



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 16th May 2022

Message from Miss Morris

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have reached that point in the year when Year 11 pupils begin their exams.

I have been very impressed by the hard work and commitment shown by Year 11 over recent months, the countless hours of revision to date will be invaluable in the weeks to come. I would like to thank you for your support in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly, attend after school learning and revise independently.

The exam period can be an anxious time for parents and carers, as well as their children. Below is handy reminder of the important sources of information that your child has been using in their revision:

- Advance exam information - due to the disruption caused by Covid-19, the exam boards have provided details on the topics which will and will not feature in exams in many subjects. This is crucial information for your child to use in their final revision. You can find the information for each subject on our website <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/exam-information/> and by following the links below.

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

- You can track your child's revision and exams by using the exam timetable - <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Summer-Exam-Timetable-2022.pdf>
- There are pre-exam booster classes for every subject, these start at 8:00am for morning exams and 12:15pm for afternoon exams. These are an essential reminder of the key content and skills by paper. You can see the full timetable on our website by clicking the following link. <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Booster-Sessions-1.pdf>

If your child has a high temperature or Covid on the day of an exam, they should stay at home. Please let us know so that we can inform the exam board and apply for special consideration. The best way to do this is by contacting the Student Office or emailing Miss G. Moore on moore.g@biddickacademy.com.

As always if you would like to discuss any aspect of school life, please contact your child's form tutor, or subject teacher if it is a subject specific query.

I would like to wish all of our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck in their exams and look forward to celebrating their time at Biddick Academy at the Prom in July.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K. Morris

Year 11 - May Half Term revision sessions

- Please find below Year 11 revision sessions which are taking place during May Half Term.
- For safeguarding reasons, students must sign in via the main school reception.

Day	Date	Time	Staff	Subject
Tuesday	31.5.22	10am-12pm	Miss Hopper	Combined Science (Higher and Foundation)
Monday	30.5.22	10am-12pm	Mr Johnson	Combined Science (Higher and Foundation)
Monday	30.5.22	9am-12pm	Mrs Huntington	English
Tuesday	31.5.22	10.30am-1.30pm	Mr Dodds	Spanish (Foundation and Higher)
Monday	30.5.22	9am-11am	Miss Wilkinson	English
Tuesday	31.5.22	10am-1pm	Mr Brown	English
Wednesday	1.6.22	9am-11am	Mrs Fenwick	Geography
Wednesday	1.6.22	12.30pm-2.30pm	Mrs Tufnell	Music

Careers Fair

- On Friday 6th May we were delighted to hold our much anticipated annual Careers Fair here in the Academy.
- We were delighted to host 30 different providers of post 16 and post 18 opportunities and pathways.
- The students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 were able to discuss with providers their ambitions for the future whilst also learning about the vast array of careers and options available to them.
- We were proud of the curiosity students displayed in receiving information and guidance from providers appropriate to their own aspirations.
- Student feedback was very positive from the event; as one student put: "We should do this every day; it is brilliant and I have learnt so much".
- It was a pleasure to welcome parents at the event. Please do let us know if you have any feedback by contacting Mr Brown on brown.c@biddickacademy.com.
- We look forward to providing future events to support our students with their future aspirations.



Year 11 Prom – Payment reminder

- Following our Class Charts message earlier this week, please remember that any outstanding balance is due on Monday 16th May 2022.

Roadworks

- We have been advised that temporary roadworks will be carried out on Biddick Lane from Monday 16th May 2022.
- Temporary traffic lights will be installed near the zebra crossing outside the school and a manual crossing will be in place.
- Please bear this in mind when making your journey to and from Biddick Academy next week.

Year 7 and Year 8 Summer Term Assessment

- As explained in your child's report, please see below a reminder about the Summer Term Year 7 and 8 Assessment Timetable which commences next week:

Key Stage 3 Summer Assessment Timetable				
Date	Period	Year Group	Assessment	Assessment Length
Tuesday 17 th May	4	7	CAT4 English	45 minutes
Thursday 19 th May	4	7	CAT4 Maths	45 minutes
Monday 23 rd May	4	7	CAT4 Science	45 minutes
Wednesday 25 th May	4	7	GL English	1 hour
Wednesday 8 th June	4	7	GL Maths	1 hour
Friday 10 th June	4	7	GL Science	1 hour
Tuesday 14 th June	4	8	GL English	1 hour
Wednesday 15 th June	4	8	GL Maths	1 hour
Friday 17 th June	4/5	7/8	CAT4 and GL Catch-Ups	Up to 2 hours

- Please feel free to contact Mr Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com if you have any questions or queries.

Mental Health Awareness Week

- In week beginning 16th May 2022, we have planned various activities including assemblies, discussions, reading and debates to raise awareness and tackle some of the issues in relation to mental health
- On Monday, the School Nursing Team will be here to provide advice, information and guidance around mental health issues.
- On Friday it will be “*wear your funky socks to school day*”. All students are encouraged to wear brightly coloured socks to raise awareness of mental health issues.
- We will also be encouraging all students and staff to 'go home laughing' for the weekend with a short activity to try and raise the importance of taking part in fun and enjoyable activities to help promote self-care as a valuable part of positive mental health.

Brilliant Club Graduation

- Last week saw the culmination of the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme where our first ever Year 9 student cohort attended a formal graduation ceremony at Newcastle University.
- This graduation ceremony celebrated their achievements on this prestigious programme where, over the course of the year, they have attended university-style seminars and tutorials and have researched for and submitted academic pieces of writing focusing upon the doctoral research of practicing PhD candidate.
- Students were given a full campus tour of Newcastle University and spoke to Student Ambassadors which gave them insights into the life of a university student and the world of Higher Education.
- If you would like more information on the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme or have any questions about the provision for 'More Able' students at Biddick Academy, please feel free to contact Mr Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com