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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Essential Information for Year 7 Parents – Thursday 20th September

I am delighted to invite you to our Essential Information evening for Year 7 Parents and Carers on Thursday 20th September at Windmill Lane. Year 7 students are not expected to attend as the information given is intended for their parents and carers.

The main presentation, led by Headteacher Mr Brown, will be in the Main Hall at 6.30pm. We strongly recommend that you attend this presentation to obtain essential information regarding your child's progress through Year 7. Towards the end of the presentation, our Network Manager, Mr Melmoe, will introduce you to SIMS Online; an electronic system allowing you to see up to date information about your child, including homework. If you have an older child in the school, you will be familiar with its predecessor 'SIMS Learning Gateway'. We are confident that this new system will be much more user-friendly as it is accessible via both a web browser and the new SIMS Parent App.

There will also be optional sessions on which to book a place, run by other members of staff before the presentation and they consist of the following:

- How To Support Your Child To Achieve Their Potential And Beyond Mrs Quick will
 introduce the concept of growth mindset and how this can make all the difference to
 achievement.
- Apps And Websites To Aid Learning Mr Kay will share a number of key programmes that will enable you to further support your child's learning outside the classroom.
- Friendship and Emotional Issues When Starting Secondary School Many young people feel anxiety and struggle to cope with change. Mrs Yates (Inclusion Manager) and Mrs O'Dell (Head of Year 10 and experienced pastoral leader) will take you through strategies and ideas that you can use with your child when the going gets tough!
- **E-Safety** Dr Barr will explain how you can ensure that your children are using the internet safely and minimise risk online.







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	secondary school		Using The Internet
5.30pm	Friendship and emotional	Apps and websites that	How to support your child
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	secondary school		and beyond
6.00pm	Friendship and emotional	How to support your child	E-Safety
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6.30pm	Headteacher's Presentation in the Main Hall		

There will be limited spaces available in the optional sessions and we therefore ask that you book your place(s) if you wish to attend.

To book:

- Visit our school website at <u>www.imberhorne.co.uk</u> and click on the "Parents" tab
- Click "Online Services"
- Scroll down to the "Parents' Evening System" section and click "Login to Parents' Evening System"
- Please complete the information requested to login. There is no username/password required, just enter your details together with your child's legal name and date of birth
- Follow the remaining on screen instructions
- Online Bookings will open on Thursday 13th September at 9.00am and will close on Thursday 20th September at 9.00pm.

Should you have any issues accessing the system or booking workshop sessions, please contact our IT Support Team on 01342 310989 or email itsupport@imberhorne.co.uk

On the evening, we ask that you report to the Main Reception at Windmill Lane to sign in and you be directed to the correct venue for each of the sessions. I will be available all evening should you wish to discuss anything and I look forward to seeing you on the 20th September.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Celani Head of Year 7