



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Notices from Mr Delf, Senior Deputy Headteacher

### School Uniform

The vast majority of our students take real pride in their appearance and wear the correct Biddick Academy uniform every day. However, there are some that are not meeting our high expectations. Students are not allowed to wear leggings, only grey school trousers or the Biddick Academy skirt is permitted. Students are allowed to wear an ear stud in each ear, however no other types of piercing or earrings are allowed. False nails in any form are not acceptable, all students must wear the Biddick Academy school tie. We want our conversations with our students to be about learning, not uniform infringements. As a result, can I ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is dressed correctly in their Biddick Academy uniform every day. This includes having the correct equipment for learning, such as their planner, pencil case, pens and pencils.

### Toilet Passes

We want our students to be in their lesson learning, not outside of the lesson for any reason. Currently we are experiencing a number of students asking to go to the toilet during lesson time. This has the potential to disrupt their learning and the learning of others. Students are aware that they should go to the toilet before school, at break time and at lunch time. They should not ask to go to the toilet during a lesson or when a changeover in lesson takes place. Where students have a medical need, we allocate students a Toilet Pass. This list is reviewed every half term with outdated toilet passes being removed as appropriate. We recognise that sometimes students, without a Toilet Pass, need to use the toilet. In this circumstance staff will sign the student's planner to give them permission to go to the toilet. Due to this, it is very important that all students bring their school planner to school every day as part of their essential equipment.

### Be Ready to Learn

All students must bring the equipment that they need for a day at school. This includes a school bag, planner, pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler and a reading book. Please remind your son or daughter to make sure they have their equipment daily. We encourage students to pack their bag the night before school so that they are organised and ready to learn.

Thank you for your support.

*Mr Delf*

*Senior Deputy Headteacher*

## National Apprenticeship Week

- Week starting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 is National Apprenticeship Week and we have some informative resources and letters to share with you.
- In school this week all students will be taking part in quizzes and assemblies and Year 11 students will take part in workshops on creating CVs, interview techniques, and also instructions on how to search and apply for apprenticeships.
- It is never too early to start investigating opportunities and Year 11 students can now begin their search and apply for positions for this year by accessing the following government website.  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and their website is a wealth of information.  
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- The Department of Education have asked us to share with you a letter about the government initiative from Alex Burghart, Minister for Skills. You can read this letter by clicking the following link.  
[Letter from Minister of Skills - National Apprenticeship Week](#)
- There is also a monthly newsletter and various resources for parents and carers. You can read these here <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents#>
- If you have any queries, please email Mrs Roberts on [roberts.k@biddickacademy.com](mailto:roberts.k@biddickacademy.com)

## **Final Options Form – Year 9**

- The online Final Options Form will be shared on ClassCharts with your child on Monday 7th February - the deadline for this to be completed is Friday 11th February.
- Please note that the Option Blocks have been modified slightly following the analysis of and feedback from the Provisional Options Forms.
- Thank you for supporting your child in making informed decisions about their Key Stage 4 Options.
- If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Knowles on [knowles.j@biddickacademy.com](mailto:knowles.j@biddickacademy.com)

## **Engineering Early Bird Revision Session**

- In room L001, from 8am - 8:50am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 11th February, prior to the exam starting at 9.00am on both days.
- If you would like further information, please contact Mr Hinder on [hinder.n@biddickacademy.com](mailto:hinder.n@biddickacademy.com)

## **Brilliant Club**

- The Year 9 'Brilliant Club' enrolled on the 'Scholars Programme' and experienced their first University-style Tutorial this week.
- PhD candidate Miss Waterworth from Teesside University whose research focuses upon 'Crystals and Chakras as a form of Therapy' was incredibly impressed by the curiosity shown and the contributions made by the students.
- The Brilliant Club are really excited to visit the University campus and experience lectures, seminars and tutorials in person to get an insight into the world of Higher Education.
- If you would like more information on the Brilliant Club, you can contact Mr Knowles on [knowles.j@biddickacademy.com](mailto:knowles.j@biddickacademy.com)

## **Year 11 Leaver Hoodies**

- Parent and carers of Year 11 students will soon receive a letter from Mrs Pickbourne explaining how to buy a leavers hoodie.
- Hoodies will be available to purchase directly from our suppliers and will be delivered to Biddick Academy for distribution.
- Please look out for the letter which will contain full instructions on how to order, including deadlines.
- Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pickbourne on [pickbourne.s@biddickacademy.com](mailto:pickbourne.s@biddickacademy.com) if you have any queries.