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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Last November we contacted parents to advise that we planned to move to paperless school reports for students from the beginning of this academic year. We know that a significant number of parents are now using SIMS Parent as a way of accessing day-to-day data about students. SIMS Parent allows you to see homework, attendance data, attainment data, achievement and behaviour points.

Student reports will now appear as a downloadable PDF file in SIMS Parent. This means that you will be able to save and/or print a copy if you so wish. The PDF file will appear in the same format as our school reports currently do.

We will continue to write to you, at the relevant time, when your son's/daughter's report has been uploaded to SIMS Parent and only print reports for parents who request it. We therefore confirm that your son's/daughter's Year 9 Written Reports, will be available to view in SIMS Parent from Friday 14th December 2018.

Please note that SIMS Parent is a replacement service for its predecessor, SIMS Learning Gateway, and has a different login process. When you register for SIMS Parent you choose an account with one of four third party authentication providers – Microsoft, Google, Twitter, or Facebook – and then login using your chosen account on subsequent occasions. SIMS Learning Gateway login details will not allow access to SIMS Parent, and, as SIMS Learning Gateway is due to be withdrawn later this academic year, reports are only being published to SIMS Parent.

If you haven't signed up for SIMS Parent you will require a new invitation e-mail from ourselves to register. If you require an invitation e-mail, or should you experience any other issues with SIMS Parent, please contact our IT Support Team by email to <u>itsupport@imberhorne.co.uk</u> or calling direct on 01342 310989.

When we consulted our Parents' Forum about this matter, they were very supportive of the change. Our Parents' Forum meets termly and provides an opportunity for parents to raise general issues directly with Mr Brown our Headteacher, whilst also providing a forum for him to share ideas about future developments.

Yours faithfully

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