



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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**Compassion**  
**Achievement**  
**Respect**  
**Endeavour**

*The cornerstones of our  
learning community*

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to see so many of you for our Year 8 Parents' Evening last night. I was particularly pleased to be able to chat to so many of you and celebrate your children's successes. I very much hope you found this event of high value and that you felt welcomed into the school. Ms Jackson will be in contact within the next few days to see some feedback on this event from attendees so that we can consider this in relation to staff feedback and then determine what we will do with Parents' Evenings going forwards.

We have also been extremely impressed this week with Year 11 and their approach to their mock exams - they have shown great resilience and maturity and we hope that this final round of practice will mean that they are as well prepared as they can be for the real thing in two months' time. The same can be said for their approach to all of the Non-Exam Assessments that they have been working on - we realise that this can feel pressured at this time of year because of the deadlines set by exam boards, but cannot fault their will to improve.

One of the foci for our work within the Soft Federation we are in with Downlands, Oathall and Sackville schools is cross-federation student collaboration. This has meant that we have planned four students events for this year, which are as follows:

- Dance Show - 17th June at Chequers Mead Theatre.
- Public speaking event - 6th May at Imberhorne.
- Music ensemble event - date TBC at Oathall.
- Multi-sports event - 13th June at Downlands.

We are excited for our students to be able to work together with other students in our partner schools and will share further information about these events as we come closer to the dates. Finally, next Friday we have a non-uniform day to raise money for the memorial space that will be constructed under the willow tree at the Imberhorne Lane site. Any additional funds raised will be donated to our chosen charity for the year, Meningitis Now. Plans are afoot for the memorial and we soon hope to be able to share these with you. We hope this will be a well-used community space for reflection on, and celebration of, those that we have sadly lost.

Yours faithfully

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### **Sporting success**

#### **Italian Kick-boxing World Cup GOLD!**

Javison Davidsripala competed last weekend in the Italian Kick-boxing World Cup held in Venice and won gold in both the 52 and 57 kg categories in his age group! We are thrilled for Javison and know how hard he has worked for this!

#### **British Schools Judo Championship SILVER!**

Congratulations to Alex McKee who achieved a Silver medal at the British Schools Judo Championship last weekend. We are extremely proud of Alex and his achievements in representing the school in a national competition!

### **U12 RUGBY**

#### **ST PAUL'S 30 : 35 IMBERHORNE**

##### **TRY FEST!**

To quote Robert the Bruce: "try, try and try again" or in our case: try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try and try again!! It seemed that every time we took the lead, we did our utmost to lose it again! Little lapses in concentration, a good opposition, little drops in energy at the wrong point cost us a few tries but good attacking lines made for a very enjoyable game to watch. We'll need to improve our structure next week, but a fun game against a team who played in the right spirit.

**Try scorers:** Carter X2, Seb S X2, Seb M X 3

**Man of the match:** Henry

#### **SUSSEX COUNTY CUP PLATE FINAL**

#### **IMBERHORNE 30 : 20 BLATCHINGTON MILL**

Well played to the year 7s on winning their plate final on Tuesday!

**Try scorers:** Seb S X 2, Aster X 2, Carter X 2

**Man of the match:** Aster

**Words by Mr Byrne**