



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Matthew Whatford

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21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Students in Year 7 have this week been treated to an excellent History trip to Bodiam Castle to support their learning about the Norman Conquest and development of castles. Year 11 have also continued on their journey towards success, completing their Dance practical assessments, before final Photography and Art exams next week. We continue to be impressed by their attitude and openness to support. Next Wednesday evening we also have our Spring Music Concert (please see attached flyer) and look forward to welcoming in as many of you as possible for this - Mr Williams and the team continue to raise the profile of Music and we are proud of all of the work being done across our arts subjects to broaden students' experience and give them the most balanced curriculum.

This week I received an email from a member of the 1955 class of the old Grammar School at Windmill Lane, notifying us of a planned 70th anniversary reunion. The author, John Ayling, is keen to reconnect with old friends and asked me to share this with our families. If anyone in our community knows anyone who was part of this 1955 cohort and would like to join this reunion, it is planned for Sunday 9th November and will most likely take place at The Felbridge Hotel. The organisers are John himself (jayling@jac-media.co.uk) and Roger Carter (rogerjohncarter@hotmail.com) and are happy to be contacted directly by their former classmates.

Mr Fallick has written to you this year to explain the impact of school attendance and our aims to improve this to support student success. Last week a report was released by the DFE ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67c96d7dd0fba2f1334cf2ed/The link between a ttendance and attainment in an assessment year - March 2025.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67c96d7dd0fba2f1334cf2ed/The_link_between_attendance_and_attainment_in_an_assessment_year_-_March_2025.pdf)) that made an explicit causal link between good attendance and good outcomes for students at Key Stage 4. The authors found that students who attended nearly every day in Year 11 (95-100% attendance) were 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE compared to those with 90-95% attendance (up to 2 weeks or more of absence in a school year). This means that missing 10 days of Year 11 reduced the likelihood of achieving a Grade 5 in English and Maths by 50%. It also found that students in the 90-95% bracket were 1.6 times more likely than those with 85-90% attendance to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths. We obviously understand that there are times when it would not be right for students to be in school if they are too unwell, but this research reinforces our view that we can have the most impact in supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes if they are in front of us in school.

We have Year 12 Consultation Evening on Thursday of next week, which will be an important opportunity for parents and carers to understand fully how students have managed the transition and progression into Level 3 courses. A reminder that this means there will be an early closure at 2.30pm. Travel arrangements for our early closure are as follows for students who catch school coaches/buses and taxis:

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- School coach service **903, 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: **E579, 636 638, 642, 643, 648, 281** at this time. Please note that the 624 service cannot operate at 2.30pm and will therefore run as a normal school day finish.
- Metrobus service 646 will run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

Finally, I wanted to share a lovely story about the kindness and bravery of Charlie Burton, who is one of our students in Year 10. On Monday of this week Charlie stopped to help an elderly lady who had fallen in the park. He stayed with her awaiting an ambulance, arranged for a blanket to keep her warm, followed the instructions of the ambulance call handler, supported the handover to the paramedics when they arrived and ensured she went off safely in the ambulance. We are incredibly proud of Charlie's actions, showing such compassion and maturity in managing an incredibly difficult situation in a busy park. He has recently completed the first aid course for his DofE and said that this had given him the confidence and assertiveness to put his learning into action.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting success

Year 7 Rugby

Sussex Rugby 7s Tournament

Final position: Runners Up

Congratulations to the Imberhorne year 7 team who finished in second place at the Sussex 7-a-side tournament at Christ's Hospital School, losing just one game, to the eventual winners; Hurstpierpoint college (an 8 tries to 6 thriller – 1 try every minute!!). There was some excellent rugby on show and many of our players caught the eye of other coaches, but the standout performance of the day was Jack, who scored in every round and was a threat every time he got his hands on the ball. His finish for the try against Seaford College was something else!

Try scorers: Seb M (4) Jack (4) Seb S (3) Josh (2) Zaiyn (1) Arthur (1) James (1)

Players of the tournament: Jack

Well done to all the boys who have played a part in this season's fixtures, it's been a busy 1st year and you have all made great strides, individually and as a team. The brand of rugby you are playing will set you up well, in the future, and you should all be extremely proud of how far you have come in such a short amount of time. Winners of your plate final last week and the second-best team in Sussex at the 7s tournament today. Really well done, very proud of you all.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
25	16	5	4

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