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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week's Futures Fair was a resounding success, with students in all year groups given the opportunity to be exposed to some excellent advice and guidance across a number of different industries and sectors. A huge thanks goes to Mrs Parker, Mr Turner, Mrs Moss and Mr Creeves in particular for their organisation of this event. We aim to repeat this event every two years, so each year group should therefore experience this at least twice in their time at the school.

Thank you also to all parents and carers who engaged with Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening last week. We know that parental engagement is a huge factor in the overall success of all of our young people here and our partnership work means that this impact is multiplied. With this in mind, we hope that as near to 100% of Year 9 parents and carers as possible are able to attend our **Year 9 Options Briefing and Subject Fair on Wednesday 5th February**. Details of the Subject Fair and how to book for presentations at 5.45pm or 6.45pm have been sent to all Year 9 families. This will be a great opportunity to support you with the facts you need to have as much dialogue as possible with your children around their Key Stage 4 option choices so that they are as informed as possible. This is particularly important because every year students choose courses that they believe are one thing on the surface, with them eventually realising that the reality of the course is quite different. The **Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening** to support final decision making is on **Thursday 13th February** and the **deadline for submission of their options** is the following day on **Friday 14th February**. The form for students to complete this process will be sent to students directly on their school email.

The school calendar continues to be busy in the lead up to the half term break, particularly with regard to assessments for Year 11 and 13, but also with Year 12 in-lesson assessments taking place over the next week. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all students for the way in which they have approached these assessment and exam pressures and remind them that we are here to help if things don't or haven't gone as planned. There are numerous after-school sessions, with the Year 11 offer publicised in the regular newsletters from Ms Marlborough, and staff are open to providing as much advice, guidance, feedback and further practice as students need. Staff will obviously approach students where they see need, but I should impress on students and families that we may not always see hidden anxieties and that students should feel confident in asking for help as and when they need it.

Yours faithfully

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Sporting success

Year 10 boys Football

Last Friday saw the Year 10 Football team play away against Oathall. Wanting to maintain their current form of results, the boys were keen to keep their momentum going, and were eager for another win. The game started well with Imberhorne playing good football from the first whistle, and because of this, it didn't take long for this type of play to result in goals scored. Armstrong took his chances in both the 10th and 11th minute resulting in Imberhorne going ahead by two and taking over control of the game. The confidence grew within the team, with the boys creating further chances and scoring another two goals before half time, one of which being a free kick scored by Lammas. Going into the second half, the boys knew they were to continue playing in the same way. Oathall started strong with them scoring from outside the box and adding one to the scoresheet. With a healthy lead still, Imberhorne didn't let this impact their game and continued to apply the pressure. As a result, two further goals were scored and Imberhorne came away with the win.

Oathall 1- Imberhorne 6.

Goal scorers, Armstrong x4, Latham, Lammas.

Words by Mr Dunbar