

# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN



Week starting  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## Message from Miss Morris

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, on behalf of all the staff at Biddick Academy, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been marvellous to see the return of extra-curricular clubs, practical work in lessons and sporting competitions this term.

It was with a heavy heart that this year's Carol Service was moved online due to the emergence of the Omicron variant and the related risks of getting everyone together, however, there has still been time for reflection. It has been heartening to see pupils donating generously to support Save the Children, with over £700 raised through the Christmas Jumper Day. The response to the Salvation Army toy appeal has been overwhelming and will help many families this Christmas.

Recent announcements remind us of the challenges that we still face. For those parents/carers who have given consent, onsite Covid testing will take place on Tuesday 4th January. Please see the timetable for that day on page three of this bulletin. On Wednesday 5th January we reopen to all pupils, we strongly encourage all pupils to take an LFD test before returning on this day. Please be aware that in line with national guidance, face masks will continue to be compulsory in communal areas in January.

This term we have been extremely proud of the students for the way they have embraced school life, have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a love for learning. We are looking forward to building this success in the new year.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to, what we hope, will be a much brighter 2022 for everyone.

Best wishes

Miss Morris  
Headteacher



## Year 7 Assembly and end of year Christmas Celebrations

- Mr Wood, Head of Year 7, held his Year 7 assembly on Friday morning and had the chance to directly relay many kind messages to our Year students from their teachers. The students were delighted with the public recognition of their day to day successes and achievements!
  - **From Mrs Henry**
    - ✓ Well done 7E for a fabulous start to Biddick. You are all wonderful and I'm so grateful to have you all in my form.
  - **From Mr Spooner**
    - ✓ LD is always a model student in lessons! She tries her best and is always kind to others.
  - **From Mrs Armstrong**
    - ✓ TS is a polite young man who is always trying to get the most important information out of me after lessons, like what my favourite book is!
    - ✓ To all our budding reporters who published the first issue of the student newspaper.
  - **From Mrs Dyson to 7G**
    - ✓ I'm super pleased with how you have settled into school life after a difficult transition period with a lot of uncertainty for many of you. You are really well prepared each day and your uniform is great.
  - **From Mrs Lessels**
    - ✓ 7AML3 Spanish are a great group, a real pleasure to teach. They get on board with everything and are great fun!
  - **From Ms Bayley**
    - ✓ I have some brilliant Year 7 student librarians who have been fantastic this term. They have helped and supported keeping our library well-stocked and tidy. It has made a BIG difference and Ms Bayley has really enjoyed spending breaktimes and lunchtimes with this group of super students.
  - **From Mr Delf**
    - ✓ Well done Year 7, an excellent first term! The thing I like best about your year group is just how many of you smile and say hello in the corridors or outside. For me, that shows kindness and respect. Both fantastic characteristics to have and demonstrate. Have a lovely, well-earned rest over the holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Biddick Christmas Bake

- On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December, a number of year 9 students took part in a special Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Christmas Bake.
- Students worked in pairs to each bake a Galette des Rois - a traditional French festive cake, also popular in some parts of northern Spain.
- The cake is a celebration of the Epiphany, and is named after the Three Kings.
- The students were super enthusiastic and showed some excellent culinary skills.
- We hope they and their families enjoyed their Galette and we feel inspired to organise some more MFL cooking events in the near future.
- Please click the following link to our website to see photographs of some of the willing participants!  
<https://biddickacademy.com/modern-foreign-languages-christmas-bake/>

## Year 9 Options Parents Evening – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

- Options Evening for all parents/carers of Year 9 students will take place in the Watson Hall on Thursday 13th January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
- At the time of writing, the intention is for this event to be held physically in person and will comply with national Covid-19 guidance/restrictions. You will be informed in a timely manner if circumstances change and this event is forced to move to a virtual format.
- Options Evening is an excellent opportunity to find out more about the courses on offer at Biddick Academy so that you and your son/daughter are able to make informed choices on future pathways of study.
- Staff from each subject area will be on hand to answer any questions you and your son/daughter have about their course and offer any advice about Key Stage 4 Options.
- If you would like any more information about Options Evening or the Options process in general, please feel free to contact Mr Knowles at [knowles.j@biddickacademy.com](mailto:knowles.j@biddickacademy.com)

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

- Please be advised that all parents and carers who are entitled to free school meals will have received their voucher by email on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## **Year 10 Parents Evening – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

- Reminder to all parents and carers of Year 10 students.
- Please remember to book your appointments!

## **Covid Onsite Testing – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

- For parents/carers who have opted for their child to be tested onsite at Biddick Academy the timetable for the day is as follow -
  - 09:15 – 10:00 Year 7
  - 10:15 – 11:00 Year 8
  - 11:15 – 12:00 Year 9
  - 13:00 – 13:45 Year 10
  - 14:00 – 15:00 Year 11
- Your child will be coming home with their registration card and bar codes, please remember to register these before the 4<sup>th</sup> January and they must bring the bar codes with them on the day.