



# Biddenham

## International School & Sports College

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May 2022

Dear Year 11 students and families,

With the end of the year fast approaching I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update on the plans and expectations for Year 11 regarding exams and final day plans.

Firstly, I am delighted to inform you that many students seem to have 'stepped up an extra gear' and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hand in their increased motivation.

As mentioned many times before, the key to success in the upcoming exams is hard work in lessons and thorough revision at home. Our students are working very hard in lessons at present, but might just need some extra help and motivation at home to complete homework and also with revision. Your child can help themselves achieve their potential by taking advantage of several things being offered by the school and the staff: revision topics and resources can be found on each individual subject's Google Classroom, as well as on the general Year 11 Notices Classroom (where students can also find the 'Revision Planner' document too). To support your child further with their studies all Year 11 students are encouraged to order revision guides for each subject via the ParentPay system. These, combined with the online resources on the **Google Classroom**, **BluTick**, **GCSE Pod**, **Seneca** and **Tassomai** are excellent study aids and the use of them should be encouraged wherever possible.

Your subject teachers will continue to offer after school and lunchtime sessions where pupils can go with a particular topic to discuss, and during tutor sessions all Year 11s have created revision timetables - now would be a good opportunity for these to be revisited to ensure they will cover each subject sufficiently on the approach to the exams..

As usual, behaviour in class and around the school site is of paramount importance to your child's ability to concentrate. Our core behaviour values of **Ready, Respect, Reward** will continue to be promoted to encourage all students to work hard in lessons, engaging and participating fully in order to maximise their learning potential.

At this point I'd like to draw your attention to some upcoming key dates. Year 11s first exam of the season is Religious Studies at **9am** on **Monday 16th May 2022**. You and your child have been emailed a copy of their examination timetable and I would recommend you familiarise yourself with this. Students will be in lessons as usual around their exams until the end of **Wednesday 25th May**, and they will be chaperoned to their exam 15 minute before the exam begins with all appropriate equipment. After study leave begins some subjects will continue to run to support targeted students with their final exam preparations. Students will be informed of these sessions if they are expected to attend them.

If your child is unwell on the day of an exam it is imperative that you contact us as early as possible to inform us of their absence. To do this please call the main reception number - 01234 342521.

As mentioned, Year 11's final day of school is **Wednesday 25th May**. The school day will start as normal at 8am, then the English Literature Paper 1 is at **9am** and students will attend their lessons as usual after this. After lunch, at 1:30pm there is a Leavers' Assembly where the students and their staff will celebrate the achievements from the last three to five years and, most importantly, share the eagerly anticipated Leavers' Video. The day will end with pizza, games and photo opportunities on the field (weather permitting) and we expect to send students home any time after around 3pm.

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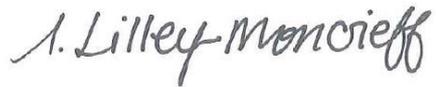
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Finally, a reminder of the Year 11 Prom plans - it is taking place on **Thursday July 14th 6:30pm-10:30pm** at the **Woodlands Manor Hotel in Clapham**. Tickets are £25 and are available to purchase now via ParentPay. More information on this can be found on our website or here: <https://tinyurl.com/3twabsdr>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and request that if you have any questions about exams or supporting your child please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [issy.lilley-moncrieff@mybiddenham.com](mailto:issy.lilley-moncrieff@mybiddenham.com) or via telephone on 01234 334560.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Lilley-Moncrieff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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Head of Year 11