



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Lee Walker

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The cornerstones of our learning community

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's letter begins with a message from Mr Yule, Chair of Governors:

I thought you might like to know that, at our meeting just before half-term, the governors had a substantial discussion about school culture.

We focussed on the part of our vision for the school that says, "we will enable all young people, regardless of background, to achieve the highest possible standards of academic excellence, personal conduct and responsibility..." and reflected on how that impacts day-to-day running of the school.

In particular, we are very conscious that current efforts to improve behaviour, whilst welcomed by many, have encountered substantial resistance from a small fraction of students, reflected in higher rates of suspensions than Imberhorne has historically experienced and a handful of permanent exclusions.

We are, however, convinced that the drive to ensure that school rules are enforced consistently will be beneficial for the vast majority of students, who deserve the opportunity to learn without disruption caused by others.

In practice that means that all staff will continue to be encouraged to calmly, but firmly, insist that all students follow the rules; so, for example, mobile phones are never used in school, uniform is worn correctly in line with policy and students behave respectfully towards all other students and adults (and vice-versa).

As you are probably aware, we are currently in the process of appointing a new Headteacher with interviews to be held on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March.

We intend to appoint someone who appreciates our commitment to high standards and will want to build on current initiatives when they join us in September.

News from school

Well done to our Year 11 Food Technology students who have been completing their practical exams, and good luck to those who will be cooking in the coming week.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have had First Aid training this week, including information on CPR and the opportunity to practise this vital skill on their very own 'Resusci-Annie' dummies. Thanks very much to John and Glenn from Life Safety Training for providing such excellent and vital training for our students.

There will be a performance of Jekyll and Hyde by an external theatre company for all Year 11 students on Thursday 29th February. Please ask your child to describe the action of the play, key characters and plot in their own words to you afterwards, as this will help with their revision.

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Year 11 Mock examinations

Please note that a further set of mock examinations for Year 11 students will take place as follows:

	Session 1 (Starts 9am)	Session 2 (Starts 11.20am)
Monday 6 th March	Maths (90 mins)	Geography (90 mins)
Tuesday 7 th March	English Literature (105 mins)	Business (75 mins)
Wednesday 8 th March	Science (75 mins) Triple Science (105 mins)	History (50 mins)

Extra-curricular clubs

As the new half term begins, I would be grateful if you could 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](#).

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](#).

Would you consider a career in teaching?

Tanbridge Teacher Training (in partnership with GLF Schools and Inspiring Future Teachers) are hosting a free online 'Train to Teach' session. This 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 the session, you will gain valuable knowledge about moving into teaching, and how your passion for learning could play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of tomorrow.

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

Word of the Week

sublime	Adj.	of high moral or intellectual value; elevated in nature or style.
When he practised his violin, the music was sublime .		

Yours faithfully

Mr L Walker
Headteacher