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Dear Parents and Carers

## Year 6 Meet & Greet and Induction Day

It has been a busy week at school. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we ran our 'Meet and Greet' sessions for parents of Year 6 students joining us in September. We met many delightful and excited young people waiting to start with us. They are attending an Induction Day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July and then have a short wait, until September, when they commence their journey as Imberhorne students. I took this opportunity to talk about what a significant period this would be in their lives, navigating teenage years through to exams and progression routes beyond the school. It is exciting to see this start again.

## Year 9

It has also been a momentous week for Year 9 students. We held a celebration event for them on Thursday as they say goodbye to Windmill Lane ready for their transition to the Imberhorne Lane site. Starting new courses with many new teachers is a chance for them all to reset and refocus. All learning is important, the first few lessons students have as part of the GCSE or BTEC courses could well be examined content at the end of Year 11. They need to show they are ready to step up and meet these challenges. Year 9 commence their studies at the Imberhorne Lane site on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, this is when they will get their new timetables. The timetables will show their new courses but there may be some staffing changes between now and September.

I hope all students enjoy Activities Week. We have students in Shropshire and France alongside many school-based activities, it will be a really busy period. We know the value of such activities and hope that the students develop many new social skills, grow in confidence and learn to overcome challenges. My thanks in advance to all the staff attending these trips and running activities. This involves a huge amount of work and can feel exhausting at this time of year.

## **Bromcom**

You will be aware that we have changed our management information system from SIMs to Bromcom. This is a West Sussex wide initiative; all maintained schools are changing to this new system plus many academies as well. Whilst change can be unsettling the new system has been chosen because it meets the raised expectations of West Sussex. We hope over time that everyone recognises the advantages. Bromcom comes with a student app and a parent app, students have now been provided with log-in information, parents will receive log-in information early next week. Bromcom will provide all of the information provided by Edulink to-date. Unfortunately, we cannot retain Edulink because it does not work with Bromcom, my apologies for any difficulties this creates.









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## **Recent Shared Inset Day**

I would like to briefly share with you what a huge success our shared Inset day on Monday was. This was our first Federation Inset day with all the staff from the four schools, Imberhorne, Sackville, Oathall and Downlands, working together. It was very positive, staff have enthusiastically reported that they gained a great deal from the day, we hope this leads to ever greater collaboration and sharing between the schools. All development of this sort feeds into even more effective learning for our students.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown Headteacher

