



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Year 7 English

As we enter the second term of your child's journey at Biddenham, it seems appropriate to reflect on all that year 7 students have already achieved this year and to focus on making the coming weeks and months as productive and enjoyable as possible.

In English last term, year 7 students explored the text 'Refugee Boy', and English teachers have been pleasantly surprised by some of the mature and thoughtful comments, discussions and written work that have been inspired by this novel. We hope that students will continue to engage and enjoy lessons this term as we consider the theme of 'Divide and Conquer', with a focus on the text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', and other war-themed poetry and writing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and encouragement you provide to your child, and to remind you of the importance of reading as a learning resource to enhance the skills they are learning in lessons. Please encourage your child to carry a reading book with them in their school bag and undertake at least 30 minutes of reading per week, (many students find that three 10 minute sessions throughout the week works best for them). The school Library is available to borrow books and all classes have received an induction session with the Librarian.

Reading is most effective if students are encouraged to actively engage in the texts. On the English section of the school website, you will find guided reading cards, which I encourage you to use with your child to discuss their reading material and challenge their understanding. For suggestions of age-appropriate reading books, please visit <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>.

Thank you again for your ongoing support with your child's education in English.

Yours sincerely,

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