



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 24th January 2022

Message from Miss Morris

You may be aware that the Prime Minister has announced the removal of masks in classrooms effective immediately and communal areas from next Thursday.

This poses a challenge for us as infection rates remain high in the Sunderland area and at the Academy, we are experiencing particularly high levels of staff absence due to Covid. We are, however, very conscious of the impact of masks upon learning and the school environment.

Therefore, from Thursday 27th January, pupils will no longer be required to wear masks at school. Of course, if your child feels more comfortable wearing a mask, they can continue to do so.

We will monitor closely infection levels and reassess the situation if required.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening

- Thank you for all of the work you are doing at home to support your child in making informed decisions about their Key Stage 4 Options.
- It has been fantastic talking to the Year 9 students this week who have asked sensible and insightful questions - it has been clear that they are taking this process seriously and considering their long-term future in a mature and thoughtful manner.
- The Provisional Options Form deadline is Friday 21st January 2022.
- Parents' Evening on Thursday 27th January will give you opportunities to ask your child's teachers subject-specific questions about the courses on offer here at Biddick Academy.
- If you have any questions at all about Year 9 Options, please do not hesitate to contact me at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Year 11

- Monday 24th January marks the start of two weeks of mock exams for all Year 11 students.
- These exams are an opportunity for students to apply what they have learnt and gain a real understanding of their progress and ways in which they can improve.
- Exams take place in the Watson Hall under full exam conditions and any student who is entitled to exam concessions such as extra time or a scribe will receive this in accordance with their plan.
- As mentioned in a previous parent bulletin, should GCSE exams be cancelled in the summer due to Covid, these mock exams would be used to form part of students' Teacher Assessed Grades and as such it is vitally important that students understand their importance.
- If you have any questions about the mock exams, please do not hesitate to get in touch via moore.g@biddickacademy.com