



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all families who attended this week's Year 9 Options Information Evening. We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school. Staff were clear that the engagement they saw from students was extremely impressive and that there had been some very careful research and thought that had already taken place. We now follow this with Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening next **Thursday 13th February**, with the deadline for submission of student choices on the following day (**Friday 14th February**).

We would urge all parents/carers of Year 9 students to sign up for appointments for the Parent Consultation Evening via [here](#) if you haven't yet done so. A reminder that school will close at 2.30pm on this day to allow for a prompt start to this event.

Travel arrangements for our early closure are as follows for students who catch school coaches/buses and taxis:

- 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.

We were thrilled to hear of Zac Webber in Year 12's success in the Intershoot competition in the Netherlands last weekend. Zac proudly represented the Team GB Regional Squad and after a more challenging first day, he showed great resilience to beat competitors from Canada and Peru to win Gold in the Individual competition. Zac then travelled to Cannock this week to compete in the National Schools Pistol Shooting Championships representing Imberhorne. He competed in the senior group against students in Year 12 and 13 from across the country, coming away with another Gold medal! We are extraordinarily proud of Zac and his achievements and hope you will have seen the pictures on our social media.

Parents and Carers may also be interested to know the plans for the Imberhorne Farm housing development, which is behind our Imberhorne Lane site, go to the Planning Committee next week. These plans were initially submitted and consulted on in 2023, having been in progress for many years prior. Plans such as these will always open up different and sometimes opposing views on the wider impact across the area, but it is important to highlight that the current plans have stipulations which would see the school benefiting from a land gain of several hectares and the construction of some new sporting facilities over the coming years. Should these plans come to fruition, there would also be a material gain to the wider community through community use of these sporting facilities, which the school would be completely committed to.

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Finally, attached to this letter is a flyer about some free webinars that an organisation called Elevate Education is providing for parents and carers. Unfortunately, the first two have already taken place, but there is still availability for families to access the webinars on exam preparation and supporting your child through exams. These are targeted at parents and carers of Year 11 students, but we would suggest that they may be of use to parents and carers in any year group.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting success

U12 RUGBY

COUNTY SHIELD

IMBERHORNE 50 : 15 BEXHILL

Great win for the year 7s against Bexhill. Nice to see a few set moves being used and the passing game is developing nicely. Well done to everyone who played, particularly the new boys and a massive thank you to Mr Hughes for stepping in and running the side for today.

Player of the match: Mr Hughes

Scorers: too many to mention!!

CHARLES DARWIN TOURNAMENT

Results:

- Lost to Bullers Wood Boys School 05 : 20
- Won against Darrick Wood 15 : 00
- Drew with Charles Darwin 10 : 10
- Drew with Riddlesdown 10 : 10

So disappointed that we did not win at least one more game! We were perhaps a little too greedy in one game, should have scored if we had passed the ball through the hands, to the wingers in space, but instead, we got turned over on the opposition try line, leading to a breakaway try. Lesson learnt – rugby is a team game, and you can't develop as a team, if you don't trust your teammates to score for you.

I am biased, but in my opinion, the year 7s from Imberhorne, played the best brand of rugby of all the teams playing today. Set pieces, running rugby, good lines, excellent stuff.

Try scorers: Seb M (3) Arthur (1) Carter (1) Seb S (2) Henry (1)

Player of the tournament: Seb M

Words by Mr Byrne