



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the year group returning to school for the past two weeks I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the plans ahead for the year 11. Please click [here](#) for the Year 11 video message.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support during the lockdown period. We have been really impressed with the quality of the work which was produced by the year 11. The year group responded to their teacher's creative methods to engage them and I was delighted to see regular examples of the year groups' commitment and hard work during this time.

I have been impressed and very proud of the way that the year group have settled back into school over the past two weeks. Their focus and attitude to their lessons during this short period has been exactly what I would have wanted to see. It has been a pleasure to see the buzz returning to the classrooms again after so long away and it is fantastic to see them return so positively.

Over the coming term we will be focusing on gathering further evidence for centre assessed grades (CAGs), preparing students for post 16 courses and celebrating the end of their formal education at Biddenham.

After the Easter break year 11 will be completing assessments in all of their subjects. These assessments will help inform us of your child's CAG, there will be at least 2 more assessment windows before they leave on 27th May. Their final grade will not be based solely on these assessments but will give us an up to date picture of the progress that has been made. Your child will be given a clear timetable of assessments and topics they will need to revise. Please speak to your child about this and support them with revision over the break. Revision topics can be found on subject google classrooms. Please also encourage your child to look after their mental health during this time by having a regular bedtime with at least 7 hours sleep a night, light exercise everyday and a healthy diet. For further wellbeing ideas and support we offer, please visit the wellbeing section of the website by clicking [here](#). To support your child further with their studies all year 11 students have been given Maths and English CGP workbooks to work through in school as a method of practicing and revising topics. We are also running Easter classes for students that did struggle to complete work over the lockdown period, whether this was due to internet and chromebook issues to personal issues such as bereavement or illness. Either way this is a fantastic opportunity to get up to speed with their learning.

We also have been working with year 11 to support them with post 16 courses, the majority of students have now met with someone from the careers department and have some idea where they will study post 16. We are thrilled with the number of students that have applied to Biddenham and an interview process will begin after the assessment week. We are also planning to invite year 11 back for some year 12 transition days in June (more information to follow).

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And finally our end of year celebrations. Year 11 will leave on 27th May, letters have already gone home about 'class of 2021' hoodies.

These last 7 weeks of school are important and we will be expecting high standards of behaviour and work ethic, however we do understand that it may be difficult for some students to cope with the pressures to come. Please contact your child's tutor if you do have any concerns, contact details for the year 11 team are listed below.

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On behalf of the Year 11 pastoral team we continue to appreciate your support and engagement and we look forward to working with your child and yourselves over the coming term.
Regards,



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