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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our busy summer of events continued this week with a series of activities across different year groups. Year 7 had a valuable careers experience at work with their families and Year 8 visited Imberhorne Lane for a full day of Careers and Futures input. Next week we have Year 9 camp at Bewl, as well as work experience for Years 10 and 12 and Hands on History events for Year 7 on Tuesday and Year 8 on Wednesday. Key Stage 3 will then have their Sports Day at Imberhorne Lane on Friday - please make sure they have a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. Please note that the Canteen will only have cold 'grab and go' food available on this day.

We have also had a brilliant Year 12 Art and Photography visit to the V&A Museum and look forward to saying farewell to Year 13 at their Prom this evening. On the subject of Prom, last week's Year 11 Prom at the South of England Showground was a great success and all students had a fantastic experience in the summer sun.

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 cohort into the school for their transition day on Wednesday. Students enjoyed an excellent day of lesson tasters, tours and time with their new tutors, ably assisted by our fantastic Year 7 and 12 ambassadors. Next Tuesday we will also have Year 5 students from across our feeder primaries in school for a taster day.

Today we opened our Memorial Garden at the Imberhorne Lane site. This was recently completed by our school Premises Team, with support from Year 13 students who were close friends of Oliver Shelley and Mr Crees. It was a really lovely event that was attended by supporters from across the community as well as some of our families who have been affected by bereavement this year. The garden is open to our wider community as a space for reflection and is already being well used by students. Please do take a look if you are passing or visiting our Imberhorne Lane site in the near future.

It has been a very hot week this week and I appreciate that this has made things challenging, including for our Summer Concert, which had to be cancelled due to soaring temperatures. We will look to rearrange for September, where we may be able to have an al fresco event out of the intense summer sun. The weather looks set to continue to be warm or hot over the final weeks of term, so please do continue to equip your children for this. Smart shorts are part of our uniform and may be worn and you may have seen my communication last week to explain that PE shorts, sports shorts, branded shorts and hot pants are not allowed to be worn in school. There is obviously still also the option to wear the school skirt. We have been very impressed with how students have coped and remained focused in the warm weather.

I am afraid that we have had to turn off the timetable module in the MCAS app for the remaining weeks in term whilst the timetable is being updated and finalised for next academic year. Printed timetables can be accessed through tutors and pastoral teams if they are required. Timetables can also still be accessed internally by staff. This module will be reinstated in September for the next school year.

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A reminder about our charity account, Imberlink. Contributions into the account, mainly through the School Fund, are utilised to support many school enrichment activities that enable our students to develop and thrive. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and overseen by Trustees who are also Governors at the school. In accordance with requirements, an annual report from the Trustees will be presented in an AGM which will be held virtually on the 7th July 2024 at 19:00. If you would like to attend this virtual meeting please email dclements@imberhorne.co.uk with your details so that the link to the meeting can be shared.

West Sussex County Council are again seeking parent and carer feedback and would like to ask families about the impact of the expansion of funded childcare support. They are specifically looking for feedback from families who have accessed this offer and would appreciate you completing this short survey [here](#) if you have a spare ten minutes.

We will be running a 'Vaping and Drug Awareness' week between 14th- 18th July. Please see attached leaflets which we hope will be useful in regards to the risks and dangers of vaping for young people and how to discuss this with them. There will be assemblies during the week and the students Personal Development lessons will have the focus of Vaping and Drug awareness.

In the spirit of good communication (or over-communication), I have kept the dates for events that are upcoming in the next two and a bit weeks:

- Monday 7th-Friday 11th July: Y10 and 12 Work Experience
- Monday 7th-Wednesday 9th July: Y9 Camp at Bewl
- Friday 11th July: Sports Day at Imberhorne Lane (KS3 only)
- Tuesday 15th July: Y10 Sixth Form mini-tasters
- Wednesday 16th July: Y10 Celebration Evening
- Thursday 17th July: Y9 Celebration Evening
- Tuesday 22nd July: School finishes for summer at 12.20pm

Finally, you may have seen the advert for a Federation Administrator that was posted last Friday. This is open for another week, with all details available on the school website (<https://www.imberhorne.co.uk/support-staff-vacancies>). It is a largely flexible working role, aside from the half termly Federation meetings that typically take place on a Wednesday (these are all calendared for next year). It is therefore a role that can be done alongside or supplementary to other roles or duties. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Angela Nicholls (anicholls@imberhorne.co.uk). Equally, if you know anyone else who might also be interested, please also direct them to the website.

Yours faithfully

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