



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer.

With only six weeks before the end of the school year, it's time to start thinking about the next year ahead. Therefore, I have sent you some information about opportunities for your child over this period.

The first list of events is about this half term. As you can see it is a very busy time for our students. There are Open Day visits, careers events, workshops and guest speakers. We are focused on giving students the skills and opportunities to achieve their potential and these events demonstrate this. I have included an overview of key events we are doing with students titled '*Sixth Form Events Calendar for June and July 2024*'.

June also sees all students starting a UCAS application in their Skills lessons. This allows your child to collate all their academic achievements and compile a personal statement - this can then be utilised for an apprenticeship application at a later date if this is the route they wish to take. Included with this letter is a list of key dates regarding this process titled '*UCAS Application Timeline*'. This also details some of the events we are supporting interlinked.

To that end, we are writing to inform you about a number of important events which have arranged two compulsory events for all students to attend.

- **Monday 17th June – Bedfordshire Higher Education and Apprenticeships Convention**

We have managed to secure places for all students in the morning session at the Bedfordshire Higher Education Convention, which is being held on the Polhill Campus at the University of Bedfordshire (See map enclosed), for all our Year 12 Level 3 students.

This is a large-scale event with lots of Universities, Apprenticeships and careers exhibiting. Please see <https://www.ucas.com/node/438651/view/exhibitors> (We have registered students for the event so please do not do so).

Students are expected to make their own way to the university, for 9.15 am, when they will be registered by Biddenham Staff. They will also be expected to make their own way home.

Should any students anticipate transport difficulties with the journey to the university, they should see Mr Evans as soon as possible.

- **Tuesday 18th June - Futures Information Evening, 6.30 pm, Main Hall**

We have organised a Futures Information Evening for students, parents and carers, at which you will be given information on Student Finance, UCAS, apprenticeship opportunities and life away from home.

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Our guest speaker will be Anna Gilbert from the University of Leicester. We will also have former students who will talk to you about the different career paths they have followed. In the past, parents and carers have found this evening essential and we very much hope to see you there. Presentations will begin promptly at 6:30pm, with refreshments being served afterwards.

Both events are available via the **ParentPay website** now.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about any of the above events.

Finally, we'd like to ask a favour from you all, which is; if, through your line of work, you think you would be able to offer any of our Sixth Form students a work experience opportunity, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr E Evans

Head of Sixth Form



Mrs K Saggi

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Polhill Campus, University of Bedfordshire map
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