



Biddenham

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Welcome to Biddenham.

We are a high achieving, inclusive 11-19 school and as one student said in our recent Inspection report, 'We are like one big family.'

Our success is built on the quality of our staff team, many of whom are former students - and the strong relationships that are nurtured throughout the school.

Our young people do well in school and we aspire, through partnership with our parents, to enable every student to fulfil their dreams and ambitions and enjoy the journey.

We are proud of our innovative and wide-ranging curriculum that provides opportunities for all and a plethora of extra-curricular activities in Performing Arts, Sport, Science and Technology and residential visits.

In short, we live by our mantra, 'Opening Minds, Transforming Lives!'

David Bailey - Principal



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It is a joy to be able to work in the same learning community as my own children.

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Eleanor Grylls - Head of School and parent of children at Biddenham.

"It is wonderful to be able to look out of the window at work and catch glimpses of my children enjoying their day. Biddenham was the obvious choice of school for them, partly because of the rich and varied curriculum offer and also the Year 7 & 8 'School within a School' that ensures every child is known as an individual. The curriculum provides opportunities to balance academic rigour with project based, connected learning all within a safe and supportive learning environment leading to happy, self-confident and successful young people. Who wouldn't want that for their own children?"



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I think that Biddenham is an amazing school.

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Student - Madeline Aitchison, Year 7.

"I love being a student here because all the teachers are very friendly and encouraging. I have come a long way since primary school considering I have only been here for 10 months. I have also met a lot of new people that have become very close friends of mine. I have so many favourite lessons, such as German, Maths and PE. I also take part in extra curricular activities including sports, languages, performing arts and many more!"



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I truly love working here at Biddenham. The sixth form students are a joy to work with. They are a driven and engaging group of young people.

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Alan Brown
- Head of Sixth Form.

"It is humbling to play a small part in the students' journey through life and watching the students achieve their goals is incredibly rewarding.

The teaching that allows them to reach these goals is of such a high quality and delivered by a team of incredibly dedicated staff.

The students are challenged and developed to ensure that they can become the people they want to be."



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Biddenham is a great choice for the development of young adults, teaching skills and nurturing all our strengths along the way.

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Lucia Scozzari - Sixth Form

"Being a new student joining Biddenham Sixth form, I was anxious as to how quickly I would settle in. Within the first week I felt as though I had already been at Biddenham for months. The welcoming and nurturing atmosphere created by the teachers and students made me feel instantly part of the Biddenham family. The teachers really motivate and inspire us to reach our full potential and beyond and although there is pressure during A level with exams, they always go the extra mile to support us and help with our wellbeing. In the short time that I have been at Biddenham, amazing and beneficial opportunities have been available; for example work experience to help us develop our skills and strengths and consider a variety of career paths. Biddenham sixth form has a very friendly atmosphere, it is inspiring and most importantly enjoyable."



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The programme of activities is varied termly to allow our students to experience a whole host of activities, finding new passions and developing talents.

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Sport and Extra Curricular.

"The students at Biddenham have the opportunity to participate in an extensive range of extra curricular activities from the performing arts and cheerleading to a full and diverse range of sporting clubs including STEM, chess, maths and music. This opens the doors for students to have the opportunity to compete in fixtures, tournaments and competitions as well as performing in a range of contexts. Students are able to take part in many trips and visits and to see professionals in action, allowing them to enjoy the arts and sport as an audience member."



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A man with a beard, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and red tie, is smiling and looking towards a woman on the right. They are outdoors, with a green field and trees in the background. The man's hands are clasped in front of him. The woman is partially visible on the right, wearing a dark blue jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing a grassy area and some people in the distance.

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It is a privilege
to work within
the school which
I attended as a
student.

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Ali Smith - former student and now a teacher at Biddenham.

"Since leaving Biddenham International School in 2009 to complete a university degree in Media Studies I have worked in industry, but working here is unlike any establishment I have experienced.

