



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 18th October 2021

Year 11 – English Intervention Update

- The English department are offering a variety of sessions beyond the English classroom. These include:
 - Intervention sessions - these are held during registration and timetabled slots; following analysis of performance in key assessments and mock examinations, students are invited to attend intervention sessions which run on a termly basis.
 - After school learning - this is held every Tuesday, from 3.00pm until 4.00pm, and all students are invited to attend.
- Students are encouraged to recall key knowledge and concepts and build upon these to help their learning and to improve their performance.
- We would appreciate your support in encouraging attendance to the intervention sessions.
- On **Tuesday 16th November 4.00pm – 5.00pm** an online Zoom session will be held for parents, focusing on what students cover in the sessions and why, as well as how they can revise and be supported at home. The link for this is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82396491984?pwd=aFMvVVVhaHNvcEEwM1lNQ1lOVi8yQT09>
Meeting ID: 823 9649 1984
Passcode: 253110
- In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding English intervention or English after school learning, please contact Mrs Hogg on hogg.h@biddickacademy.com

Reminder - Online Safety Information Parents Evening

- As part of our commitment to keeping young people safe within our community, we have arranged an online event on:
Thursday 21st October and will be in two sessions and held onsite in the Watson Hall:
 - Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 at 5.00pm
 - Year 10 and Year 11 at 6.00pm
- The evening is in partnership with Northumbria Police and will cover a range of Online Safety aspects, for example safe social media, cybercrime, phishing and spoofing.
- The aim of the session is to help you help your child to stay safe online and promote positive use of the internet.
- Should you wish to attend, please book your place for the event through the following link:
[Online Safety Evening Booking Form](#)

Junior Ambassadors

- On Tuesday 28th September in Year 8 Assembly, Miss Lynch announced our new cohort of Junior Ambassadors.
- Each student received several nominations from their classroom teachers, which acknowledged their curiosity for and hard work in specific subject areas.
- All successful nominees have excelled in demonstrating our core curriculum values of being curious, aspirational, resilient and ready for the future and they should be incredibly proud of themselves.
- Our new student leaders will fulfil a wide range of roles and responsibilities in upcoming weeks to inspire a new cohort in the future – these roles include supporting with helping others with reading, acting as peer mentor 'buddies' and helping to celebrate achievement across the Academy as well as acting as inspirational and aspirational ambassadors to all other students.
- If you would like to find out more about the leadership opportunities on offer for your son or daughter at Biddick Academy, please feel free to contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at: knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Biddick Bake Off – Winners!

- Thank you to everyone who helped their child with the fantastic creations and we received over 30 entrants.
- After several days of deliberation, and a rallying call to all staff in school to help with the decision, the winners were announced based on the following categories staff winner, Headteachers winner, Head of Faculty's winner, best effort and most creative.
- All entrants have been rewarded in some way including Biddick shop goodies, reward points, and vouchers.
- More information including pictures can be found on our website by clicking the following link – <https://biddickacademy.com/biddick-bake-off-competition-european-day-of-languages-2021/>

Letter to parents of secondary school and college students in England on Covid-19 testing and vaccines from the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care

- The Government has asked us to share a letter with you. Please click the following link to access it; <https://biddickacademy.com/a-joint-letter-to-parents-of-secondary-school-and-college-students-in-england-on-covid-19-testing-and-vaccines-from-the-secretaries-of-state-for-education-and-for-health-and-social-care/>

Mock Examinations

- Year 11 students will receive their mock exam results on Friday 5th November.
- We want to give students the experience of a real results day so that they know what to expect in August when they receive their final GCSE results and the feelings and emotions that opening that envelope evokes.
- The results will also be posted home to parents on the same day as part of their Year 11 report.
- Year 11 parents' evening is Thursday 11th November from 4pm-6pm and it will take place virtually using School Cloud.
- We will share more information around how to book your appointments in due course.

After School Learning

- With only 26 weeks until the GCSE exam season begins, it is vitally important that students make the most of every opportunity that is available to support them in realising their potential and achieving their target grades.
- Please see below the link to After School Learning sessions which are timetabled on a Tuesday to Friday across all subjects after school. <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Year-11-ASL-Timetable-September-2021.pdf>
- If a student has received a letter and/or a phone call to invite them to attend a session in English, Maths or Science then they **must** attend, however sessions are open for all students and Year 11 students should be making the most of this additional support and attending the most relevant session for their needs every Tuesday-Friday.

Assessment Preparation Week

- Week commencing 18th October is 'Assessment Preparation Week' for our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students.
- Within each subject area across the curriculum, Faculty Leaders and teachers will plan lessons which aim to support your son or daughter in their upcoming assessments which take place week commencing 1st November.
- The data and information from these assessments will inform the first set of reports for your child which you will receive week commencing 29th November.
- If you would like any further information about Key Stage 3 assessment and/or our reporting system, please feel free to contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com