



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 8th November 2021

Year 11 Parents' Evening

- Year 11 Parents' Evening is Thursday 11th November from 4.00pm-6.15pm and it will take place virtually using School Cloud.
- This will allow parents/carers to discuss their child's mock exam results as well as areas to develop and improve.
- You will have received an email and Class Charts announcement with details of how to book your appointments.

Photographs

- Photographers will be in school on Monday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm to catch-up the students who missed getting their photograph taken in September.
- If this applies to your son/daughter, you will be provided with all the information you require to order this picture.

School Council

- This week saw the announcement of our 40 newly-elected Student Council Representatives.
- The quality of all applications to the Student Council was incredibly high with all students writing passionately about their desire to contribute to whole-school developments and be the voice of their tutor groups.
- It takes an incredible amount of bravery and resilience to put your name forward as a candidate upon which your peers consider and vote. All candidates should be proud of themselves.
- For the successful candidates, work commences straight away with the first Student Council meeting next week. For the unsuccessful candidates, there will be another opportunity later on in the academic year to join the Student Council and contribute to positive change.
- If you would like any further information on the Student Council, please contact Miss Hopper at hopper.b@biddickacademy.com or if you would like any further information on Student Leadership opportunities on offer at Biddick Academy, please contact Mr Knowles at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com.

Visiting the Academy and dropping of equipment for students

- Following our letter to you this week advising you of our updated Covid measures due to the rising number of infections in the Sunderland area.
- Parents and carers should not be visiting the Academy without prior notification and we remind you that our preferred method of contact at this time will be telephone.
- We are experiencing a high number of parents and carers visiting us to drop off forgotten items.
- Therefore, please ensure your child remembers any equipment/medication/money/food/clothing/PE Kit before they leave for school.
- Whilst these heightened Covid measures are in place, we would ask parents and carers not to enter the Academy premises to drop off items where possible.

Year 11 – Exam Clinic

- In order to answer any questions or queries about exams over the coming months, we now have a dedicated exam clinic email address for parents/carers and students.
- Please send any questions or queries related to exams to examclinic2021@biddickacademy.com and you will receive a response within 24 hours.

Cyber Bullying

- On the 21st October we held our first Parents Information Evening for this Academic Year.
- The focus of the evening was Online Safety in partnership with Northumbria Police.
- I was a really useful evening proving support, advice and guidance on safe and positive use of the internet.
- For more information, please see click the following link to our website to access the Cyber Choices Guide for parents on how to promote positive choices when using the internet for your child.
<https://biddickacademy.com/cyber-choices-information-for-parents-carers/>