



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to say that Covid infection rates appear to be falling in the school. We had a slight spike upon returning from the Half Term break, gradually this now appears to be reducing. We continue to monitor the situation and will keep you informed of any significant changes.

Year 11 Students - Elevate Education

We were pleased to invite a company called Elevate Education into school to work with our Year 11 students developing their study skills, we are keen to prepare them for their forthcoming mock exams. The workshops provided by Elevate focussed on attitude and a positive mindset as well as helping equip students with helpful revision skills. We have prepared a revision booklet detailing the areas to be covered by each subject in the forthcoming mock exams. The booklet also contains a revision timetable. This information can be accessed by following this link -

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/sites/default/files/Mock%20Exam%20Revision%20Guide%20Year%2011%20Nov-Dec%202021.pdf>

Shortened day for Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 18th November

Year 11 students and parents have been invited to attend our Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 18th November between 4.30 and 7.30pm. This is an invaluable opportunity to talk to staff and students about potential future choices. On Wednesday 24th November most Year 11 students will be participating in a day of Sixth Form taster lessons. For Year 11 students only, we will pause their usual timetable for the day in order to enable them to experience life as Sixth Form students at the school. Shortly after this they must then submit their course choices for next year. A small number of Year 11 students who have expressed an interest in following courses elsewhere will participate in an off-site team building day, aimed at developing their resilience and determination. We hope this is an invigorating short break to their routines and helps them focus on the challenges ahead.

Thursday 18th November is a shortened school day; **all students finish at 2.30pm** allowing staff to prepare for our open evening.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 19th November, Children in Need

Friday 19th November is our next non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. A letter has already been sent home inviting students to attend in non-school uniform, we request a payment of £2 which will be used to support this great charity.



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KS3 Vaccinations

Covid vaccinations for eligible students in Key Stage 3 are taking place on **Monday 15th November**. We then have Flu vaccination for KS3 students on **Thursday 25th November**. As with other vaccinations parents need to provide consent. **The online consent form for the flu vaccination is available for completion until 11.00am five working days before the session date above, therefore the cut-off date and time is Thursday 18th November at 11.00am**. I have attached information about how to provide consent (students in Year 7 – Year 9 only).

Accelerated Reader

Myself and Mrs Best, our Leader of English, met with a small group of Governors this week to discuss approaches to literacy. We continually reflect upon ways we can further develop reading and writing across the school. Having an extensive vocabulary brings fluency to writing and develops confident readers. Challenges that some students experience can often be traced back to under developed literacy skills. We know that GCSE exam papers are written for students that have the reading age of a 16-year-old, without appropriate literacy skills students can struggle to understand the language used. A tool we have invested in, to help develop reading in Key Stage 3, is called Accelerated Reader. Information about this along with recommended reading lists can be found here on our website - <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/node/1341>

School Gym – Active Fit

Finally, a reminder that Active Fit are opening our school gym for community use. They have provided the following information:

From just £7.50 per month families can enjoy what the gym has to offer; treadmills, bikes, free weights. The gym is fully air-conditioned and the big screen will be playing student friendly music and videos. The Gym's timetable is as follows:

- From 3:30pm to 5:30pm every week day apart from Wednesdays is exclusively open to the Imberhorne students
- From 5:45pm to 8:30pm every week day the gym is open to all
- Weekends the gym will be open from 10am till 4pm Saturday and Sunday to all

There is an initial join up fee which comes with a free induction with one of the coaches. You will be shown how the equipment works and what it can be used for, from there you'll be given a link which will then take you to our JOIN IT page where you will sign yourself up and arrange the monthly gym payment, the payments are as follows:

- Students of Imberhorne School - £10 annual subscription fee with a monthly fee of £7.50
- Parents/Guardians of Imberhorne School - £10 annual subscription fee with a monthly fee of £10
- All of the West Sussex Community - £10 annual subscription fee with a monthly fee of £12.50
- Family Memberships - £20 annual subscription fee with a monthly fee of £30 for up to 2 adults and 2 children

If you require further information or should you need any assistance do not hesitate to get in touch with Active Fit by calling 0330 002 0505 or email them

Imberhornegym@activestaffingsolutions.uk Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the gym and one of the team will happily assist you, or follow this link www.activestaffingsolutions.uk/Active-Fitness-Imberhorne

Yours faithfully

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