

WELCOME TO

BIDDENHAM



**My first day at Secondary School**

**Name:** .....



## Reception

I enter reception (I might have called it the office at primary school) through automatic opening doors. In reception I will find Mrs Brown and Miss Lee who can both help me if I need directions or information.

Next to reception is the waiting area. Here there are some seats for visitors to sit and wait to see members of staff.



## The Quad

This is one of the playgrounds at Biddenham. I can buy food from the Quad Pod at first break and lunchtime - the food is all made fresh in the school kitchen. I can also buy food near the year 7 and 8 blocks at the D block sandwich bar, the new kitchen extension outside the Bistro and the Bistro.



## Bistro

In the Bistro I can buy lunch or snacks and a drink. If I use a tray, I must remember to return it to the tray stand and not leave it on the table. The Bistro is in Hurst block. I can also take my food to the year 7 block and eat outside the block. I can eat my packed lunch on the benches outside E and V block.



## Attendance Office

Ms Groza and Ms Kemp are our Attendance Officers. If I have to leave school to go to an appointment, or if I am more than 20 minutes late in the morning, I need to go upstairs in Radcliffe block and sign in.



## Library



The Library is open every day. It is open during all breaks and lunchtimes for quiet working and reading.

## The Sanctuary

This is where I will go if I am feeling unwell and will be looked after by a member of staff. At break times if I am worried, I can go to the Sanctuary to relax or chat to Mrs Gray about any concerns I have.



## PE Block

There are lots of sports clubs. A list of activities I can take part in will be given to me when I arrive at Biddenham in September.



## Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is located in R block.

If I need extra help this is where I might go. I can also go here at break or lunch time if I need some help making friends and I can go after school if I want help with my homework.



## EAL Support



If I have come to Bedford from another country and still need help to learn English, I may have lessons or tutor time in the EAL base in R4.

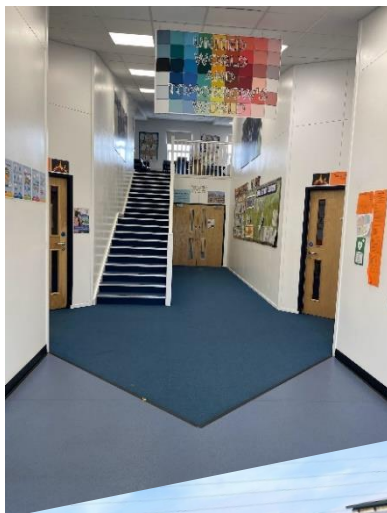
I can also get help with my lessons here.

## Assembly Hall (A1)

This is the main Assembly Hall (sometimes just called the main hall). I will go in here with my tutor group for assemblies, this is usually run by the Head of Year. When Biddenham puts on a theatrical or musical show it is performed in this room.

## E Block and V Block

This is where some of my lessons will take place. There are year 7 and 8 only toilets in these blocks. During wet lunch we will be allowed to go into the E block breakout space, but only when a teacher tells us we can.



## Year 7 and 8 Toilets

These are located in E and V block. These are only for year 7 and 8 students. No older students can use these and we cannot use their toilets.



## Where can I go at breaks and lunch time?

I can spend break and lunch time outside the E and V block area and the field in front of it. At lunch I can borrow footballs from the door by the sports hall. If I want, I can also go to the Learning Hub in R block.





## **Timings of the School Day**

School starts at **7:50am**. I need to be in my lessons by that time.

And on a Tuesday, it starts at **8:50am**.

Lessons are one hour long.

School ends at **2:30pm**. But I can attend after school clubs. The timetable for all of these will be given to me on my first day in September.

## **House Points and DBLs**

When I am very good at Biddenham I will be awarded a house point. This will go towards the House Cup. I can swap my house points for gifts such as stationery.

If I do something wrong, I could be given a DBL. This stands for disruptive behaviour log. If I get too many DBLs I will be put on a report and home will come in to speak to my teachers to help me improve.

## Who's Who

- My Principal: .....
- My Head of School is: .....
- My Head of Year is: .....
- My Assistant Heads of Year are:  
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- My Form Tutor is: .....
- Mrs Chapman will also support me this year in my transition.

## My Top Tips for Starting Secondary School

My top tips for starting Biddenham are:

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

# Houses

When I get into year 9, I will receive a tie with the colour of my house on rather than my year 7 and 8 maroon tie.

All the houses at school, and also the school buildings or 'blocks', are named after famous sports people. I will be in one of these houses.

	<p>Named after runner <b>Kris Akabusi</b>          In 1992 Kris Akabusi was 3 x Olympic medallist, World, European and Commonwealth Champion.</p>	
	<p>Named after swimmer <b>Sharron Davies</b>          Two Gold medals in the Commonwealth Games and Silver at the 1980 Olympics.</p>	
	<p>Named after footballer <b>Geoff Hurst</b>          Geoff Hurst was part of the 1966 England football team what won the World Cup.</p>	
	<p>Named after runner <b>Paula Radcliffe</b>          Paula holds the marathon world record of 2 hours, 15 minutes and 25 seconds.</p>	
	<p>Named after the cricketer <b>Sachin Tendulkar</b>          Youngest player to play test cricket for India. Highest number of one day international centuries in the world.</p>	