



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

26th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

I hope this letter finds you well and you are all self-isolating safely.

We are contacting you to give an update on our plans to support year 11 students with their learning at home and making the transition from Year 11 to their future destinations.

After Easter starting 20th April, we will be starting year 11 students on a 'transition curriculum' from year 11 into 12. Students will be sent a Google Form, to complete in which they will be asked to tell us about their intended destinations in September and their selection of courses. There is a choice of both Level 2 (GCSE) and Level 3 (A Level/BTEC) courses, and for those leaving for apprenticeships and college courses.

Once we have your child's course choices, they will be added to a Google Classroom for each subject, course or apprenticeship. Over the coming term, we will be adding a range of subject specific work, videos, exercises, projects and assignments for students to complete relevant to their course choices. For each course your child chooses, there will be two assessed pieces of work (pass or fail). Students will need to complete these assignments alongside the GCSE grades awarded to them, in order to access the Level 2 and 3 courses in September. This gives students the motivation (hopefully) to begin working on their new courses and should support them to transition successfully into Biddenham Sixth Form, other college courses or apprenticeships.

Currently all students have been added to the 'Careers Classroom' and this will be the central form of communication for any additional work. We will be including literacy and numeracy work through this classroom in order to keep the students' skill levels high, work related learning support and, of course, guidance for staying healthy and happy. Additionally, there will be a project based 'Biddenham Baccalaureate' for students to complete in their time out of school. All of this will be found in the 'Careers Classroom'.

All students have also been set up on Unifrog (an online platform) which will be a key platform through which we can work with students to plan their next steps. We would be grateful if students spend some time re-familiarising themselves with this site and possibly teaching you how to use it too! Please email alan.brown@biddenham.beds.sch.uk if your child has any problems logging in.

Thank you for your ongoing support, through this difficult time. We wish you all the best and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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