



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you to introduce myself as the new Head of Sixth form and give some details about the direction for Year 12 over the next academic year.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how impressed we all are with the attitude and effort that the year group have shown since starting in Sixth Form. We have an ethos within Sixth Form of high achievement with a supportive culture and we can already see how the year group has adapted to this environment. It is important to remember that students should ensure they use the support of their teachers and the pastoral team as well as the resources available to them both online and via the library at school to complete their independent learning expected of them at this stage to enable them to progress.

I would also like to take this opportunity to re-emphasise the importance of attendance throughout the year. Poor attendance significantly affects academic achievement and in recent years, we have seen that where a student's attendance drops below 90% they achieve one grade lower than expected. In order to achieve, your child must be present so that they are able to make the most of their lessons and the additional support their teachers provide. We currently have a large number of students who are not meeting the school's attendance target of 95%.

Students are expected to be in school before 8am Monday to Friday and before 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday. They should be onsite until 2:35 p.m. everyday. Should your child be ill, then you should report this via the Sixth Form Attendance email address on sixthformattendance@mybiddenham.com or call 01234 342521. If the need arises during the school day and you need to contact your child please can we encourage you to do this via the school office and avoid calling your child while they could be in a lesson.

Moving forward, there will be an assessment week on 30th October for all A level/Level 3 students, which will be an indicator of how students are progressing in their subjects. You will receive a report on 15th December so you will be able to see how well your child has started on their A level journey.

If you have any questions regarding the report then please feel free to get in contact with your child's tutor via email or please call to arrange a convenient time for the tutor to give you a call.

Please find below a list of contacts that you may find useful.

Yours sincerely

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