



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 14th March 2022

Biddick Cares – supporting those in humanitarian crisis

- At Biddick Academy, both students and staff understand how important the values of selflessness, kindness, empathy and generosity are in helping and supporting those who are less fortunate or more vulnerable than ourselves.
- From next week, students will be actively raising money for both our nominated school charities 'Cancer Research UK' and the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' who provide emergency aid and relief for people caught up in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world.
- Each year group has an ambitious target of raising £500 for charity by the end of the academic year.
- Charity buckets for loose change will now be available every week as students enter the Watson Hall for assembly and next week.
- Fundraising activities next week include a Bake Sale and Red Nose Day where students will be able to buy a mystery red nose.
- Also, over the course of next week (w/c 14th March) students will be able to wear an alternative sports top/ strip of their choice for a small donation of £1 per Core PE lesson over the course of the week.
- Students must ensure they wear an appropriate, suitable and sensible sports top - for example full length t- shirt with short/long sleeves. Crop tops and strap tops will not be permitted.
- **Please note this is only permitted as part of PE kit and for PE lessons only, and is not part of School Uniform.**
- If you would like any further information, please contact Mr Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Information the Department of Education has asked us to share with you

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

- Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).
- Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#) in the Green Book.
- Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.
- Further information is available in the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following advice from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

International Women's Day

- This week we have been exploring International Women's Day where the theme this year is 'break the bias'.
- Students have explored and celebrated equality through assembly, tutor time, lessons across all faculties and extracurricular clubs and have made their pledge to promote equality for all across the Academy.
- For more information, please visit International Women's Day 2022 at - www.internationalwomensday.com
- Follow us on Facebook to see some fantastic photos of the day and many other achievements and celebrations - <https://www.facebook.com/BiddickAcademySchool>

National Careers Week 2022

- The Academy will be celebrating National Careers Week beginning Monday 14th March.
- This will involve assemblies based around exploring careers, staff sharing their career journeys, staff promoting the different careers their subjects can take and some targeted events based around subject careers.
- We would also like to encourage parents to read the magazine by clicking the following link - <https://careermag.co.uk/careermag/>
- There is also an inclusive version with particular focus on students with SEND here - <https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-for-inclusion-1-out-now/>
- Other great websites are [National Careers Week](#) and the [National Careers Service](#).
- You can also find a letter to parents and carers from the Department of Education here - [Letter to parents and carers regarding National Careers Week](#)
- If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Roberts on roberts.k@biddickacademy.com

British Science Week is upon us! The theme for this year is GROWTH.

- Within Science, growth can mean a great many things: from the growth from a tiny cell to a living organism, the production of crystals from chemical solutions, to the expansion of the universe.
- Next week the Science Faculty will visit Year 7 and year 8 and during lunch time there will be curiosity clubs for students to attend, as well as a competition for all students.
- With so many things going on we are sure that our students love of Science will grow from this week!
- If you would like any further information please contact Mr Johnson, Lead Practitioner of Science on johnson.j@biddickacademy.com

Year 11 - Advance information

- As you are aware, in February the DfE released advance information for most GCSE subjects in order to support students in light of the disruption they have faced to their learning.
- This information has been previously shared via the parent bulletin and can be found on the following link <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Parent-Bulletin-14th-February-2022-2.pdf>
- In order to support students, parents and carers to know how to use the advance information, please follow the link below to some key questions which explore the purpose of the advanced information and how it can be used to support revision. https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Students_FAQs_Summer_2022-1.pdf
- If you would like any further support or information, please contact Miss Moore on moore.g@biddickacademy.com

Year 11 English Revision

- English revision takes place **every Tuesday at 3.00pm until 4.00pm.**
- Students will be with their class teacher; the sessions are an opportunity to revise areas that need developed based on information from the mock examinations.
- Year 11 Exams start soon, so this is an important time to revise and be prepared for all exams
- Please encourage your child to attend.

Year 11 Summer Exam Timetable

- Please below a link to the summer 2022 exam timetable which outlines all of the exams students will take this summer.
- Note - students do not receive study leave so they will continue to attend Biddick Academy until **Thursday 23rd June.** <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Summer-Exam-Timetable-2022.pdf>

Year 9 Options

- Final reminder to all Year 9 parents/carers to book your online meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss, agree upon and confirm your child's Key Stage 4 Options.
- School Cloud appointments are available now from Monday 14th to Friday 18th March.
- Please click the following link to read the letter and instructions that was sent before half term:
<https://biddickacademy.com/year-9-options-meeting-with-senior-leadership-team/>

Parents Forum

- Last week, we conducted a Parents Forum where we discussed ideas and received input from our parents and carers.
- Mr Johnson shared information about our intentions and plans for STEM (Science, Technology and Maths). A parent who attended the meeting was really interested in this and volunteered to help us further.
- Mrs Nairne-White provided an update on our Metacognition technique which helps students become more aware of their own thought processes and the patterns behind them.
- Some parents and carers asked for more information on homework and our positive discipline system, so we're looking at methods to provide a Parent Guide to Positive Discipline to all parents and carers.
- Finally, Miss Morris reviewed our recent Ofsted report, as well as our future roadmap and ambitions.
- If you are interested in joining the Parents Forum or have any feedback to share with us please contact Mrs Southwick, PA to the Headteacher on southwick.k@biddickacademy.com

Work for Us

- Please follow this link to our vacancy page on our website, where we are now advertising for several positions, including one for a Site Supervisor.
<https://biddickacademy.com/vacancies/>

Photography Competition

- Thank you to everyone who entered the competition which was advertised in the Parent Bulletin and was held over the half term holidays. The topic of the competition was movement and energy.
- Mrs Garton is delighted to announce that the winners are –
 - **Winner Alex - Year 7**
 - 2nd Place Ebony - Year 8
 - 3rd Place Stephen - Year 10
- Alex our winner, produced a fantastic picture of his dog, Dougy, running through the grass which was a brilliant representation of movement and energy.
- Head over to our Facebook page to see Alex holding his framed photograph!
<https://www.facebook.com/BiddickAcademySchool>