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**Biddick**  
Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Important Year 11 Updates**

I would like to congratulate the year group on facing the numerous challenges this year has brought with positivity, resilience and maturity. We are immensely proud of them and would like to take the opportunity to thank both them and you.

Secondly, there are a number of events and information that I would like to share with you and so have collated this below to inform you about your son/daughter's remaining time at the Academy and how we are supporting their next steps in education, training or employment, post-16.

**Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs)**

Your son/daughter has been completing a number of assessments in the last few weeks and teachers have shared with them the process and evidence portfolio for awarding the grades. We felt it was important that you are also aware of this and so we have compiled a document which outlines the evidence on which your child's Teacher Assessed Grade is based in each subject. This document can be found on our website by clicking the following link.

<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Year-11-Teacher-Assessed-Grades-Evidence.pdf>

There may be instances where 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. All students have been made aware of each piece of evidence being included in their portfolios.

As you will see from the portfolios, Teacher Assessed Grades are based on a wide range of evidence to ensure that the grade is fair and covers the breadth of skills in each subject. To allow time for the quality assurance and collation of Teacher Assessed Grades, the **final day of term for Year 11 students will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. Students will leave the Academy at 12:30pm, if you would like your son/daughter to stay until 3:00pm on this day, please contact the Student Office before Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Please note, if we feel that your child does not have sufficient evidence across a breadth of assessments in order to award them a Teacher Assessed Grade then we may ask them to complete further pieces of assessed work prior to submission of the grades on 18<sup>th</sup> June. If this is the case, we will inform your son/daughter individually.

If you have any questions about the evidence being used to calculate your child's Teacher Assessed Grade, then please contact Miss Moore on [moore.g@biddickacademy.com](mailto:moore.g@biddickacademy.com) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Year 11 Celebration**

As you can imagine, planning a Year 11 celebration has proven to be tricky this year as a result of the ongoing restrictions in place around Covid-19. At this point in time, we plan to host a Year 11 Leavers Celebration on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm – 9pm in order to mark the end of your child's time at Biddick Academy and the start of their next exciting chapter.

The event will be held on site, exact details will be shared with you and your child as soon as they are available. We are waiting for a firmer indication from the Government on social distancing and public gatherings post-21<sup>st</sup> June before finalising our plans.

Please also be aware that your son/daughter must continue to meet the Academy's behaviour and attitude to learning expectations in order to attend the Year 11 celebration event.

### **Year 11 Post-16 Transition Timetable**

As your child begins their transition from their education at Biddick Academy to their chosen next stage, we would like to support them to bridge the gap. Your child has been working tirelessly to ensure they are successful with their qualifications but are they ready for that next step? All 16 year olds will be in a similar situation this year, so we want your child to stand head and shoulders above the others by preparing them and increasing their employability and opportunities.

Biddick Academy has worked with our partners and stakeholders to put together a 3-week virtual programme of live and interactive sessions. These will all be running through the Year 11 Microsoft Teams group. There will always be a member of Biddick Academy staff present and all guidelines students were given during remote learning are exactly the same. Please click the following link to access the timetable and instructions on how your child can sign up for each session.

<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Year-11-Student-Post-16-Bridging-Booklet.pdf>

We are also holding a virtual parent information session with more details of the programme on the evening of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm. The link for this Zoom meeting will be sent out through ClassCharts and the Parent Bulletin the Friday before (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May).

We hope you agree that this is an excellent offer that will inspire, engage and enthuse them for their future learning.

If you have any questions about the post 16 timetable of workshops please contact Mrs Roberts by emailing [roberts.k@biddickacademy.com](mailto:roberts.k@biddickacademy.com)

Finally, thank you again for your unwavering support and commitment to the Academy.

As always please contact the Academy if you have any questions.

Your faithfully,



Miss K. Morris  
Headteacher