



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

3rd September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Re: Year 7 MLG - Friday 4th September 2020

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Biddenham on Friday. In this letter there is some key information that you need to know before you come and join us so you feel fully prepared.

- Take some time to go through the [letter](#) sent to parents, carers and students last week from myself, Ms Grylls and Mr Bailey that explains all of the extra special measures we have put in place to keep us all safe and healthy. This includes information about face coverings, lunch arrangements, times of the school day and isolating if you have been away on holiday.
- Remember to check through all your equipment and uniform to make sure your pencil case is fully stocked and ready to go. If you need a refresh on what you need please use the links provided to support you. If you need any support with this please contact enquires@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.
- On Friday please bring in £7 (correct money as no change is available) for your tie in an envelope marked with your name.
- Unfortunately lockers will not be in use until further notice due to COVID-19 guidelines, but please be reminded on days when you have PE or dance you are to wear your PE kit.
- Please bring in your completed transition information pack with you on Friday, if you have not already returned it. We need this information so we know who to contact in an emergency as well as having the all-important chromebook form completed so you can take it home on Monday with you. If you have misplaced your pack please email transition@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

We have taken real care in making sure you have the secondary school transition you deserve and although it might be a little different, you will have lots of opportunities to get to know your peers and teachers - and learn how to use your new chromebook. Below is a copy of your transition timetable and a brief synopsis of what each session will cover. You will notice that there will be sessions to show and share your '[Be Awesome](#)' [Go Biddenham Diploma](#)' and the final deadline for this will be Friday 11th September ready for our awards ceremony on Tuesday 22nd September.

We look forward to seeing you at 7.55am on Friday 4th September. There will be lots of teachers out to meet and greet you and guide you to where you need to be. Take a deep breath and enjoy every second!

Yours sincerely,

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7 MLG					
Tutor Time	Be Awesome Exhibition	Be Awesome Exhibition	Virtual Assembly	PASS	Be Awesome Exhibition
	MLG V3	MLG V3	MLG V3	MLG V3	MLG V3
1	What is change?	ELS	Chapter 6 Bouncebackability	CAT4 Part 2 - 41 minutes + settling time	Chapter 9 Living well
	MAW D1	MLG V3	GM A4	RJC T20	MPM H19
2	Team Building	Chapter 1 Unlocking your mind	English Progress quiz 2	Ice breaker & Library Induction WA A4	CAT4 Part 3 - 41 minutes + settling time *** T12
	JPM F4	MPM H19	MNA E4	SW A2	RJC T20
3	Chromebook distribution	Google programs - learn and explore	Science Progress Quiz	Team Building	Chapter 7 What is normal anyway
	PMF V3	CJF V3	RJC T20	JPM F4	EVR V7
4	Intro to chromebook	English Progress quiz 1	Well Being Looking after you	Maths Progress quiz 2	Reward & Respect
	MLG V3	MLG V3	NF D7	AH V4	AH V4
5	Online expectations and etiquette	Maths Progress quiz 1	CAT4 Part 1 - 30 minute + settling time	NGRT	Timetable & Planners/Question and Answer session
	AH V4	AH V4	CAB E3	SAR V8	SAR E4

Synopsis of sessions in transition week

All of the sessions build on the transition 'Go Big' Activities as well as building on skills learnt at primary school so we really can show how 'Awesome' we are. The sessions are as follows:

- **Organisation and safety**
These sessions will be integral to the transition back into a school life routine and developing healthy respiratory hygiene and organisation skills. The sessions include:
 - Tour of the school
 - Safety briefing
 - Virtual assembly
 - Timetable and planner

- **Wellbeing**
We all need to focus on ourselves from time to time and these sessions are an opportunity for us to explore who we are and how we cope when in different situations. The sessions will involve discussion work and the opportunity to get to know your peers and support each other.
 - Online etiquette
 - What is change?
 - What is normal anyway?
 - Wellbeing
 - Living well

- **Establishing our Biddenham Values**

These sessions will support you in building a growth mind-set ready for the new learning journey you have ahead of you. The sessions will involve discussion work, evaluation of yourself and offer opportunities to problem solve to show the 'Biddenham Values' together as a new established tutor group. The sessions will explore:

- Friendship
- Bouncebackability
- Unlocking your mind
- Icebreaker activities
- Ready Respect Reward
- Team building

- **Becoming secondary ready**

These sessions will involve you working with your tutor group to learn new ways of working. Clear guidelines will be established to prepare you for learning not just in the classroom but for the wider world establishing independence and a confidence to explore a wide range of resources you have at your fingertips. The sessions will include:

- 'Be Awesome' exhibition sharing all the wonderful work you have been completing at home.
- Chromebook distribution (it is important to complete and return the forms).
- Introduction to chromebooks giving you the basics on how to work your chromebook and how you can use it to add a new dimension to the learning you receive in the classroom.
- Library induction re-establishing or continuing to find that love for reading by exploring all the books and online resources we have to meet the interests of everyone.
- English, Maths and Science progress quizzes, we all know you all worked so hard to prepare for your SATs and did not get to celebrate your success, so we have put together some quizzes so we can identify who needs support and who needs to be challenged to reach their full potential. It is important to emphasise that these quizzes are here to help us improve and personalise our teaching and we are really keen that students should not find them too stressful. It is important you try your best so we know what you are capable of. Please remember to have headphones for these sessions.