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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Consultation Evening and Revision

Thank you to all Year 11 parents and carers for attending our second Consultation Evening of the year. I am very sorry for the outage that affected appointments from around 6.30 onwards - this was a provider issue, which is far from satisfactory. Staff who missed appointments will contact parents and carers who they feel it is important they speak to. Please otherwise feel free to communicate with Mrs Wells directly or with Heads of Subject, who will respond and pass on communications to relevant staff. This event was added to the calendar for this year to allow for a further post-mock exam catch-up, knowing that there was still time for students to act upon the feedback they are given. Staff were clear that the conversations they had with you were highly valuable and we now look forward to supporting students in the final run towards exams (which come very quickly from here!) so that they can be supported and challenged to reach their potential.

Mrs Abingdon has also written to all of them this week to launch Revision HQ, which is a one-stop shop for all revision support and materials via a Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to join if they haven't yet done so. Each week we also have a focus revision skill, which this week is dual coding - these are launched in assemblies with Year 11

You may also remember that earlier this year I wrote to Year 11 parents about Elevate, who did some focused revision input with Year 11 students in school, sharing their webinars. They have a new webinar next Tuesday (10th Feb) from 6-7pm, which is focused on improving your child's memory. You can register for free [here](#).

Year 7 and 9 Police visits

Thank you to Mrs Warburton for her organisation of the Youth Policing Team visits to Year 7 lessons (this week) and Year 9 lessons (next week). These lessons are a core part of the LIFE curriculum, covering issues that are targeted at these year groups and contextual issues that affect them and their peers. We are grateful for the time given to this by the Police and for the expertise with which they present to students.

Year 9 Options Information Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 9 students (along with their children) into our Year 9 Options Information Evening on Tuesday of next week. As per Mrs Best's letter, the event will run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at our Imberhorne Lane site. Please enter and sign in at Reception. There are bookable talks taking place and a marketplace setup with all Key Stage 4 subjects represented. Students and their families will have an opportunity to visit different subjects at their leisure in order to answer any questions that they might have.



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Trips this week

It has been a busy week for trips, which have all had an incredibly enriching effect on the experience of students in school. Thank you to Ms Sassi and the Art Department for their Year 12 and 13 visit to the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. Thanks to Mr Watson and the Drama team for taking GCSE Drama students to see Blood Brothers on the stage in Guildford. Thanks to Mrs Swan for taking GCSE History students to see the Doctors Show in Oxted in support of their Medicine Through Time studies. A final thank you to Dr Eveleigh for taking Sixth Form students to a Science event at Sackville School.

East Grinstead Museum

Thank you Ms Sassi, who has today taken a small group of students to the East Grinstead Museum to be part of a short film about a new display case that was installed at the end of last year. The crew will be filming students sketching the display as it is completed with items such as a cavalry sword and some of Mollie Lentaigne's, an important medical reportage artist, original drawings. The display will then be open to the public and the finished film will be shown on the Museum Development South-East website and will be a showcase for Arts Council England and the government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, who funded the case.

Tax-free childcare

The local authority has this week written to all schools about tax-free childcare, which is available to all children up to 11 or 17 if they have a disability. I know many of our families will be using this scheme for younger children in particular, but if you are unsure of what it is or your eligibility, please check [here](#).

Lost Property - Coats

We have several unnamed coats at Windmill Lane Reception that have been handed in. Please can your son/daughter come to reception at break to claim any coat they are missing.

Can we also ask that all uniform/items are checked for student names as we do want the items to get back to their owner and can only do this if the name is clear. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
Headteacher

Sporting and Arts success

Judo

Congratulations to Alex McKee in Year 11 who won Gold at the Southern Area Schools Judo Championships in Woking last week!

Alex will now compete at the National Schools Competition in Walsall in March - we look forward to hearing about how he got on!

Shooting

This week, Zac Webber in Year 13 represented Imberhorne at the British Schools Pistol Shooting Championship in Cannock Chase. For the second year in the row and only the second time ever, he took home the trophy for 'Senior National Champion'! This is clearly an exceptional achievement and we are extremely proud of Zac.

Zac is currently competing in the Intershoot international airgun competition in the Netherlands - we hope to be able to share more success with you next week!



Under-12 Rugby Tournament

Wednesday of this week was a fantastic day for our Year 7 boys rugby squad at the Charles Darwin School in Biggin Hill. In a display of pure determination and skill, the boys remained undefeated throughout the entire tournament, securing four wins out of four.

The tournament provided plenty of excitement, including some early "edge-of-your-seat" moments against the hosts, Charles Darwin. In what was arguably the defensive highlight of the day, the U12s held their line for over five minutes under intense pressure, showcasing incredible grit and determination when it mattered most.

While there is always room to grow, specifically focusing on increasing our speed at the breakdown—the team cohesion and work rate were top-tier.

Tournament Stats:

| Played | Won | Lost | Points For | Points Against | Points Diff |
|--------|-----|------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 75 | 20 | +55 |

Match Results

- **Imberhorne 25 : 10 RB Baabaas**
 - Scorers: Timmy E, Rory Mc, Dexter S, Morgan B, Bobby G
 - **Imberhorne 15 : 05 Cleve**
 - Scorers: Thomas B-B, Rory Mc, Bobby G
 - **Imberhorne 20 : 05 Charles Darwin**
 - Scorers: Thomas B-B (2), Bobby G, Morgan B
 - **Imberhorne 15 : 00 Hayes**
 - Scorers: Beau P, Ollie M, Stanley M
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Standout Performances:

Player of the Tournament: Thomas B-B

Thomas was quite simply "on fire" from the first whistle. He was a force on both sides of the ball: making three try-saving tackles, dominating the rucks to win more turnovers than any other player, and finishing as the joint top scorer. A truly complete performance!

Special Mention: Timmy E

Timmy continues to go from strength to strength. His progression with every game is evident, contributing some "big hits" in defense and clinical finishing to get on the scoresheet.

"A very pleasing day of rugby. The boys showed real character to maintain their 100% record under pressure."

Words by Mr Byrne