



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you as we approach the start of the exam season for students in Year 13/14. As part of that, I have listed some key dates for your information.

<b>Week of 29th April 2024</b>	Start of visual Arts examinations
<b>8th May 2024</b>	Start of A Level examinations
<b>10th May 2024</b>	End of year group photo
<b>24th May 2024</b>	Y13's Last Day
<b>27th May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	Half term week
<b>24th June 2024</b>	End of A Level examinations
<b>Thursday 15th August 2024</b>	A Level Results day

As I have mentioned when I have previously written to you, it is vitally important that students are attending all their lessons and using the support of their teachers over the next few weeks. They continue to offer after school revision sessions for students on a weekly basis. On top of this, students should continue to use the online platforms, including the Google Classroom, to support their independent learning. Furthermore, many subject teachers will be offering additional support and revision sessions once students go on study leave. Please encourage your child to speak to their teachers about this and refer to the Google Classroom for details.

I would strongly recommend discussing a revision timetable with your child so that they have structure to their revision. We would recommend revising in blocks of 40 minutes with breaks in between. As ever, it is quality over quantity when it comes to revision. As a rule, we suggest students follow the following guidance:

- 1. Prioritise Difficult Subjects:** Spend more time on subjects that you find challenging or those that are essential for your future goals.
- 2. Create a Study Schedule:** Develop a study schedule that allocates sufficient time for each subject. Be consistent and stick to your schedule.
- 3. Break Tasks into Manageable Chunks:** Divide your study time into smaller, focused sessions rather than cramming. This helps with retention and understanding.
- 4. Review and Practice:** Regularly review and practice what you have learned. This reinforces your understanding of the material.
- 5. Use Active Learning Techniques:** Engage in active learning methods like summarising, problem-solving, and teaching concepts to others.
- 6. Seek Help When Needed:** Do not hesitate to ask your teachers for clarification or seek help from tutors or classmates if you are struggling with a subject.
- 7. Stay Balanced:** Balance your study time across all your subjects to avoid neglecting any of them.
- 8. Adapt to Your Needs:** Be flexible with your study plan. Adjust your study time based on your progress and needs.

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I have included a link for further revision advice which is on our website [revision tips](#).

As ever, our students' wellbeing is of utmost importance. We would like to continue to encourage students to speak with their tutors and teachers if they would like guidance with their subjects or if they have any concerns around their wellbeing. In addition to staff support, all students have access to the wellbeing platform [Shout](#), and our wellbeing lead, Mrs Speight, has a wealth of knowledge and access to resources for students and their families if required. Mrs Speight can be contacted via email at [abigail.speight@mybiddenham.com](mailto:abigail.speight@mybiddenham.com)

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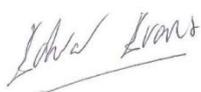
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Finally, myself and the Sixth Form pastoral team would like to wish your child the very best of luck in their upcoming exams. If you have any questions about exams or supporting your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at the above address or via telephone on 01234 334560 .

Yours sincerely



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