



IMS Newsletter

This term so far...

The last 4 months have been a challenge for all, but we are proud to say that Ingfield Manor School has remained open throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. During this time, things have looked a little bit different and it's safe to say that we have all learnt a lot more about online video calling!

Whilst some students have been accessing school, others have been self-isolating at home. For all families, the staff teams have been working tremendously hard to ensure that they keep in touch and make sure that accessible work is sent home. We would like to say thank you and well done to all the parents who turned into teaching assistants over night! We hope that you have been enjoying the Zoom sessions as much as us.

The students who have attended school have all coped well with the PPE that the staff are wearing. Motor learning and lessons are now delivered within 'bubbles' where small groups of students and staff remain together for the whole day. We have endeavored to keep the curriculum as normal as possible for these students whilst building in lots of opportunities for fun. Due to the fortunate weather conditions, the groups have been able to make great use of the outdoor learning environments around the school.

We do hope that you and your families are all safe and well during this difficult time. It's a very strange time right now, but we are really looking forward to the time when we will have busy and noisy classrooms around the school again!

If you are intending for your son/daughter to return to school before the summer holidays, please be in touch with your Head of Department as soon as possible.

SUMMER 2020

Dates for your diary:

***Tuesday 14th July – Virtual Sports Day.**

***Thursday 16th July – End of Year Virtual Assembly.**

***Friday 17th July – Leavers Assembly.**

***Friday 17th July 2020 – last day of academic year. Students leave school at 2pm.**

***Monday 7th September – Students return to school.**

Sing and Sign

Under normal circumstances, the children and staff across the whole school were going to be learning the signs for **Love My Life** by Robbie Williams.

If you would like to see the video our staff team put together of themselves singing and signing along to Robbie, please contact Pip Edgcombe at:

pip.edgcombe@ambitoeducation.co.uk

who will share it with you via Dropbox. Hopefully we will all be able to perform it together soon.

Student News

It's time to say a fond farewell to some of our students who are moving on to new adventures.

Sixth Form students:

Blake

James

Henry

Primary students:

Harry

We wish all our leavers lots of luck in the future. Please come back and visit us soon!

In September 2020 we will be joined by three new students in the Early Years and Primary department. We look forward to welcoming Emma, Leo and Joshua.

Staff News

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to four of our staff members in July 2020:

Adam Tester – Teacher

Sarrah Blyth – Teacher

Claire Crowther – QTVI

Karen Hens - Team Member

We have welcomed three new member of staff this term:

Katy Begley – Occupational Therapist in Sixth Form

Carla Lauren – Occupational Therapist in Early Years and Primary

Lauren McWhirter - Nurse

Staff changes (as of September 2020):

Gervaise Thompson will be the new Team Leader in Secondary.

Kate Lewis (teacher) will be moving to the Secondary Department.

Becci Sherwood and Sandra Collier (Senior Team Members) will be moving to the Secondary Department.

Kate Neary (Primary SaLT) will be returning from maternity leave.

Heads of Department

From September 2020 there will be changes to the Heads of Departments across the school. The new structure will be:

- **Head of School for Parents, Early Years and Primary (SfP - Year 6)**
– **Rachel Sebastino** (rachel.sebastino@ambitoeducation.co.uk)
- **Head of Secondary (Years 7-11) – Becky Ffrench**
(becky.ffrench@ambitoeducation.co.uk)
- **Head of Education and Sixth Form (Years 12-14) – Annette Smith**
(annette.smith@ambitoeducation.co.uk)

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact them. Annette, Rachel and Becky work closely together and will continue to do so in the new academic year.

Respite in Acorns

We are able to offer overnight stays in our residential provision. If you are interested in having a look around or would like more information, please contact Tracey Francis (Head of Care): tracey.francis@ambitoeducation.co.uk

*"Large streams from
little fountains flow.
Tall oaks from
little acorns grow"*

School Improvements

Our multi-talented staff have been busy making improvements to the school. The photos below show the new bunting and mural in Acorns. You will also be pleased to see that the corridors are no longer bright yellow and have been replaced by more neutral colours.

However, our once plain cupboards in Primary have been replaced with 'I can sing a rainbow' multisensory cupboard doors.



The Friends of Ingfield need you!

We are in need of more volunteers to join the Friends of Ingfield committee.

The Friends raise money for the school to purchase additional equipment and resources for the children.

Are you able to spare some time to attend up to 6 committee meetings a year, as well as help at fund raising events?

If you are interested – please contact Jane Hart-Coombes on:

Jane.hart-coombes@ambitoeducation.co.uk

If we don't see you before, we hope you have a great summer!

