



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 21st March 2022

Modern Foreign Languages Update

- To help inspire our students to be the linguists of the future, and to be confident to “have a go” at communicating in whatever language they encounter, we have many exciting activities planned.
- As well as German on a Monday in room FO25, we're now also offering Italian on a Wednesday lunch time in FO27. This is every week and is open to all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. Students who attend will be entered into prize draws at the end of each term.
- The school choir, along with Mrs Tufnell, have been spending some time singing in French and Spanish. Next week, they will be ready to capture their piece, which will form part of a recorded performance to celebrate Durham's 2022 North East Festival of Languages.
- On Monday 21st March, some of our Year 7 classes will be taking part in a Japanese taster session. This is thanks to a live stream from Durham University, who are very excited to meet our students.
- Please encourage your child to visit the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty and “have a go!” Grazie!

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Revision Sessions for Year 11 students

- There will be MFL revision clinics in week starting 21st March 2022.
- These sessions will give students further guidance and reminders of what to revise, how to go about revising it and planning their independent time effectively.
- Spanish will be on Wednesday 23rd March and French on Thursday 24th March both starting at 12:30pm.
- Practical revision sessions continue to run after school every week on Thursdays (French) and Fridays (Spanish) from 3:00pm until 4:00pm, as well as intervention sessions with Mrs Lessels before school.
- The sessions are highly recommended to make sure your child is prepared for the exams which will be upon us before we know it!
- If you would like any further information regarding the activities and revision sessions taking place, please contact Mr Dodds on dodds.j1@biddickacademy.com

Year 10 Mock Examinations

- The Year 10 mock exams will commence on Monday 28th March.
- The mock exams are vitally important as they allow students to demonstrate what they know and what they are capable of, as well as informing them and their teachers of their areas for development and improvement.
- Below you will find the link to the mock exam timetable which will be followed by the vast majority of students.
<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Y10-Mock-Exams-March-2022-1.pdf>
- If your child is entitled to access arrangements, Mrs Coats will contact to you in order to update you on the arrangements for these.
- As this is the first time that Year 10 students will have completed a full series of examinations in the Watson Hall, we have outlined some of the key points below many of which are regulations we must follow.
 1. If students are not timetabled to be in a mock exam, they attend their usual timetabled lesson.
 2. At the end of an exam, students return to their normal timetabled lesson.
 3. Students must arrive for all mock exams in the correct uniform.
 4. Students will be assigned a seat number for every exam.
 5. Students are not permitted to have their mobile phone in their possession during exams - they must be switched off (not just on silent mode) and in their bags.
 6. Students are not permitted to wear a watch of any kind in examinations.
 7. Any additional resources such as water bottles and pencil cases must be clear and without labels.
- If you have any queries about the mock exams, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Moore on moore.g@biddickacademy.com

Year 7 – Reading Aloud

- All Year 7 students will be issued with a reading card from their Form Tutors on Monday; an initiative to develop reading aloud and oracy.
- They will be asking teachers and support staff to sign their card if they read aloud any reading text in their lesson over the next two weeks.
- All students who return their card will be entered into a raffle for Easter goodies and we are looking forward to seeing how they get on!
- If you would like further information please contact Mr Brown on brown.c@biddickacademy.com

PE Fixtures

- Tuesday 22nd March Year 7 Girls City of Sunderland Netball Tournament
 - Thursday 24th March Year 10 Girls Netball
 - Thursday 24th March Year 7 Girls Football Central Venue League
- Students can see Mr Hodgson for the location of the fixtures.
- Follow us on Facebook and check our website for the results and photographs of our proud students taking part in the many sporting activities and fixtures!