



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 17th May 2021

Message from Miss Morris

The Government have revised their guidance on the use of face coverings in schools.

From Monday 17th May, students will no longer be required to wear a face covering either in classrooms or communal areas.

We would like to commend our students for the sensible and mature fashion in which they have approached the wearing of face coverings in school in recent months.

We are delighted that the guidance regarding the wearing of face coverings has changed and the wider return to normal life that this indicates. However, I am conscious that some students may feel more comfortable, still wearing a face covering in school. If your son/daughter would like to continue to wear a face covering, they may do this.

School Meals

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school 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.
[Click here - School Lunch Order Form for week starting 24th May 2021](#)
DEADLINE Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 9.00am.
 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.

Year 11-Teacher Assessed Grades Evidence

- Please see below a link to a document which outlines the evidence on which your child's Teacher Assessed Grade is based in each subject. There may be instances when a certain piece of evidence is not used for your child, for example if they have been absent or if there have been other extenuating circumstances which have led to your child not completing a specific assessment.
<https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/exam-information/>
- As you can see from the portfolios, Teacher Assessed Grades are being given by factoring in a wide range of evidence to ensure that the grade is fair and covers a breadth of skills in each subject.
- If you have any questions about the evidence being used to calculate your child's TAG then please contact Miss Moore on moore.g@biddickacademy.com by Friday 21st May.
- You will receive a letter on Tuesday 18th May outlining the leaving date and leaving celebration for Year 11 students.

Character Award: Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)

- Students can now enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award through Biddick Academy.
- Achieving the Award will give young people the skills, confidence and support with evidence towards applying for college, university or a job.
- It is important to develop employability skills, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. The course allows young people to make a difference to other people's lives and your community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime.
- Please see the link to the letter below for details of the qualification and how to enrol.
<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/May-2021-Duke-of-Edinburgh.pdf>
- Miss Blanchard will be attending Form Time to discuss the course in more detail.