



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 17th January 2022

Message from Miss Morris

I would like to advise you of a change to the school calendar.

As the bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee falls in May half-term, schools have been directed by the government to allocate another day in lieu of the bank holiday. At Biddick Academy, this will be on Friday 22nd July 2022, therefore the last day of the summer term will be Thursday 21st July 2022.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Covid Vaccinations

- The school-based Immunisation Team have been asked to offer the second dose for Covid in schools for all children aged 12-15 years; inclusive of all 12-year old's and 15-year old's who may have not had first dose or require a second. This requires a further consent form to be completed.
- Your child will return home today with the consent form to be completed and returned to Biddick Academy on Monday 17th January 2022.
- We will advise parents and carers of the vaccination date when we have this confirmed from the Immunisation Team.
- Please click the following links to access the letters sent to you by the Immunisation Team providing you with further information.
 1. <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Letter-to-parents-and-carers-from-Chief-Operating-Officer-for-the-COVID-19-Vaccination-Programme.pdf>
 2. <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Covid-Vaccinations-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

Computing Homework

- In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students are enrolled on an international awards program called The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA that helps them develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.
- The Computing & Business faculty use this awards program as part of their homework offer to students. The faculty have highlighted a range of online challenges/badges which students should complete each week to further their learning of topics covered in school and allow them to learn content which will help them thrive in the digital world. Students ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards at the end of year 8 (Bronze) and then year 9 (Silver).
- If any student experiences difficulty with completing one of the activities or logging in to the website, they should initially email their Computing teacher who will be able to offer support.
- We also run an iDEA lunchtime club every Tuesday in CO3 where students can go and get support with anything related to the awards program.
[Click here for Year 7 homework guide](#)
[Click here for Year 8 homework guide](#)
[Click here for Year 9 homework guide](#)

Wearing jewellery, make up and false nails

- We would like to remind you of our policy for students regarding jewellery, make up and false nails.
 - One discreet stud in each ear is permitted – excess earrings will have to be removed.
 - Body piercing must be removed.
 - A watch may be worn.
 - False nails are not allowed and will be required to be removed. Nails must be natural and neutral/natural/nude nail varnish only must be worn, with no brightly coloured nail varnish.

Year 9 Options

- Thank you to all Year 9 parents and carers for attending the Year 9 Options Evening this week - we hope it provided you with all of the information you and your child required and answered the questions you had.
- The presentation has now been shared on ClassCharts and Teams along with the individual subject presentations from each curriculum area.
- The online Provisional Options Form will be shared with Year 9 students on Monday 17th January - the deadline for this to be completed is Friday 21st January.
- If you have any questions about Options, please feel free to contact Mr Knowles on:
knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Modern Foreign Languages

- Year 11 MFL speaking exams will be taking place on Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st of January ahead of mock exam week.
- Students will be given a time slot by their class teacher.
- If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Lessels, Head of Faculty on
lessels.k@biddickacademy.com