



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

Sixth form letter

Dear Parent /Carer

Sixth form Parent information evening 16th September 2021

As part of our commitment to your child's progress, we are keen to develop students' ability to learn independently and to help prepare them for this we are conducting a parent information evening on **16th September 2021. Please note at present due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic a decision whether this is held in school or virtual will be confirmed next week.**

Independent learning is essential for the development of study skills and provides an opportunity to prepare for, consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding of the curriculum outside the confines of the classroom. It enables the learner to reflect on their learning and develop excellent time management, organisational and research skills.

To keep you up to date with your child's studies and enlist your help in completing homework, parents' email addresses have been linked to their child's google classroom account. This will send you a weekly or a daily summary (personal preference) of what teachers have posted either in class or for homework to help close the communication gap between home and school. If you have made any changes to your email address, have not received this email or need further assistance with google classroom please do feel free to contact me.

Due to the nature of A-Levels whereby students are studying a maximum of four subjects, the minimum expectation is two hours additional study and reading per subject per week. To support this students can utilise our study areas around school and the library which has a range of resources and online subscriptions to journals and websites.

Typical tasks may include;

- Written tasks – extended writing, essays and exam questions
- Reading - Preparation and research for the following lesson
- Learning tasks – such as spellings, vocabulary and formulae revision
- Completing coursework
- Watching a particular TV programme, film, documentary or the news.
- Drawing or design work including graphs, timelines, projects and presentation tasks such as creating webpages, videos and journals.
- Catching up on work missed due to absence
- Completing work not finished in a lesson
- On-line learning

In order to support our students with information, advice and guidance on subject choice and careers, we use a programme called Unifrog which is a new independent careers tool we are using across the whole school. Unifrog alongside our skills programme and tutor time will help develop leadership, organisation, resilience, communication, character and careers development as well as assisting with the university process .

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To find out more information in preparing your child for sixth form and the expectations in sixth form we invite you to attend our parent information evening on **Thursday 16th September**.

The evening will also help support parents in building their child's career profile, as this will assist them with areas such as CV creation, personal statements, university searches and online MOOC courses. For more information visit their website

<https://www.unifrog.org>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gemma Buckingham', is centered below the text 'Kind regards,'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Gemma Buckingham
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