



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We were so impressed with our Year 7 representatives at the International Women in Engineering Day that took place at Gatwick STEM Centre and their winning LEGO robot that they both built and coded! It is just not right that only 4% of Engineers are women and we see that promoting equity and representation across all sectors is vital and part of our mission at Imberhorne school. We are extremely thankful to Mrs Parker and Mr Turner for organising and facilitating this experience and look forward to seeing the further progress and ongoing achievements of our brilliant female STEM students.

Year 7 have also this week capped an excellent first year at Imberhorne representing themselves brilliantly on their Geography Field Trip. We have been so impressed with the way in which they have engaged and challenged themselves this year and know that they have huge potential to be extremely successful in their time here. A massive thank you must also go to the Geography team and their helpers for organising and facilitating this trip.

Although we congratulated Year 11 last week on the completion of their GCSEs, we have been delighted to welcome them back this week for the Sixth Form Transition Evening. We were excited to see so many of them in attendance and thinking about what's next. Enrolment for the Sixth Form will be completed on results day and the day after and we hope to see as many of our Year 11 as possible staying with us. Please do contact Mr Crees if your child hasn't applied for a place but are now considering Imberhorne as an option - we are always open to late applications and will do our best to make it work. We will also be celebrating with all of Year 11 this evening at Prom as they turn out in their finery to bid farewell to their school days. I am sure it will be a memorable evening for all students and their families and look forward to seeing you there.

You may have seen the social media article that was posted this week from The Argus about the work that is being done by The Breck Foundation. We are very proud to be involved in this work and our Youth Ambassadors have been selected. They are currently undergoing training to take on their roles and have really impressed Giselle Wild and Mrs Best with their insight and maturity. We look forward to sharing more information about this with you soon, but please do read the article if you have not done so already

(<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/25156797.new-project-launched-tackle-online-grooming-sussex/>).

I wrote last week about the importance of the Arts in school and am pleased to share with you this week that an exhibition of student work will be on display from today and all weekend at St. Swithun's Church. This is in advance of our showcase of the brilliant GCSE and A-Level work that will be open to visitors on the afternoon of Thursday 17th July. Having seen a preview this week, I can attest to the brilliance of our students and look forward to celebrating their achievements with you on the evening.

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I felt it was a good idea to further remind you of the remaining events in the calendar for this half term, especially next Wednesday, which has a number of different events taking place:

- Tuesday 1st July: Music Summer Concert
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y6 Induction Day and Evening
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y7 Futures 'Take Your Child to Work Day'
- Wednesday 2nd July: Y8 Futures Day at Imberhorne Lane
- Friday 4th July: Y13 Prom
- Monday 7th-Friday 11th July: Y10 and 12 Work Experience
- Monday 7th-Wednesday 9th July: Y9 Camp at Bewl
- Friday 11th July: Sports Day at Imberhorne Lane (KS3 only)
- Tuesday 15th July: Y10 Sixth Form mini-tasters
- Wednesday 16th July: Y10 Celebration Evening
- Thursday 17th July: Y10 Futures Mock Interview Day
- Thursday 17th July: Y9 Celebration Evening
- Tuesday 22nd July: School finishes for summer at 12.20pm

Our uniform supplier's 10% off offer remains on over this weekend, up to the end of Tuesday 1st July: <https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher