



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

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*The cornerstones of our
learning community*

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see so many Year 9 students, parents and carers at our Options Fair & Briefing on Wednesday evening. The Hall and Canteen at Imberhorne Lane were packed with families finding out more about the extensive range of courses we offer at Key Stage 4 and talking to some of our staff and Year 10 ambassadors about them. Good luck in making the choices and please get in touch with us if we can help in any way. The deadline for returning the Options form is 19th February.

I received an email during the week from a member of the public commending the conduct of Imberhorne students in the community. It was deeply gratifying to read his words...

"I felt compelled to write to you to commend your student body on the excellent way that they conduct themselves outside school hours. As a parent...I tend to notice whether the students feel intimidating or well mannered. Your students are a credit to you and your staff."

We are proud of the way that the vast majority of students conduct themselves in and out of lessons – as you can see from this feedback this does not go unnoticed in our community.

I have met with Imberstar winners from each year group over the last five days. Students receive Imberstar nominations from staff for consistently going above and beyond in their work and general attitudes. The top ten students each Half Term receive a certificate and prizes including the much-coveted Imberhorne pen! Well done to each of our winners this week – I am so proud of you all.

Year 8 Parents Evening and Early Closure – Thursday 22nd February

The on-line Year 8 Parent and Carer Consultation Evening is taking place on Thursday 22nd February from 3.30pm – 7.30pm. Appointments can be booked online [here](#).

Please note that due to the Year 8 Consultation Evening on Thursday 22nd February, the school day will finish at 2.30pm. Travel arrangements are as follows:

- School coach service **903, 905, E579** and all taxis/minibuses are able to collect students at their relevant sites at 2.30pm.
- The following Metrobus services will also run their usual route: **638, 643, 648, 281** at this time. Please note that the **624 and 84 services cannot operate at 2.30pm** and will therefore run as a normal school day finish.
- Southdown PSV service **236** service will run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

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Extra-curricular clubs

Please encourage your child to take part in one or more of our extra-curricular clubs. They are a superb way to learn new skills, make new friends and widen knowledge. The full list can be found on our website [here](#)

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

The HPV vaccination for Year 8 Girls and Boys will be taking place on Monday 19th February 2024. Please be aware that consent needs to be given no later than Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 11.00am using the online link emailed previously by Mrs Cook. If you need to contact the Immunisation team, please do so on 01243 696011 extn 2043. Further information shared by the Immunisation Team relating to this vaccine is attached.

Advice on measles from West Sussex County Council

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children and young people. The symptoms of measles, along with more information about the virus, can be found on the [NHS website](#).

The Department for Education has published new advice for managing measles outbreaks, including advice for parents on what to do when they suspect their child may have measles.

Parents are advised that children with diagnosed measles should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears. More information on how to respond to rising cases of measles can be found on the [DfE Education Hub website](#).

NHS Dentist – Half Term appointments available

High Street Dental Practice in East Grinstead are offering free NHS dental treatment for children up to the age of 18 this February Half Term. For more information telephone 01342 458034 or email reception@highstreetdentalpractice.com.

Would you consider a career in teaching?

Tanbridge Teacher Training (in partnership with GLF Schools and Inspiring Future Teachers) are hosting two free online 'Train to Teach' sessions.

One is for staff already working in schools (for example, as a TA) and takes place on Thursday 22nd February, 3.30-4.30pm. The second is for anyone interested in becoming a teacher who is NOT currently working in a School. This takes place on March 7th, from 5-6pm.

During both sessions, you will gain valuable knowledge about transitioning into teaching, and how passion for education can play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of tomorrow.

For further information and to register for these free events please email teachertraining@ths.uk.net or visit <https://www.inspiringfutureteachers.org/tanbridge>

Word of the Week

eccentric	adj	unconventional and unusual (person, views or behaviour).
They had always thought that her views were rather eccentric .		

Yours faithfully

Mr Lee Walker
Headteacher

Attached: HPV Vaccinations
Free NHS Dental Treatment for children