

Dear Parents and Carers,

In my final letter of the academic year, I wanted to firstly thank you for all of your support for your children and the school community overall across the course of this year. It has been a pleasure for me to get to know you and a privilege to represent Imberhorne School - I have personally really appreciated the welcome you have given me. We have achieved a lot together this year and I hope that you are seeing and feeling this as partners in the same way that we are day in and day out in school. We have some further exciting plans for the year ahead that put the children first, all of which will be grounded within our three-year plan and redesigned vision and values. We will be sharing these with you at their launch in September and beyond.

This week has been another busy week for Year 10, who have spent a lot of time preparing for Year 11 and thinking about their futures, after a successful week of work experience last week. On Monday they spent time writing CVs and perfecting formal supporting letters. On Tuesday, a full programme of tasters, college visits and engagement programmes ran to support thinking about next steps in their education, employment or training. This culminated on Thursday with a day of interview practice with our community partners from across the East Grinstead Business Association and other local supporters. We have been impressed with Year 10 and their transition to Imberhorne Lane this year and hope that these experiences have equipped them well for a demanding, but no less well supported, Year 11. Our awards evening for Year 10, celebrating the progress they have made with recognition across all subjects from the staff body, took place on Wednesday as a lovely punctuation point in their brilliant year.

Our busy half term of events also continued with an excellent transition evening for Year 9 students, in preparation for their move to the Imberhorne Lane site in September. We had a considerably cooler Sports Day for the Sixth Form on Wednesday, before we then wished a number of them well on our inaugural conservation trip to Malaysia - we are excited to share news of this with you soon. After their week of work experience last week, Year 12 have also had an important transitional week to mirror that of Year 10, volunteering in the community, writing CVs and personal statements, before a brilliant end of year trip on Friday. Our final Year 7-9 Sports Day events were also completed this Friday after our foreshortened day last Friday. Students were excellent competitors, showing commitment and resilience, as well as camaraderie in supporting one another.

We were then delighted to see so many of you at the GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography exhibition on Thursday - the showcase of work was quite astonishing and highlights the incredible efforts of students and the support from their teachers over the two years of their courses. We were quite bowled over by the standard of the work on display and felt quite taken aback by the beauty and conceptual complexity across the exhibition. I have said before that we value all subjects and believe in an arts-rich education and this exhibition could not have been a better representation of this. Thank you to all staff and families for their efforts in supporting students in what will have been some serious labours of love.

At this time of year, we are always sad to say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on from Imberhorne School. The following staff will be leaving us next week for exciting opportunities and experiences both in and out of education and we sincerely wish them the very best of luck:

- Mr Jones from the Maths team and Senior Leadership Team.
- Mr Swan from the History Team.
- Mrs Rintoul from the Exams Team.
- Mrs Moore from the Drama Team.
- Ms McCarthy from the Sixth Form and Business/Economics Teams.

- Ms Costelloe from the Support Teaching and Film/Media Teams.
- Mrs Fish from The Science Technician Team.
- Ms Green from the DT Team.
- Mrs Peadon from the Maths Team.
- Mrs Bentley from the Science Team.
- Mrs Norman from the Inclusion Team.
- Mrs Burchell from the English Team.
- Mrs Wheeler from the Support Teaching Team

Looking ahead to September, we have had information of a networking meeting hosted by Community People taking place for community groups and charities. This will be a drop-in meeting on 11th September from 9.30 to 11.30am at The Welcome Cafe, Trinity Methodist Church in East Grinstead. It will be an informal event, but if any of our community of families and friends of the school would like to share any information with fellow visitors to the event, they should contact the organiser, Sasha Brown at SashaB@communitypeople.org.uk.

Next week we finish for the summer, but not before a reward trip for Year 10 on Monday.

A reminder that school closes for students at 12.20 on Tuesday 22nd July for the summer break; students will be dismissed at 12.20pm.

Metrobus will be operating the following services at 12.20pm on our last day of term:

281, 624, 638, 643, 648

The 903 and E579 Turbostyle services, Lingfield Minibus, 905 minibus and taxis etc are all also operating currently.

The 84 to Sharpthorne and West Hoathly - will not call at Imberhorne Lane, but can be boarded at East Grinstead Station 12.39pm - if your son/daughter needs to get this service please speak to their Head of Year as they will need to leave a little earlier.

The services to Lingfield and Dormansland are as follows:

The 281 – leaves 13.05 from Felbridge Hotel heading towards East Grinstead and 13.14 at East Grinstead Station

The 409 – leaves at 12.47 from Baldwins Hill heading towards Lingfield only

Looking ahead to September, we have a staggered return to school to support Year 10 (currently Year 9) with their transition to the Imberhorne Lane site and our new Year 7 with their transition to the Windmill Lane site on Friday 5th September. Years 8, 9 and 11 will return on Monday 8th September, with Years 12 and 13 returning slightly later in the week after the completion of enrolment.

We have made the decision not to continue using planners in September and will therefore not be issuing them to students. This decision was made after assessing their usage, which we have found to be somewhat limited, and due to the environmental cost of their production. Homework is still recorded and assigned on Bromcom and can be accessed at home through the MCAS app. To ensure that students have a more permanent representation of their timetable, we will instead be providing them with a small card with this printed on. Week A and B will be printed on alternate sides. Students can also purchase a lanyard for this card should they wish to. We will, however, need to ask for a payment of £1.50 for replacement cards if they are lost.

Our Autumn Term Extra-Curricular activities start week commencing Monday 15th September, please take a look at the wide range of clubs and activities the school offer and encourage your children to take part <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/clubs-and-activities>

We wish all of our families a safe, enjoyable and enriching summer holiday and look forward to hearing all about it in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew Whatford

Headteacher

Sporting Success

Enormous congratulations to Lottie (Y7) and Harley (Y10) Clemente who qualified for the national tetraathlon championships next month. Tetraathlon involves four disciplines - cross country riding, swimming, running (1500 metres) and pistol shooting. We are extremely proud of them both and wish them the very best of luck!