



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 14th February 2022

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Year 11 Exams

- Due to the considerable disruption Year 11 students have faced in the last two years, advance information of the focus of exams in most GCSE subjects was published by exam boards on Monday 7 February.
- The purpose of advance information is to support students with their revision and to enable them to focus on areas of the curriculum that they now know will be assessed in the summer examinations.
- It is still important that students receive teaching that is broad and balanced in line with the national curriculum but also that this information allows students to focus on specific elements of the curriculum to prepare them for their summer exams.
- The advance information has confirmed some of the aspects of the specification that will be assessed in the exams, relating to content, texts, topics, themes and/or skills as appropriate for each specification.
- Please find below the links to each subject's specific advanced information page for the appropriate exam board:

Subject	Exam Board	Advance Information Link
English Language	AQA	English Language
Maths	Edexcel	Maths
Biology	AQA	Biology
Chemistry	AQA	Chemistry
Physics	AQA	Physics
Combined Science	AQA	Combined Science
Geography	AQA	Geography
French	AQA	French
Spanish	AQA	Spanish
RE	Edexcel	RE
Music	AQA	Music
Computer Science	OCR	Computer Science

- The following subjects have not released advanced information for their examination due to the amendments that had already been announced. Please see below the links to those amendments for your reference:

Subject	Exam Board	Advance Information Link
English Literature	AQA	English Literature
History	Edexcel	History
Art and Design	Edexcel	Art and Design
Fine Art	Edexcel	Fine Art
Textiles	Edexcel	Textiles
Digital Art	Edexcel	Digital Art

- Please see below links to further information and guidance related to advance information on the JCQ website:
[Advance information - General guidance](#)
[Advance Information - Student FAQs](#)
- If you have any questions please contact Miss Moore on moore.g@biddickacademy.com or Mr Morrison on morrison.c@biddickacademy.com

Free School Meal Vouchers

- Parents and carers who are entitled to free school meal vouchers over the February half term break will receive these by email towards the end of week starting 14th February 2022.

Parents' Forum – Thursday 17th February 2022 at 5.00pm

- We would like to invite you to the next Parents' Forum. The proposed agenda is as follows;
 1. STEM update (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
 2. Metacognition update (a strategy to raise awareness in students to understand their own thought processes and the patterns behind them)
 3. Ofsted Report – next steps
- Understanding your views really does help us work together with the mutual goal of providing the very best experience for every student.
- Please contact Mrs Southwick on southwick.k@biddickacademy.com to confirm your attendance.

Writers Retreat

- We are excited to announce our very first residential experience since the start of the Covid pandemic!
- The residential will start at 3.00pm Friday 8th April 2022 until 5.30pm Sunday 10th April 2022 and will be at Derwent Hill, Keswick
- The opportunity is currently open to Year 11 students with a view to including Year 10 students depending on numbers.
- The weekend will include revision sessions on creative writing and poetry from Biddick Academy's English teachers, two professional writers and poets as well as a range outward bound activities. These activities are planned to include kayaking, gorge scrambling, orienteering and a high ropes challenge.
- Please look out for the letter which will be sent by Class Charts which details the cost and further information.