



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.

- 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 that 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 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 on the first day and every day afterwards. 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
- **Year 8** Students are expected to be in full school uniform on Monday. Students will also need a Biddenham branded PE kit to change into for PE lessons. Details are available on the school website and a link with full details can be found [here](#). If students have **Dance or Drama** on their timetable, then on those days they should attend school in their PE kit. Blazers or coats can be worn over the top, but there should not be any hoodies or other non-uniform items worn.

Arrangements for Monday 6th September

- Arrive at 7:45am (Year 8)
- Parents please stay in cars and use the allocated drop off zones
- Students go straight to your tutor bases (see below)
- Finish time 2.20pm (Year 8)
- Please see below for 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,

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TUTOR GROUPS

Year 8		
Asst Head of KS3 Ms E Simpson HoY: Mrs D Gill Asst HoY: Mr A Simpson		
Assembly day: Wednesday		
Tutor Group	Tutor's Name	Base
8IM	Ms Macedo	H20
8EAP	Ms Parker	D5
8MLG (NF/EKW)	Miss Fountain and Miss Warburton	V3
8GM	Ms Murphy	A4
8HCB	Ms Badman	H1
8RJC	Mr Ciantar	T20
8TN/LMC	Ms Nagle / Ms Carter	V4
8EC	Ms Calvete	E4

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY SEPTEMBER 2021

Year 7 and 8			
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday			
	Time	Mins	Break/ Transition
Tutor/ELS	7.50 - 8.20	30	
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		5
Period 4	11.45 - 12.40	55	
Lunch	12.40 - 13.20		40
Period 5	13.20-14.20	60	

Tuesday			
	Time	Mins	Break/ Transition
Staff training	7.45-8.45	60	
PSHE	8.50 - 9.45	55	
Transition			5
Period 2	9.50 - 10.50	60	
Break			10
Period 3	11.00 - 12.00	60	
Transition			5
Period 4	12.05 - 13.00	55	
Lunch	13.00 - 13.40		40
Period 5	13.40-14.40	60	