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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I have no doubt that with two Bank Holidays and only five weeks in school, this half term will go by in a flash. It will undoubtedly be a time where families of Year 11 and 13 students will feel some pressure. We will do everything we can to be positive, build their confidence and recognise their achievements. Please check that they have a reasonable revision timetable that gives them enough breaks, rest and rewards. Please also communicate with us if you have any concerns whatsoever. As per my letter from before the holiday, all Year 11 students will continue to attend their full timetable of lessons outside of their scheduled exams up to the half term break. Further revision sessions will be offered after this time and whilst these are strongly advised, they are not mandatory.

We are very excited to share with you that Heidi, Summer and Phoebe in Year 8 will be representing the UK at an International Cheerleading competition in the USA next week with their club, the Wildcats Athletics. They will be training daily with some of the biggest American cheer teams including Top Gun and Double-Down cheer and then competing in the prestigious 'Nfinity Finals' under 16 division. Heidi and Summer are also representing the UK teams in the under 14, lyrical and contemporary dance division in a small group of six dancers. We are excited for all three girls and wish them the very best of luck.

You will have seen my separate letter this week about the Memorial Garden and the bereavements in our school community. I just wanted to take this opportunity to signpost this again and the support partners that were listed in that letter. Thank you to all who have supported our student community as the week has progressed and for all of your kind words.

I need to share with you that Mrs Price will be leaving her role as SENDCo at the end of June to take up a new post in the senior leadership team of a newly opening special school in Surrey. We are very lucky to have appointed a new SENDCo, Ms Naomi Pegden, who will be starting with us after the May half term. This means that there will be a month of overlap so that a full handover into the role can take place. We are extremely excited for Mrs Price and know that it has been an ambition of hers to help build a specialist provision from the ground up but we will all be very sad to say farewell to her. We also look forward to introducing you to Ms Pegden in due course and she will take some time over the summer getting to know our SEND families.

We have our Year 10 Consultation Evening on Thursday of next week; a reminder that this means there will be an early closure at 2.30pm. 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.

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- Metrobus service 646 will run at its normal scheduled time at 3.15pm as there is not an earlier service available to Lingfield/Dormansland.

The second issue of the school magazine has been published and can be found [here](#). This has been an enormous piece of work by students in the Sixth Form, supported by Mrs Cheong and Mrs Jones, and we are extremely proud of what they have achieved.

We have been asked by West Sussex County Council to share the following information with you: For children who are experiencing dental pain or require urgent treatment, please contact the Sussex Dental Helpline - they can provide advice and help you find an urgent care appointment.

- Phone: 0300 123 1663 (Monday to Friday, 08:00 - 16:00)
- Email: kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net

The helpline provides advice, books urgent NHS dental appointments and supports access for vulnerable patients, including looked after children and care leavers. For more information please visit the [Sussex Health and Care website](#).

Yours faithfully

Mr Matthew Whatford
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