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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9 students

Bridging tasks for Year 9 students to introduce their Key Stage 4 subjects

As we near the end of June, we approach the time when, in normal circumstances, our Year 9 students would say farewell to Windmill Lane and move to Imberhorne Lane to start their Key Stage 4 studies.

I am, therefore, writing to inform you that **From Monday 29th June** the existing Year 9 timetable will be replaced by a new timetable that will reflect the core and optional subjects which Year 9 students will study through Years 10 & 11. Students will continue to complete work at home but their online learning will now be organised as follows:

- English, maths and science: 3 lessons per week
- Option subjects (most students have 4 of these): 2 lessons per week
- Core PE: 2 lessons per week
- Full course GCSE RE: 1 lesson per week for those who have chosen this course

NOTE: Construction and Support options will not start until September and therefore do not appear on the new timetable. Students who chose twilight Italian will have 2 lessons of Italian per week in their normal timetable.

Teachers will set work which provides bridging tasks, so that students can prepare for their new GCSE or Vocational courses. I hope that this will re-invigorate our Year 9 students, so that they become engaged in their learning more purposefully before the Summer holidays. You will note that the number of lessons provided will not completely fill each student's timetable but I am aware that each tutor group will be invited to tour the Imberhorne Lane site and also that students may want to extend the tasks they are given; these "free" lessons on the timetable will allow students to organise their learning and demonstrate independence.

The timetable will be altered over the weekend and by Monday students will be able to see the changes on Outlook, by moving forward to June 29th. If your son/daughter compares their timetable with that of their friends, they may find some lessons are the same - but do not think that this means they will necessarily be in the same classes when the real timetable for the next academic year starts! The timetable from June 29th has been organised so that students are in large groups (for example, in many cases all of the students who chose a particular subject are together) and this bears no relation to any classes for the future.

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While I know that my colleagues at Windmill Lane will miss teaching our Year 9 students, equally the Imberhome Lane staff are keen to introduce them to their new subjects and deeper learning.

Yours faithfully

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