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## Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am very excited to write to you about our new volunteering opportunity that we are establishing this year for Year 9. Each student will have the opportunity to take part in one day of volunteering in May. The dates for volunteering are as follows:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 9T, 9U & 9V Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9Q, 9R & 9S Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 9W, 9 x & 9Y

At Imberhorne, we believe it is important that students develop academically but also socially so they become well rounded and able to function successfully in the community. The spirit of volunteering is about helping others, making a difference and giving something back.

I really welcome your support in helping create a meaningful experience. Students need to consider carefully where they would like to volunteer. Ideally, the volunteering experience needs to be with family or people you know well, as the students must be supervised. In practical terms this should be an experience lasting a full day. I have made some suggestions of volunteering opportunities, but these are not exclusive:

Cleaning a neighbour's house
Gardening at an elderly relative's house
Helping at a local charity shop / organisation
Helping at a local library
Reading to young children at a local primary school

Each student will have to complete a log of their day and where suitable, photographs. The supervising adult will have to sign the log.

If you are unable to provide any placement that is suitable then we will have some options at school for students to take part in but you will need to let us know as soon as possible, as these places are limited. You may be able to provide a placement to more than one student so please let us know if you can assist with this.

A paper form has been given to your child today. Please can I ask that you complete the form and ask your child to return it to Mrs Perks in the Pastoral Office by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Alternatively, you can email the details to <a href="mailto:sperks@imberhorne.co.uk">sperks@imberhorne.co.uk</a>. Yours faithfully

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