



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 10th January 2022

Message from Miss Morris

Our first priority at Biddick Academy is always to ensure students are safe, cared for and making good progress. At present, we are experiencing an exceptionally high level of staff absence due to Covid.

We are doing all that we can to minimise disruption to normal school life, however please bear in mind, at this time, it may be more difficult than usual to contact a particular member of staff or they may be a delay in responding to your query. If you need to speak to us regarding an urgent matter, please continue to contact us via the info@biddickacademy.com email or telephone the school reception on 0191 5111600, as these are monitored continuously during the school day.

Whilst we will do all we can to keep all year groups in school, we must ensure this can be done safely. Should year groups need to work from home in the future, our preferred method of lesson delivery will be live lessons through Microsoft Teams. Of course, we will keep you fully updated at the earliest opportunity, should there be the need for remote learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Year 9 Options Evening

- Given the current circumstances surrounding the new Covid-19 variant Omicron and a rise in cases across the country, regrettably, the Year 9 Options Evening scheduled to take place on site on Thursday 13th January will now move to an online/virtual format.
- Mr Knowles will be in direct contact with Year 9 parents/carers next week to explain how all of the Options information will be conveyed and how both individual and frequently asked questions/queries will be answered.
- Additionally, Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information booklets will be distributed to Year 9 students in Registration time next week and this will also be available electronically on the website.

Flu Clinic

- The Immunisation Team for South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust are providing some final catch up clinics for flu vaccinations for school age children.
- You can contact the service via telephone on 0191 4028179 if they would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, if they have not yet received it since September 2021.
- The clinics are running on an appointment basis; therefore, details will be given to you when you call them directly.

Important dates for your diary this half term

Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 13 th January 2022	Further details to follow from Mr Knowles
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 27 th January 2022	Information to follow from Mr Knowles
Parents Forum	Thursday 17 th February 2022	All parents and carers are invited to attend