



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

Compassion
Achievement
Respect
Endeavour

*The cornerstones of our
learning community*

6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Imberhorne School. My background is in Humanities, having taught in schools in East and West Sussex for my whole career. Most recently I was Deputy Headteacher at The Angmering School for the last six years. I grew up on the Sussex coast, have two children and am a supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion. I have been very lucky to spend some time getting to know the school over the past few months and am honoured to join this vibrant community and to have the opportunity to work with you and your children.

I believe that Imberhorne School's cornerstones of Compassion, Achievement, Respect and Endeavour (CARE) are at the centre of the best comprehensive education. These cornerstones are the foundation upon which we will build an educational culture that allows all students to thrive across both of our school sites, from Key Stage 3-5.

Compassion: At Imberhorne School, we believe that kindness and empathy need to be at the forefront of everything we do. Our aim is to create a structured, caring and supportive school where everyone feels safe, valued and heard. Our community is one where all students' personal and social growth will support them to develop into emotionally literate and successful adults.

Achievement: Striving for the highest standards of academic excellence is at the heart of our history and purpose at Imberhorne School. We are committed to providing a broad, challenging and engaging curriculum that inspires students academically and creatively, both in and out of the classroom. We will have high expectations and celebrate each student's progress, recognising that achievement and success comes in many forms.

Respect: Respect is the bedrock of our school culture. We will be an anti-discrimination school, teaching and modelling self-respect, respect for others, and for the diverse world in which we live. By creating an environment of social connectivity, inclusivity, belonging and understanding, we will prepare our students to be accountable and active citizens.

Endeavour: Hard work and perseverance are essential for success. We will encourage our students to embrace challenges, to learn from their mistakes and to persist in overcoming obstacles. We will commit to high standards and continuous improvement, instilling a love of learning and a resilience that will serve our students throughout their lives.

Thank you for entrusting Imberhorne School with your child's education and to everyone who has welcomed me so warmly. I am excited to work with you and your children so that Imberhorne School remains a place where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through our partnership we will build a culture where our cornerstones are at the heart of the daily experiences of all members of our school community.

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Sporting Successes

We are thrilled to report that two of our students have had great sporting success over the summer months:

Braimoh Bulsari in Year 12 was awarded a gold medal after jumping a personal best of 4.61 metres in the National School Games Finals!

Zac Webber, also in Year 12, was awarded a silver medal in the GB Junior International Target Shooting in the 25m precision class.

Windmill Lane Site Improvements

We are delighted that work is well underway on a significant roofing and window replacement project at our Windmill Lane site. These works started in the summer holidays and are due to continue until October half term.

We expect minimal disruption to the school day, but as work progresses there are some areas of our internal quads that will be inaccessible for short periods of time. This will have no impact on curriculum delivery.

Although the temporary coverings put up by the contractors were tested by the surprise extreme downpour during Thursday lunchtime of this week, these have been further reinforced to prevent this from happening again.

Parking on school site

We regret that parent/carer cars are not permitted to park on either of the school sites for drop off and pick up at the start and end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety of students who are accessing school buses and for those who require disability access. It is also so that we can account for all adults and vehicles who are on our school site to safeguard our vulnerable students and to allow for ease of movement for staff who need to commute between school sites.

For parents and carers who wish to drop off and collect by car we would please ask that you park nearby the school, with your child walking the final part of their journey to or from the car that they are travelling in. For those parking and dropping at Windmill Lane, this is particularly important to allow for the safe movement of buses on a very narrow road.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Please see attached a letter from Mr Williams, Leader of Learning Music with information on instrumental music lessons offered at Imberhorne School.

Clubs & Activities - Autumn 2024

A list of the clubs and activities available in the Autumn Term will be communicated at the start of next week to both students and parents/carers, it will also be available on our website. Clubs and Activities will start on Monday 16th September.

Key Dates for the Term Ahead

Please find below some key dates for the term ahead, you can also find calendar information on our website

<http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/calendar>

Thursday 12th September: Key Stage 3 individual photographs



Friday 13th September: Key Stage 4 individual photographs
Thursday 17th September: Year 12 Parents Essential Information Evening
Thursday 26th September: Open Evening - early closure at 12.20pm
Friday 27th September: Non Uniform Day
Thursday 10th October: Year 11 - Support Your Child through Year 11 Parent Event
Thursday 17th October: Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening - early closure at 2.30pm
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - Half Term Break

Key staff contacts

Heads of Year and Pastoral Support

Year 7	Mr D Moore, Head of Year 7 dmoore@imberhorne.co.uk	Mrs T Holley (Temporary) Pastoral Support, Year 7 tholley@imberhorne.co.uk
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Safeguarding

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