



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work in supporting your child through this difficult time, academically and emotionally. Along with telephone call 'check ins', we are interested in finding out how everyone is, so please encourage your child to complete the wellbeing survey which Mr Evans will be sending out next week via email.

We understand that the longer time goes on the more dips in motivation our young people can experience. Most students are engaged with their online learning, and we want every student to benefit from it. Please encourage your children to contact their teachers if they are struggling with any of the work, or are unsure of what to do. If your child is having any issues with accessing work or with chromebooks, please contact us at enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk including your child's name and year group, or call 01234 342521.

In order to further support you and your child in their next step on their learning journey, we are launching our [Biddenham Values Diploma](#) which includes:

- Wellbeing tasks
- Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Independence and Communication (LORIC) skills development. Fun activities that enable them to feel success but also review skills and qualities they have and would like to develop further.
- Introduction to [Unifrog](#) as an elective task that will be an integral resource to support their progression through their learning journey at Biddenham and beyond.

Your child will have access to the resources so please do discuss these with them.

Your child will be required to complete two compulsory units to support study skills. They will also have the option to complete as many elective tasks as they would like. All the units help to develop skills and knowledge in some of the subject areas they will have the opportunity of studying and achieve certificates for achievement when we return.

To support the work of the diploma they are required to create a portfolio of what they have learnt, this can include: photos, sketches, diagrams, essays, mind maps and much more. This will encourage them to 'show off' to their subject teachers what they have learnt on their return to school and gain certificates for their achievement. Please encourage them to upload evidence to the Google Classroom.

The deadline for the compulsory units is 19th July.

We hope you and your child find it a purposeful activity and will give you lots of opportunities to discuss skills and qualities your child has. If you or your child have any queries please direct them through the Project Based Learning teacher Classroom. We are also looking at the possibility of having a 'live lesson' in the near future.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding and we will be in touch again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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