



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 13th September 2021

Message from Headteacher

Welcome back to the new school year. I would especially like to welcome our new Year 7 students and parents/carers who have joined our school community. It has been a pleasure to see all of our students returning looking fantastic in their new uniform.

It has been a busy start to the term, with Year 7 and 8 students finding their way around the Academy and dining areas for the first time, as well as enjoying practical lessons in Science, Art, Music and other subjects. Extra-curricular clubs and afterschool learning start next week, I encourage all students to join in with a club of their choice.

On a very practical note, the car park has been exceptionally busy this week. Ideally, students should opt to walk or take the bus to school. If you do have to collect by car, please stagger your arrival time so that the car park doesn't become too congested. There are designated drop off/pick up areas which I would ask parents/carers to respect, to ensure the safety of our students as they make their way home.

A reminder also, that the start of the day is no longer staggered. All students should be in school ready for an 8:30am start.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a year of learning.

Year 11 Revision guides

- It is crucial that students at Biddick Academy are fully equipped with appropriate revision resources to support them in their independent study in this important year.
- In order to further support your child with their revision, please click the following link to access the Biddick Academy Shop to purchase recommended revision guides for GCSE students. Once purchased, the items will be given directly to your child - [Biddick Shop](#)

After School Learning

- We encourage our Year 11 students to take part in a range of booster and revision classes during Years 10 and 11.
- 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 done 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.
- Please click the link below to our website for information on all of the sessions on offer this year.

[Year 11 After School Learning Timetable](#)

Parent Pay

- ParentPay is a website we use as an easy and convenient way for you to pay for school lunches, uniform, trips etc.
- ParentPay username and passwords have been posted to all Year 7 parents/carers.
- If you have already registered and can't remember your username and password, your username is usually your email address and you can then use the "forgotten your password" option.
- We encourage you to use ParentPay as your preferred option for paying for school lunches.
- If you require any assistance please contact Miss Sparks on 0191 5111600 or by email on sparks.j@biddickacademy.com

Key Stage 3 Progress Tests

- From next week, Year 7 and Year 8 students will complete a progress test in English, Maths and Science.
- These tests are a tool which schools use to measure attainment and to identify gaps in learning which can then be addressed. They assess students' knowledge, understanding and application in these three core subject areas.
- The results will then be used by teachers to plan even more effective lessons based upon their students' individual strengths and areas for development.
- Students do not need to revise for these tests and they will each take less than a single teaching period to complete – they should simply do their best so that they demonstrate their potential.
- The timetable for these progress tests can be found below.

Year	Subject	Date	Period
7	Maths	13 th September	2
7	Science	16 th September	1
7	English	17 th September	2
8	Maths	20 th September	3
8	English	22 nd September	2

- If you would like any further information on these progress tests, please feel free to contact Mr J Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Important dates this half term

15.09.2021	Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening	Letter sent to Year 11 parents/carers can be found on our website by clicking the following link. https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Year-11-Information-Evening-2021-and-Mock-Examinations.pdf
20.09.2021	Whole School Photographs	
23.09.2021	Year 6 Open Evening	Please see our website for further details. www.biddickacademy.com
27.09.2021	Year 11 Mock Exams Start	Letter sent to Year 11 parents/carers can be found on our website by clicking the following link. https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Year-11-Information-Evening-2021-and-Mock-Examinations.pdf
27.09.2021	Year 7 "Settling In" Parents/Carers Evening	Further detail to follow to Year 7 parents/carers

- Term dates can be found on our website by clicking the following link
<https://biddickacademy.com/parents-carers/school-day-and-term-times/>

Parents Forum

- We strive to work in partnership with parents and carers, and our Parents Forum meets regularly throughout the year to give parents and carers the opportunity to hear future plans and provide feedback on many aspects of school life.
- It is an excellent opportunity for us to seek opinions and ideas through direct discussion with the Headteacher and specialist staff.
- We would be delighted if you would consider joining the Parents Forum and further details and dates can be obtained from;
The Headteacher's PA, Mrs K. Southwick on southwick.k@biddickacademy.com