



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

**Compassion**  
**Achievement**  
**Respect**  
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*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and understanding this week during the two days of industrial action. We will always try to minimise disruption during these days, whilst ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

We said a formal goodbye to Year 13 students at their Prom on Thursday evening at the Cottessmore Hotel Golf and Country Club. They enjoyed a delicious meal and dancing in the company of their peers and staff who have supported them over their years at the school. I send my very best wishes to all of our Year 13 students as they move into the next phase of their lives.

It was wonderful to meet so many of our new students at the Year 6 Transition Day this week. Each tutor group had a different combination of lessons from English, Science, PE, Technology and Art, as well as meeting their tutor group and some of the key staff who will be looking after them from September. They also started to find their way around our Windmill Lane site. I hope they enjoyed their day, and are looking forward to joining us in September.

### **KS3 Sports Day**

Year 7, 8 and 9 students should come to school in PE kit on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July for Sports Day.

**This takes place at our Upper School site from 8.30am.** Students must not go to Lower School on Monday.

### **Year 10 Careers Interview Day**

This takes place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Students will have interviews with a range of employers to follow on from their Work Experience last week, and to provide the opportunity for them to market their skills and talents in an interview situation. They will also have sessions designed to build their team working skills. On Tuesday, students in Year 10 will either be visiting the University of Sussex for a Taster Day, or taking part in the Albion Inspires programme in school to focus on their aspirations for further education and employment.

### **WhatsApp**

We are aware that some students in Year 7 are using WhatsApp to set up group chats for their tutor groups. If your child is on one of these groups, we would advise you to ensure they leave the group, and if your child is admin of one of these groups, we ask that the group is closed. This is in order to fulfil our duty to keep our students safe. Social Media does not provide the best training for young people to navigate social situations, and messages can be hurtful and unkind.

Please be advised that the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16. Students should also be aware that in group chats, people who are not in their contacts will be able to see all the messages and send them messages. If your child is 16 or over and uses WhatsApp to communicate, please talk to them to ensure that the content, security measures and messages are appropriate. A guide for parents of students who are 16 or over on the safe and appropriate use of WhatsApp can be found in the link below:

<https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/terms-of-service-uk>

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### Parking at the end of the school day

Please can I ask that parents avoid using school car parks at both sites during pick-up times. We need to keep our students safe, and with so many leaving the site at that time it is much more difficult to manage if parents are parking on the site. This is proving particularly problematic at Imberhorne Lane.

### Word of the Week

graduate	noun	a person who has received a degree or diploma on completing a course of study
The company wanted to find a <b>graduate</b> in Environmental Science to fill their vacancy.		

### Word of the Week - Headteacher's Postcard Challenge

I am challenging students from any year group to write a postcard which sounds like it was sent from a location in Britain or further afield and contains **at least three** words of the week from the year so far (see list below). The postcard must sound 'real' – ie it should read like a real postcard and not have lots of unconnected sentences with words of the week in them. **Students should underline the words of the week in the postcard.**

**All entries must reach the school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – and be handed in to Reception at either site.** There will be prizes and certificates for the most imaginative entries.

elucidate	verb	to make clear
ostentatious	adj.	an attempt to impress others
decorum	noun	dignified propriety of behaviour, speech, dress
judicious	adj.	using or showing judgment; wise; sensible
convey	verb	to carry, bring, or take from one place to another; to make known
nonchalant	adj.	coolly unconcerned, indifferent, or unexcited; casual
ravenous	adj.	extremely hungry; intensely eager for gratification or satisfaction
analyse	verb	separate into parts or elements; to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results
integral	noun	relating to, or belonging as a part of the whole; necessary to the completeness of the whole
evaluate	verb	to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of
encapsulate	verb	to place in a capsule; to summarize or condense.
palpable	adj.	readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived; capable of being touched
quintessential	Adj.	relating to the most perfect embodiment of something; pure and essential essence of something
efficacy	noun	the ability to produce a desired or intended result.
inherent	adj.	existing something as a permanent and inseparable element, quality, or attribute
evoke	Verb	bring or recall (a feeling, memory, or image) to the conscious mind.
justify	Verb	to defend or uphold as warranted or well-grounded
suggest	Verb	to mention or introduce an idea, proposition, plan for consideration or possible action
equity	noun	the quality of being fair or impartial

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

Attached: Key Dates Weeks 39A & 40B