



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to Biddenham on Monday 6th September. In this letter there is some key information and reminders that will be useful to know to feel fully prepared.

- Please take some time to go through the [letter](#) sent to parents, carers and students at the end of last term from Ms Grylls, Head of School and Mr Bailey, Principal. It gives key details for the start of term, equipment, tutor groups and explains the extra safety measures that will continue to be in place to keep us all safe and healthy.
- Please make sure your child brings a face covering to school. Last year we had a very good track record at keeping students in school, due to our safety measures and we wish to continue this way. Therefore we are strongly recommending that students and staff bring masks to school to wear in corridors, more confined spaces and in close contact situations, such as queuing for food. Also, if in a class situation where a member of staff requests the wearing of a mask, this could be for health reasons or protecting a vulnerable family member. The same goes for students who may wish to continue to wear masks for similar reasons. If you need any support with this please contact enquires@biddenham.beds.sch.uk. We will continue to review this as the term progresses.
- Please remember to bring fully charged chromebooks and head phones to school every day. Chromebooks are a really important learning resource and need to be looked after carefully. If you have any problems with chromebooks, chargers or wifi please email enquires@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.
- Parentpay - Please activate your account. Every parent needs to do this even if your child is in receipt of free school meals. The new system is completely cashless, so students will not be able to purchase food at school if the accounts have not been activated. If you need support with this please use this [link](#) or follow the [FAQ's](#). Please contact bernadette.burnage@biddenham.beds.sch.uk
- **Years 9-11** Students are expected in full school uniform on Monday. Students will also need a Biddenham branded PE kit for PE lessons. Changing facilities are now available during the school day so all students will come into school in their uniform and then change into their branded PE kit for their dance and PE lessons. Details are available on the school website and a link with full details can be found [here](#).
- Please that we request that students continue to be mindful of dressing appropriately for the weather as they will continue to spend their social time outside. This may mean coats and layers, but it is important to remember that they should be in full school uniform, not in hoodies.

Arrangements for Monday 6th September

- Arrive at 7.55
- Parents please stay in cars and use the allocated drop off zones
- Students go straight to your tutor bases (see below)
- Finish time will be 2.30pm
- Please see below for the timings of the school day, and note the different timings for Tuesdays.

We hope that all of our students and their families have had the chance to rest and recuperate over the summer and we are looking forward to a healthy, happy and successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Foy
Raising Standards Leader

Mrs Stephenson
Head of Year

Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedford, MK40 4AZ

Tel: 01234 342521

Fax: 01234 334530

Email: enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk

Website: biddenham.beds.sch.uk

TUTOR GROUPS

Year 10		
HoY: Mrs F Stephenson Asst HoY: Ms C Drake		
Assembly day: Thursday		
Tutor Group	Tutor's Name	Base
10ARW	Ms Welstead	H14
10ALW	Ms Warden	H13
10DJL	Mr Loveland	T7
10MAB/JB	Mrs Browne	R7
10CAB/EMR	Mr Bowness	D2
10SA	Ms Ali	H7
10MNA	Ms Adjei	H12
10CJ	Ms Jones	H11
10CAM	Ms Mason	R4

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY SEPTEMBER 2021

Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form			
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday			
	Time	Mins	Break/ Transition
Tutor	8.00 - 8.20	20	
Transition			5
Period 1	8.25 - 9.25	60	
Transition			5
Period 2	9.30 - 10.30	60	
Break	Food available		10
Period 3	10.40 - 11.40	60	
Transition	No food available		10
Period 4	11.50 - 12.50	60	
Lunch	12.50 - 13.30		40
Period 5	13.30 - 14.30	60	

Tuesday			
	Time	Mins	Break/ Transition
Staff training	7.45-8.45	60	
PSHE	8.55 - 9.45	50	Sixth form attend PSHE
Transition			5
Period 2	9.50 - 10.50	60	
Break			10
Period 3	11.00 - 12.00	60	
Transition			5
Period 4	12.05 - 13.05	60	
Lunch	13.05 - 13.45		40
Period 5	13.45 - 14.45	60	