



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

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Dear New Year 7 Student

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on all your hard work throughout Year 6 and for your recent results. We know this is a really challenging time for you and it shows real resilience taking part in lessons and completing the tests to the best of your ability. We are looking forward to supporting you with learning new skills and embedding skills you have already learned.

During the summer you will feel a mixture of emotions. You will be excited, nervous and maybe a little anxious. We do hope that the transition days have put your mind at ease so that you know what to expect when you join us in september.

Your first four days at Biddenham will see you take part in a transition timetable and we have a range of exciting activities planned including: supporting you with organisation, conflict resolution, points of interest, team building and most of all we encourage you to make as many friends as possible. On Thursday 5th September you will receive your chromebook so there will be time for you to learn how to use a chromebook responsibly to enhance your learning experience to become an independent learner. Please tell your parents about an important workshop that will take place after school, from 4pm until 5pm on the 18th September in the V Block break out space where they can learn how to support you with using the chromebook and about all the fantastic online resources you have access to at home.

During the summer holidays and throughout the year there will be updates to our school website that will help support you and your parents with the transition to secondary school. In addition to this there are some really helpful tips here to support you further:

<https://www.bbc.com/teach/teach/transitioning-to-secondary-school/zkc9pg8>

Try and see if you can navigate your way around the website to find out :

- A list of equipment needed every day
- What uniform is needed (What is essential and what is optional)
- Transition support (what to do over the summer to prepare for secondary school)
- School newsletter
- Examples of clubs you might like to be involved in and pictures of events

Could I also take this opportunity to remind you that if you have not yet purchased the school tie for Year 7 then these will be available for sale on the Teacher Training days, which are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. I would advise against purchasing these on the morning of 4th September, as there will be a lot happening that morning and we would like you to be prepared to start on this date.

Could I also remind you about the need to ensure that you have the correct shoes for school. These should not be a sports brand or 'trainer type' of shoe. Please see the school's uniform code for further details on our website.

We have attached a special homework task from the [maths department](#) to make sure you feel confident with some of the skills you have learnt prior to the summer holidays. You will see there are activities that will help you revise but don't forget your all important bright start activities that are also

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due in September. If you have misplaced the tasks they are also available on the website (see if you can find them too).

We hope you have a happy and healthy summer and we look forward to seeing you in the School Main Hall at **7:45am on the 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Evans', with a horizontal line underneath.

**MR E EVANS**  
Head of Year 7