



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 5th October 2020

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK?

ACADEMY INFORMATION – FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

School Meals

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, schools meals must be pre-ordered. Students can bring a packed lunch and snacks.
 1. Click on the following link to order a school lunch online. The link can be found on our website under Parents/News Events.
[School Lunch Order Form for week starting 12th October 2020](#)
DEADLINE Thursday 8th October 2020 at 9.00am.
We have extended the deadline to allow more time to order.
 2. Access the following link to log onto your ParentPay account to ensure there are sufficient funds for us to take payment once your child has had the school lunch.
<https://www.parentpay.com/parents>
 3. We automatically add daily Free School Meal allowances (£2.30 a day) to ParentPay using the information we receive from the Local Authority. If your child receives Free School Meals you will still need to place an order for a meal.
 4. If you are unable to access a device to place an online order, please contact us using the contact details at the end of this bulletin.

Face Masks

- Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your child/children arrive at school with a face mask every day. We are pleased with the responsible and mature manner in which the students have approached this. Please remember to provide your child with a spare face mask, so they have a replacement to wear if their face mask is mislaid or damaged.
- Please remind your child/children that face masks must also be worn on public transport including scholar buses.

Trustee (Governor) Board Vacancy

- Our Trustees offer a valuable contribution and make a real difference to the education, opportunities and futures of our students. They do this by overseeing the financial performance of the Academy, monitor the educational performance of the Academy and ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Our Trustee Board are looking to add to their knowledge, experience and skills by inviting applicants from parents, with particular interest in parents with experience of the education sector.
- If you are interested and would like further information please contact Karen Southwick by emailing southwick.k@biddickacademy.com

Recommended Reading

- Please click the following links to access our recommended reading lists.
 - [Reading List by Subject](#)
 - [KS4 Reading List](#)



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YEAR 7 INFORMATION

Year 7 Settling In Evening – Held on Monday 28th September

- Year 7 parents/carers will receive an email from Miss Moore asking for feedback regarding the Year 7 Settling In Evening which was held **virtually** on **Monday 28th September 2020**.
- We would appreciate it if you could take time to complete the online form as your views really help us make sure parents/carers and students have a valuable and productive Parents Evening. The form will only take a few minutes to complete.

Year 7 – Practical PE Lessons

- Year 7 parents/carers will receive an email from Miss Cooksey, Leader of PE sharing with you our plans for practical PE lessons for students in Year 7.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

After School Learning

- We encourage our Year 11 students to take part in a range of booster and revision classes during this crucial year. To help prioritise their revision, maths, english and science revision classes are held on different nights and students will not be asked to attend other subjects on the same evening.
- Attendance to maths, english and science revision sessions is by invitation only and planned on a rotation basis.
- Due to the importance of additional tuition, we would very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child's attendance to invited sessions. Students will also be rewarded for attending After School Learning and can earn money off the price of their Prom ticket.
- Please click here to access the updated After School Learning timetable on our website [After School Learning Timetable 2020-2021](#)

Visits to the Academy

- 'Drop-in' visits to the Academy are not permitted due to health and safety. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone and if necessary, an appointment can be arranged. We always try to get back in touch with you as soon as possible.
- These arrangements are in place to protect the health and safety of everyone in the Biddick Academy community. If you do visit the Academy for an appointment, please wear a face mask.

Contact us

- We value your feedback as this helps us ensure we provide the very best for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or feedback.
 - 0191 5111600
 - info@biddickacademy.com

Opening hours

- Monday to Thursday - 8.00am – 4.30pm
- Friday – 8.00am – 4.00pm