



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 7th March 2022

Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award

- The start of 2022 has seen the continued success of our work with The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA.
- A major success is we have hit the milestone of over 10,000 award badges completed in total which is entirely down to our motivated students.
- We have every student in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 signed up to the international awards program with Years 7, 8 and 9 using it as part of their Computing homework. Four of our recent Bronze award winners are students in Year 10 who are continuing to work with the iDEA program in their own time to help prepare them for life in the digital world.

World Book Day

- We celebrated World Book Day together on Thursday and Faculties across the Academy dressed up as characters linked to different genres of book.
- There were a range of literary characters including: Oliver Twist, Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland and Bilbo Baggins to name just a few and it was wonderful to see the surprise and excitement from students and to hear what they have been inspired to read in the coming weeks ahead.
- We also joined together to read and listen to 'The Monkey's Paw' by W. W. Jacobs at the beginning of each lesson. A gothic tale with a message to be careful what you wish for.
- Students will have received their book token from their Form Tutor. This can be used to purchase a copy of a World Book Day book or to be used towards the purchase of a book at your local bookseller.

Women's History Month

- March is Women's History Month and we have put together a selection of books from important Women in History as well as strong female voices in our library.
- Please click the following link to find the Women's History Month Reading List to browse with your child.
<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Womens-History-Month-Reading-List.pdf>

Supporting your child with Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

- The MFL faculty have put together a list of top tips and websites to use at home to support your child's learning in MFL.
- In addition to their lessons, students are set weekly homework to help what we do in class. There are also twice weekly lunch time sessions that run on Tuesday and Wednesday, so students can get help with homework or learning in MFL.
- Students also have regular opportunities to participate in extracurricular challenges in MFL, as well as their being a weekly German and Italian club.
- Please click the following link to a letter from Mrs Lessels for further information and resources to help you support your child.
<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/MFL-Letter-04.03.2022.pdf>

Year 11 Prom

- The Year 11 prom will take place on **Thursday 30th June** at The Black Horse, Beamish.
- We are currently in the process of working with the prom committee to ensure that the prom is personalised to Year 11 and provides them with an unforgettable evening to celebrate their time at Biddick Academy.
- We will write to you with further information regarding the cost of tickets, start/finish times etc. within the next few weeks.

Year 9 Options

- 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 7th 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/>

Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 Assessment Week

- Your child will be completing a variety of assessments across all subject areas from Monday 7th March as part of Key Stage 3 Assessment Week.
- These assessments are used to find out how your child is progressing through each curriculum area and to identify subject-specific targets to improve.
- Parent/carer reports will be sent out later this half-term.

Year 11 - Exam information

- Year 11 reports were released this week and they outline your child's mock exam result, predicted grade and targets to improve for each subject.
- This is the last report that your child will receive in Year 11 and therefore it is vital that students take the time to consider how they can act upon the targets that their teachers have given them.
- The final GCSE examination series starts on **Monday 15th May** which is only a matter of weeks away, so as we approach the final stretch of their time at Biddick Academy, and we wanted to remind parents/carers of the full After School Learning program that is in place every day within the Academy.
- These sessions are planned to provide your child with additional support to prepare them for their final exams.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fine Art (Mrs Garton)	English (Miss Wilkinson)	Maths (Mr Ramshaw)	Science (Mr Gwilliam)	Spanish (Mr Dodds)
	Creative iMedia (Mr Coates / Mr Morrison)	Digital Art (Mrs Thompson)	Geography (Mr Robertson)	BTEC Sport / Sport Science (Miss Cooksey)
		Enterprise and Marketing (Mrs Fisher/Mrs Roberts)	Computer Science (Mr Scougall)	
		Art and Design (Miss Robothom)	History (Mr Coles)	
		RE (Mrs Bellion)	French (Mrs Holmes)	
			Digital Art (Mrs Thompson)	

***Please contact the member of staff in brackets for more information regarding these sessions. All sessions last one hour.**

Let Girls Play

- On Wednesday 9th March the PE Faculty will be supporting a campaign led by the Football Association to coincide with International Day of the Girl.
- This new campaign “Let Girls Play” supports the ambition of the Football Association to give all girls equal access to play football in all schools by 2024.
- We will be holding football competitions throughout the day and holding a Girls Futsal competition at lunchtime in the Sports Hall.
- We also have the following fixtures next week which includes a girl’s football tournament;
 - Tuesday 8th March Year 9 Netball City Tournament
 - Thursday 10th March Year 8 Girls Football Tournament
 - Thursday 10th March Year 10 Girls Netball fixture
- We have some extremely talented students so we are hoping for a winning streak from everyone!