Biddenham
International School & Sports College
Principal: Mr David Bailey Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

14th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students at Biddenham International School and Sports College start the term looking so smart and ready to learn. As always, our 'Look smart – think smart' approach underpins our high expectations, and we are grateful for your partnership in this.

Uniform and appearance
Our students have generally returned looking extremely smart, which sets a positive tone for the learning environment. I'd like to clarify a few key points to ensure everyone is clear on our expectations:

Hair Colour: All students should have natural hair colours only. We have noticed that some students experimented with hair colours over the summer and, in some cases, have tried to remove them. If your child's hair is still an unnatural colour, we kindly request your support in restoring it to a natural shade ready to return after half term.

Nails: For safety reasons, especially during PE and practical subjects, nails should be kept short, and acrylic nails are not permitted.

Jewellery: Students may wear a single pair of stud earrings only – no hoops or dangly earrings, and a small nose stud.

Footwear: School shoes should be worn, not trainers. For PE lessons, students should bring trainers to change into.

Full Uniform Details: For a comprehensive guide to our uniform policy, please refer to the school website.

Attendance and Punctuality
Excellent attendance and punctuality are vital for your child's success at school. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day. The school gates close at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7.55am. **Tuesday:** 8.45am

Students arriving after these times will be marked as late and will miss valuable learning time. Please be aware that the later start on Tuesday may mean different traffic conditions, so plan journeys accordingly.

Please review our school uniform policy on the website to ensure your child fully meets all of our expectations. Should your child need to restore their hair to a natural shade, kindly ensure this is completed by our return from half term. Finally, please ensure they wear the correct uniform daily and arrive at school on time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards for all our students. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Bailey
Principal

Ms E Grylls
Head of School

Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedford, MK40 4AZ
Tel: 01234 342521 Fax: 01234 334530
Email: enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk Website: biddenham.beds.sch.uk