



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

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*The cornerstones of our
learning community*

27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to see our students represent the school so well at our Open Evening for prospective families of Year 6 students. Every single one of our students embodied our CARE cornerstones, showing our visitors exactly what it is like to be a student at Imberhorne School and what our warm, open and ambitious culture is all about. Particularly impressive were our Year 7 and 13 speakers in the main hall - I am not sure I would have been able to have done this myself when I was in Year 7. We are clear that we believe this is an excellent school at the heart of our community and our students are the very best representation of this.

A huge thank you to all of our families for their support for our non-uniform day this Friday. We were quite overwhelmed by the £1867 and counting that was raised in aid of Meningitis Now. This is the school's charity of the year and we will be focusing our fundraising efforts to try to raise as much as we can for them in memory of Oliver Shelley, one of our students who we tragically lost at the end of last term. We are extremely grateful to all families who have donated so generously for a very worthy cause - it is not too late if you wish to still do so via ParentPay. Further events in aid of Meningitis Now will be communicated in due course as the year progresses.

This week, we have continued to see a flurry of extra-curricular activity and learning outside of the classroom. Year 13 have been busiest, engaging in Geography fieldwork in London, a cinema visit to see Edward Scissorhands and a BTEC Science field trip to Wakehurst Place. Friday saw our Year 8 students attending their reward trip to Thorpe Park after such a successful year throughout Year 7. Our Silver DofE students also go on their first practice expedition this weekend, which will see them navigate a route starting in Bewl Water. A huge thank you in advance to Dr Hall, Mrs Jones, Mrs Skinner and Mr Sargent for all of the support for participants over the coming weekend.

As a school, we continue to prioritise attendance and arriving at school on time and need the help of all parents and carers to support us with this. You will have seen that the DFE's position on this has also changed in a recent letter from Mr Fallick. We know that the best place for all students is in school, making the most out of their lessons, extra curricular experiences, and creating connections and lifelong memories with their peers. We appreciate that sometimes students are too unwell to attend, but would request that we work together on this, trying to get them into school if possible. It was markedly clear last year that students nationally who were not in school did not go on to get the qualifications that allowed them to access their next steps in education, employment, or training. We also know that the risks for young people who are not in school are much greater than those who are here with us every day. As a parent, I recognise that this can be difficult, but working in partnership with us around this, giving the same messages about the impact, whilst breaking habits before they form is absolutely in everybody's interests.



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Some parents and carers may be aware of our link with Tanbridge House School in Horsham as they are our local Teacher Training Hub for the SCITT pathway into teaching. This is a postgraduate pathway that places trainees in schools, with a programme of theoretical and practical input every Friday. Training on this pathway takes one school year, starting in September and finishing in July. As a school, we are committed to supporting teacher training and ensuring that we work closely with local providers to recruit into the profession. Tanbridge House have events for interested applicants for a September 2025 start, the first is on Zoom on Monday 7th October from 4-5pm, the second is on Monday 21st October from 4-6pm in person at Tanbridge House. We would urge all families who may be interested in training to be a teacher to access one of these events and to go to the website Tanbridge House website at <https://www.tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk/Teacher-Training/> for more information.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents and carers who have put themselves forward for the three Parent Governor positions that are opening up on our Governing Board. These are hugely important roles that we appreciate our families giving up their own time to serve. The nominations for these positions close on Monday 30th September and a ballot will follow shortly thereafter. We will share the link for the ballot in a separate letter in the next two weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting Success

The girls U14 football team have now reached the third round of the National Cup!

In the first round they were away to St Bedes in Redhill, playing a fantastic game where they were winning 2-0. Unfortunately the girls conceded 2 goals in the second half of the game to go into extra time where they ended up winning 3-2. This was thanks to a brilliant solo goal from Gemma Brissett. Player of the match was Reagan O'Donnell.

This week, the girls were again in action away against Winston Churchill School in Woking. The team played brilliantly again from start to finish and fully deserved their 3-0 victory, with some solid defending from Eva Thompson. Goals were scored by Gemma Brissett, Daisy Langridge and Chloe Randall. Player of the match was Gemma Brissett.

Fingers crossed we get a home tie in the next round!

Words by Mrs E. Wood.

On Tuesday 24th September our Year 7 boys team won their first match against Oathall 5-2. We were extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves and represented the school, setting the benchmark for the team going forwards.

The Year 10 boys football team also won their first match of the year, beating Downlands 7-1! They have set themselves a high bar for the season, but we are confident that their team spirit will continue to bring them success.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Miss Jackson will be in contact with parents and carers next week to canvas your opinion over Parent Consultation Evenings. These have been held online in recent years, but we are interested to know if this is still the preferred approach for parents and carers. Please do share your thoughts when the survey comes through.



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