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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the support you have given our Year 11 students and the school throughout this academic year. The exam season will begin in earnest on Monday 16th May and this will be an intense, but exciting time for both students and staff so your continued support is very much appreciated.

Booster sessions

In order to support students on the day of their exams and provide them with final advice and guidance, we are running booster sessions immediately before all GCSE exams. These will take place at 8.00am or 12.15pm depending on the start time of the exam. A timetable of all booster sessions was shared in the parent bulletin on Friday 6th May and can be found by clicking the following link to our website;

<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Booster-Sessions-1.pdf>

Study leave

The Department of Education (DfE) guidance regarding study leave states that students should not be granted study leave once the exam syllabus is complete. We are all aware of the amount of disruption that students have faced to their education in the last two years and we feel that by following the DfE guidance, we ensure that students are being taught vital knowledge and skills until the end of the examination period on 23rd June and therefore allow students to prepare for their examinations and clarify any last minute questions with subject specialists. Furthermore, the exam season can be a very demanding time for students and we feel that a structured environment supports students in using their time effectively to prepare them for their final exams.

Results day

To be able to distribute results as quickly as possible, we are hosting an outdoor celebration with students invited to collect their GCSE results between **10.00am and 12.00pm on Thursday 25th August** from the top yard which is located to the right of the main car park. If the Great British weather fails us, students will be able to collect their results from the library. There will be staff and signage in place on the day in order to direct you as appropriate. If a student is unable to collect their results due to other commitments, they must give permission for a family member or other trusted adult to collect them on their behalf. This permission must be shared with Biddick Academy's Exams Officer prior to Results Day on jeffrey.p@biddickacademy.com. Students will also be asked to complete a 'candidate consent form' which seeks permission for Biddick Academy to request students' papers should we wish to request a review of marking or access to scripts for internal purposes only.

If you have concerns about your results or if you think there has been a mistake in the marking of your exams, you should contact Biddick Academy's Exams Officer Mrs Jeffrey on jeffrey.p@biddickacademy.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on-
moore.g@biddickacademy.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all of our Year 11 students for their hard work and tenacity over the last two years and wish them the best of luck for their GCSE results.

Yours faithfully,

Miss G. Moore
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Achievement and Outcomes