Well-being is a high priority for the senior leadership team but overriding feeling is the sense of family; not only between the members of staff, but also the community in which the school belongs to and consistently helps to develop."



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Biddenham gave me the confidence to go on and win a part in the West End musical - 'The Prince of Egypt'.

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Alice Reid - former student and dancer.

"Biddenham International School and Sports College gave me the confidence to push myself and the belief that I could achieve my dreams.

The staff are amazing, funny, supportive and encouraging. I can't thank them enough for everything they did for me - and the ongoing support they are still giving me.

It certainly feels more like a family than a school."



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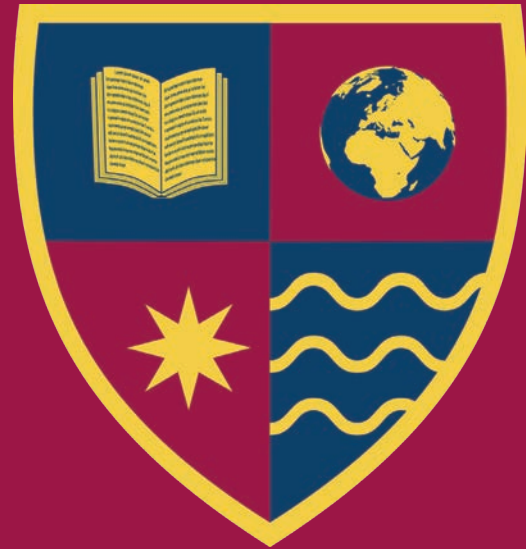
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**Teachers at
Biddenham went
beyond the call
of duty to help
me achieve my
potential.**

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Thomas Giles - studied International Politics at the University of St Andrews. Worked in Westminster at the Cabinet Office and the Department of Health

"I look back at my time in Biddenham fondly. The teachers were passionate about their topics and knew them inside and out. They were willing to spend as much time inside and outside of lesson times as the students needed. They both challenged and inspired us."



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I am now training
as a barrister and
hope to specialise
in human rights.

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**Tabitha Everett - studied
Philosophy and Linguistics
at Brasenose College,
Oxford.**

"Biddenham provided me with the supportive environment that I needed in order to reach my goals at GCSE and A Level.

When studying A Levels, I was lucky to have teachers who would consistently go above and beyond to help me and advise me with my university application.

I loved my time at this school and am very grateful for the opportunities I was given here."



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Biddenham
gave me a
solid learning
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which gave me
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and taught me
lifelong skills.

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Jonathon Smith - Police Officer - studied Politics at Goldsmiths, University of London.

"Biddenham gave me such a good grounding in all aspects of life. Not just academically but across a range of social skills which have proved to be invaluable.

It is a fantastic school, diverse, friendly and a provider of inspiring and quality education."



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The teachers are incredibly supportive and go the extra mile to ensure you are well prepared for life.

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Marjana Uddin - former pupil - works for BBC as a Paralegal and Solicitor Apprentice

"I would not be where I am today without the school's support, encouragement and career facilities and for that, I am forever grateful. Biddenham also enabled me to develop as an individual because of the diverse nature of the school.

The school also makes an effort to maintain good relationships with their students after leaving so you remain part of the community."



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Biddenham helped me to achieve excellent personal skills that have been valuable in the workplace.

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Zain Hanif - former student - training to be a Paramedic with East England Ambulance services.

"I really enjoyed my time at Biddenham and especially taking part in various groups, clubs and the school council.

I always aspired to be Head Boy and I was really proud when I was given the role. I was very happy at the school."



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Biddenham was
a great place to
grow and achieve
as both a student
and a person.

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**Harry Brindle - studied
History at Wadham College,
Oxford University.**

"I really enjoyed my time at Biddenham; it was a great environment to grow up in with a lot of really good people in a diverse school community.

The teachers were engaging and personable and always willing to go the extra mile, such as helping with university applications.

There were many opportunities to develop interests outside the classroom, in my case this was music."



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