend to hold our activities week (week beginning Monday 27th June). During this week a number of trips and school-based activities will run. Key amongst these are La Grande Découverte (a residential trip to France) for Year 8 students and Challenge (a residential trip to an outdoor pursuits setting) for Year 9 students. We appreciate there may be particular issues with overseas trips this year so we are able to share further information from our travel provider to help with any queries parents may have, please see [here](#). We hope that Activities Week is a rich and fulfilling experience for our students and helps offset the lack of such opportunities over the last two years.

Year 11 and Year 13 Additional Mock Exams

To provide appropriate preparation for the planned summer exams we have put in place additional mock exams for students in Year 11 and Year 13. Not only does this provide valuable exam practice but it also is a requirement from the government, as part of every schools' Covid contingency planning (in case any individuals cannot sit exams in the summer, mock exam performance will be used instead). For Year 11 students, their additional mock exam period is from Friday 4th March to Friday 11th March. For Year 13 students, their mock exams will run from Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April.

Student Wellbeing

Student and staff wellbeing is a priority in school, particularly this year as we emerge from the effects of the pandemic. We have mapped what our provision looks like and how we can support students, in a range of ways.

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This information is available on our website <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/personal-support>. Dr Barr, Deputy Headteacher, has written a brief article about wellbeing and mental health <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/Wellbeing%20Feb%202022.pdf>. In the article Dr Barr references the importance of a healthy lifestyle and talking to others, sometimes family or friends but also trusted individuals at school including some of our peer to peer support. We all have a part to play in supporting our community.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher

What's coming up...

Key dates for your diary



Week 22B P.E. KS3 Challenge Fortnight Careers Fortnight

Mon 14th Feb Y11 GCSE Dance Practical Workshops

Tues 15th Y10 GCSE Art Trip to Tate Britain

Wed 16th Y11 GCSE Italian Immersion Day

Thurs 17th **Y11 Parent/Carer Essential Exam and End of Year Information Evening 5.00 & 6.30pm - Main Hall IL Y11**
GCSE R.E. Immersion Day

Fri 18th Y7 Progress Reports Published
Y13 Assessment Reports Published
Break for Half Term

Week 23A Careers Fortnight

Mon 28th Back to School

Tues 1st Mar

Wed 2nd National Apprenticeship Show (targeted Y11 & 13s)
Y12&13 Performing Arts Show - Evening Performance

Thur 3rd World Book Day
Y12&13 Performing Arts Show - Evening Performance

Sat 5th Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Day