



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

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June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Summer School

We are delighted to announce that we will be running a 2-week transition summer school to take place from **26th until 30th July and 2nd until 6th August**. This will involve a combination of both academic and enrichment activities, with the aim to better prepare students for the move to secondary school in light of the disruption they have encountered during the past year. Below I have tried to pre-empt some of your questions regarding the summer school.

What is summer school?

Summer school will be here at Biddenham for a two-week period at the start of the summer holidays. It will support students prepare for their move to secondary school and help them make up for learning lost during the pandemic. It will include a variety of both enrichment activities and academic catch-up in subjects such as Maths and English. All provided by the amazing staff at Biddenham.

Who will be able to attend summer school?

All Year 6 students joining Biddenham in September 2021 are eligible to attend. We feel this will best prepare this group of students for the move from Primary to Secondary education. It will help students make new friends, meet the staff here at Biddenham and familiarise themselves with the building. It's also an opportunity to fill any gaps in learning that may have occurred over the past year.

Is there a cost?

No. The summer school program is part of a £200 million investment from the government to help students who have been affected by the disruption of the pandemic. **Meals will also be provided, free of charge.**

Does my child have to attend?

Attendance to summer school is optional, but we strongly encourage students who are eligible to take up a place as it will help them with their new start in September.

What will the day look like?

The day will **start at 9am and finish at 2pm**. Students will take part in a variety of activities throughout the day, each approx. one hour long. As mentioned earlier, **lunch will be provided and a short breaktime in the morning.**

What do I have to wear?

Your own clothes are fine. Just be prepared to do some PE activities each day. So, trainers and sports suitable clothing is probably best. **A drinks bottle would also be a good idea, as it will hopefully be warm this summer.**

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How do I reserve a place?

Please click the following link that will take you to a short form. You do not need an Outlook account and the form can be accessed on Apple or Android devices as well as your home computer:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZAcIxtUmehPacQkcOvqiUVvDTvcUzn5adxbanRL2lbo/edit>

Please reserve your place by **Thursday 8th July**.

We encourage your child to attend the summer school and reserve a place, so we can best prepare for the number of students expected to attend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Speight', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs A Speight
Head of Year 7