



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredible week at Imberhorne School, with so many brilliant activities across all year groups. Year 9 had an excellent three days of creating core memories to close their time in Key Stage Three at Bewl Water at the start of the week. After a rainy start, the glorious sunshine made the water activities, in particular, a highlight for students. Year 10 and 12 have had a taste of the world of work in their work experience placements - I am sure we will all remember how formative these weeks were for us. Unsurprisingly, mine was in a school! Years 7 and 8 experienced brilliant days of 'Hands on History', bringing their already brilliant curriculum to life. It has been a monumental feat of organisation that has involved lots of work. It is not possible to thank everyone, but special thanks must go to Mr Crees, Mr Hill, Mrs Moss, Mrs Abingdon, Mrs Parker, Mr Turner and Mr Booth in particular.

If the week wasn't already exciting enough, Friday was our Sports Day (underway as I write) at Imberhorne Lane. I am personally very excited to have my first experience of what is typically a highly inclusive day of camaraderie, celebration and healthy activity. We are sorry about the late change to the planned day, but needed to make a decision that was in the interests of safety, whilst ensuring that this important event was still able to take place. Thanks to Mr Byrne and the PE team for all of their work to make this happen. I noted that some of the records date back to the 1970s and imagine that there are some members of our wider community who are listed as still holding these records. I will update you with any notable successes in a future letter.

Last Friday Mr Turner took a group of students to the Mid-Sussex STEM competition at Ardingly Showground. Imberhorne's team of students including Hawk, Radley, Ewan and Leo competed against teams from Downlands, Oathall, Burgess Hill Academy, St. Paul's, Warden Park and Sackville. Teams were judged on their presentations and a race, lifting and transporting simulated medical supplies. I am delighted to inform you that Imberhorne were the overall winners and the only team to lift the heaviest weight of 300g with their quadcopter - Mr Turner is clear that their design could have easily lifted much more and that it was their impressive teamwork that helped them achieve this. Judges commented on their presentation skills and were highly impressed with the students in a competitive field.

We are excited to see the first round of improvement works to our Windmill Lane site beginning next week. This will see some remodelling and the complete refurbishment of what are currently the Year 7 toilets. There will be some noise and disruption whilst these works begin, but we hope that this will be minimal before the end of term. There will be a small compound which will be closed off next to the student toilets and we will have temporary toilets in the playground area, which are in single self-contained cubicles. All works are planned to be completed over the summer break, with the new toilets open to our new intake of Year 7 students in September. The toilets will be in self-contained cubicles and a new entrance to the boys' toilets where our lockers are currently placed will be opened up, with the old entrance being closed off. There will be reduced parking on the site during the final week and two days of term, meaning that spaces for commuting teachers will be at a premium. Can I please therefore ask that any parents and carers visiting the school park outside of the school gates instead.

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A quick reminder about the two currently active surveys for West Sussex CC. The childcare survey can be found [here](#) and the Children and Young People's Plan survey can be accessed through this [link](#).

Next week 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.

A final reminder of events still to come in the last week and 1.5 days:

- 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, Worthing Theatres and Museums have shared some information about events going on over the summer which are free to families. The first is an archaeological dig at Highdown Hill just outside of Worthing, from Saturday 19th July to Sunday 1st August. There will be free activities and tours throughout this event. The second is an outdoor circus that will take place on Saturdays throughout August in Worthing town centre. Further information about both can be found at the following links:

<https://wtm.uk/bigdig>

<https://wtm.uk/soc/>

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting success

Congratulations to Flynn Shelley who has qualified for the English National Race in Open Water Swimming after finishing 5th in the South East regional race. The race will take place later this month in Sheffield. This achievement is all the more impressive as it was his first time competing in an Open Water race!