



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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learning community*

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are impressed with the way in which students at our Imberhorne Lane site have responded to the change of routine around exams this week and their positive attitude to this. The maturity across all year groups has allowed the exam season to start without a hitch, meaning that Years 11 and 13 have felt confident going into the exam hall/room. Can I please ask that Year 11 parents and carers continue with this positive messaging and communicate any concerns that they have around their children with us. We are clear about the value of learning and revision in these final weeks before students begin study leave and need to have them in front of us to have the most impact in supporting them to achieve the outcomes they deserve.

We also welcomed students from our Soft Federation of schools onto the Imberhorne Lane site this week for a public speaking event, aimed at promoting and building confidence in oracy skills. Our curriculum values these skills and will continue to find opportunities for students to build on them as they progress through the school due to their importance in every aspect of their adolescent and adult life. Students from Downlands Community School and Sackville School participated with students from Imberhorne, speaking confidently on topics such as Mithraism and the Roman Empire, serious illness, discrimination and speakers' own personal challenges. We aim to build on this more in school over the coming year and for this to become a regular event with Federation schools because we really value the development of oracy skills.

Year 10 students have been busy rehearsing their Drama GCSE performances this week. We look forward to a series of performances on Tuesday to Thursday next week and to seeing a number of parents and carers also in attendance at these events. Year 10 Geography students have also been out on a field trip to support their fieldwork element of the exam. Thank you to all students for their excellent engagement in these events and to staff for their support in organising and leading them so well.

You will remember my letter of two weeks' ago that explained the sad loss of Julie Foruria, who impacted so positively on the lives of scores of students in her role as Food Technology Technician on our Imberhorne Lane site. In the final weeks of her life, Julie was extremely well cared for by St. Catherine's Hospice and her family have asked that if anyone wanted to make any contributions in her memory that this would be their chosen beneficiary. Mrs Clements, our School Business Manager has therefore set up a JustGiving page for any families within our community that would like to do so:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/imberhorne-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=015

Yours faithfully

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