



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer

This final half term is an exceptionally important one for our Year 12 students, as it will be a vital one in the pursuit of their future careers. The time to the exams is rapidly running down and before long the students will be sending off their applications for apprenticeships, university or whatever other opportunities they may find. With this in mind we will be focusing on their destinations for this half term and these will be linked to their progress so far this year. It is imperative that the students understand the hard work and effort they put in now will pay significant dividends in the long run and will also impact on the choices they have for life after Biddenham.

I hope that you find the attached achievement report useful and are able to see progress in your child's report since parents evening and the most recent reports. There has been a distinct improvement in attitude in lessons and around school from the majority of the sixth form students and we hope that this academic culture continues for the remainder of the summer term.

It is important that all of the students plan their time wisely so that they are able to maximise their study time, as well as their own time to allow them to continue with their own personal interests. They should realistically be spending 4 - 5 hours a week outside of the lesson time for each subject, and this time should be dedicated to recapping on class notes, preparation for the next lesson and additional reading to deepen their knowledge.

In the lead up to their exams next year, students will, without doubt, begin to feel the pressure mounting and we wish to ensure that we, along with family at home, are able to support the young people as best we can. There are a number of support mechanisms available here at school but the first point of contact for each student should either be their form tutor or the subject staff. They will be able to work with the students on methods of revision, time management as well as additional materials they can utilise to help with study and subject matter as well as simple ways to relax and find time for themselves.

If over the next few weeks you have any concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Sixth Form Team here at school.

Yours sincerely

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