



June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 8 Live Lessons for Tutor Groups 8ALW, 8LCK, 8MNA, 8SA

We are delighted to announce that following the success of the live question and answer sessions and tutor meetings, we are launching a suite of subject sessions for your child to experience live over the final two weeks of the summer term. Ideally, we would have liked to start delivering live lessons earlier, but it was important to make sure staff had sufficient training in this new way of teaching and ensure that protocols had been established to safeguard all involved. We are really excited to be taking this next step in improving the quality of our remote learning provision.

Your child will experience lessons in the following subjects in the final two weeks before the summer holidays:

Year 8	
English, Science, French and Maths	Taught in existing teaching groups. (Link will be shared on subject Google Classrooms.)
German and Geography	Taught to half year groups. (Link will be shared on subject Google Classrooms.)
History	Taught to the whole cohort. (Link will be shared on subject Google Classrooms.)
Vertical Enrichment Teaching year 7 and 8 combined	
Art, Graphics, Design Technology, Textiles, Food, Dance, Drama, Music and Computing/ICT	Please encourage your child to opt for a subject that interests them. Direct your child to complete the google form and wait for an invite to the google classroom, where the link will be posted. These sessions will be taught as year 7 and 8 combined so they can share the same interests with their peers, whilst enjoying a subject they have selected.

The live lessons have been designed to review and consolidate lesson content that has been covered so far this term, support the wider online learning provision and prepare students for summer projects to get them ahead for September. Teachers will be able to help students with motivation and support them to re-engage with their learning and the school community.

Please see below the timetable of lessons.

Week 1: Week commencing 6th July 2020

	Monday 6th July	Tuesday 7th July	Wednesday 8th July	Thursday 9th July	Friday 10th July
8.30am - 9.30am	German	English	French	Maths	Science
9.30am - 10.30am	*English as additional language			Geography	
10.30am - 11.30am		Drama Enrichment	Graphics Enrichment	Music Enrichment	**History
11.30am - 12.30pm				Design Technology Enrichment	Computing Enrichment
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Dance Enrichment	Food Enrichment	*English as additional language 1:1 sessions		
1.30pm - 2.30pm		Art Enrichment	Textiles Enrichment		

Week 2: Week commencing 13th July

Please note that there is an end of year assembly this week, led by the head of year Mrs Stephenson.

	Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July	Wednesday 15th July	Thursday 16th July	Friday 17th July
8.30am - 9.30am	German	English	French	Maths	Science
9.30am - 10.30am	*English as additional language			Geography	
10.30am - 11.30am	End of Year Assembly	Drama Enrichment	Graphics Enrichment	Music Enrichment	
11.30am - 12.30pm				Design Technology Enrichment	Enrichment Computing
12.30pm - 1:30pm	Dance Enrichment	Food Enrichment	English as additional language 1:1 sessions		
1.30pm - 2.30pm		Art Enrichment	Textiles Enrichment		

*only selected students attend these sessions

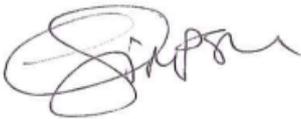
** session only happens in one week

It is important to add that teaching staff are also working from home, many of whom have children in the house they are caring for alongside working. Please be understanding of everyone's circumstances, in this initial phase of new virtual teaching. For many of us this is a new way of working and we may experience technical difficulties. This time gives us all a chance to troubleshoot any problems. If your child has any problems with their chromebook or internet, please email enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk. We will try to resolve any issues as soon as possible. If your child has any subject specific questions they can be addressed in the lessons, via the google classrooms or by email directly to their class teachers.

Please look out for notices on the subject classrooms from subject teachers, along with a reminder the morning before. The links to the lessons will appear between 5-10 minutes before the lesson to give students time to join. The Google Meet Code of Conduct for students is available [here](#).

Through the live lessons we hope to motivate and add routine back into your child's day and re-engage them with their learning. We are really looking forward to welcoming them all to our virtual face to face classrooms.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Simpson', written in a cursive style.

Miss E Simpson
Assistant Headteacher: Key Stage 3