



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to Biddenham on Monday 6th September. As I have previously mentioned, this is a really exciting time ahead for the year group as we make the transition from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4. This is often some trepidation when it comes to this transition but there will be an assembly for the students on Monday which will prepare them and alleviate some of those natural worries.

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](mailto: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](mailto:enquires@biddenham.beds.sch.uk).
- Parentpay - Please activate your account if you have not already done so. 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](#). If you have any questions please contact [bernadette.burnage@biddenham.beds.sch.uk](mailto:bernadette.burnage@biddenham.beds.sch.uk) for help.
- Years 9-11 Students are expected 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](#). Please ensure that you do not send your child to school in black trainers. Again, see our uniform policy for acceptable shoes.

## Arrangements for Monday 6th September

- Arrive on site at 7.50 ready to start tutor time at 8:00am (Tuesday's start time is 8:55am)
- Parents please stay in cars and use the allocated drop off zones
- Students go straight to your tutor bases (see below)
- Finish time 2.30pm except on Tuesday (2:45pm)

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. On behalf of the Year 9 pastoral team, we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

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Yours sincerely,



Mr Foy  
Raising Standards Leader



Mr Evans  
Head of Year 9

### TUTOR GROUPS

Year 9		
<b>HoY: Mr E Evans</b> Asst HoY: Mrs R Manning and Mrs S Cadman		
<b>Assembly day: Thursday</b>		
Tutor Group	Tutor's Name	Base
9SDS	Ms Di Salvo	H18
9CM	Ms Mawokomatanda	R11
9WF	Mr Finney	T2
9CWH	Mr Hard	D1
9SM	Ms Mangal	H10
9RP	Ms Patterson	T12
9MRP	Ms Powell	R8
9PBN	Mr Naidoo	T14

## 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	