Student Expectations

As a sixth form we encourage the students to meet the following expectations. If students work hard to uphold these then they will provide themselves with a solid foundation for success in their level 3 courses.

- 1. **Academic Excellence:** Strive for academic excellence in your chosen subjects. This includes active participation in class, completing assignments on time, and consistently high-quality work.
- 2. **Time Management:** Manage your time effectively to balance coursework, revision, and personal commitments. Create a study schedule to ensure you cover all necessary material.
- 3. **Independent Learning:** A levels require independent study. Take responsibility for your learning, seeking help when needed, and utilising resources such as textbooks, online materials, and libraries.
- 4. **Critical Thinking:** Develop critical thinking skills, the ability to analyse, evaluate, and synthesize information. This is crucial for success in your subjects and beyond.
- 5. **Effective Communication:** Improve your written and verbal communication skills. Be able to express your ideas and arguments clearly and coherently.
- 6. **Collaboration:** Engage in group projects and discussions, as collaboration is an essential skill in many A level subjects and real-world scenarios.
- 7. **Research Skills:** Hone your research skills, including data collection, analysis, and citing sources properly. Academic integrity is a must.
- 8. **Respect and Responsibility:** Show respect for your teachers, peers, and the school environment. Be responsible for your own behaviour and choices.
- 9. **Attendance and Punctuality:** Attend all classes and arrive on time. Regular attendance is vital for a comprehensive understanding of the subjects.
- 10. **Wellness and Self-Care:** Prioritise your physical and mental well-being. Don't neglect self-care, and seek support when dealing with stress or personal issues.
- 11. **Aspiration and Goals:** Set clear academic and career goals. Your A level studies should align with your long-term aspirations.
- 12. **Extra-curricular Involvement:** Consider participating in extracurricular activities to develop a well-rounded skill set and make the most of your school experience.
- 13. **Revision and Exam Preparation:** Start early with revision and exam preparation. Familiarise yourself with the exam format and practice past papers.
- 14. **Responding to Feedback:** Act on feedback from teachers and use it to improve your performance.
- 15. **Ethical Behaviour:** Maintain honesty and integrity in all your academic endeavours, such as avoiding plagiarism and cheating.
- 16. **Parent/Carer-Teacher Communication:** Keep your parents or carers informed about your progress and challenges, and involve them in your educational journey.
- 17. **Adaptability:** Be adaptable to changes in your academic journey and willing to seek assistance if you encounter difficulties.
- 18. **Future Planning:** Start considering higher education or career pathways early on, and seek guidance from the school's careers services.
- 19. **Ethos:** uphold the values of Biddenham with regards to being part of a tolerant and inclusive community.
- 20. Role Model: Setting the right positive example to others in the school community.