



**Biddick**  
Academy

Welcome to  
Biddick Academy

*Together we grow*





## WELCOME

Welcome to Biddick Academy. We are very much looking forward to you joining us in September and we hope you will be very happy here.

Although moving from primary school to secondary school is a big step, try not to worry, this next part of your educational journey is an exciting adventure! You will have every opportunity to attend different lessons, learn new things and join lots of fantastic clubs. You will make new friendships and build relationships that could last a lifetime. While we will support you with this, we will expect you take responsibility and show a commitment to become the best version of you in all that you do. We can't wait to be part of this next chapter with you.

Enjoy your summer and see you very soon!

Kind regards,



*K. Morris*  
**Miss K. Morris**  
Headteacher

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## INTRODUCING YOUR HEAD OF YEAR AND ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR

The transition from primary to secondary school can be a scary experience for many you. Some of you will be excited and ready for the next stage of education, others may be worried about the changes ahead.

When you join us at Biddick Academy we want you to feel safe, be happy and of course achieve. Some of you will immediately feel comfortable in your new surroundings, whereas others may need more support. This will usually be your form tutor, however the Year Team - Ms Ditchburn (Assistant Head of Year) and myself will also be on hand to guide you through the next phase of your development.

It is always exciting meeting a new group of pupils, and I hope that following the transition days you can turn any nervous energy you have into enthusiasm and excitement about the journey ahead. Enjoy your final weeks at primary school and be sure to thank the staff who have helped you prepare for the next step.

We are looking forward to meeting you very soon.

**Mr C. Morrison**  
Head of Year 7

Often the biggest worries stem from the smallest of concerns, where are the toilets?

How do I buy lunch?

What if I get lost?

Don't worry, everyone feels like this. We will look after you!



**Mr C. Morrison**  
Head of Year



**Ms A. Ditchburn**  
Assistant Head of Year



**Mrs S. Dickson**  
Deputy Headteacher –  
Behaviour and Inclusion



**Mr T. Delf**  
Senior Deputy Headteacher



**Mrs S. Scott**  
SENDCo



## WHO WILL BE YOUR TRUSTED ADULT?

When you join Biddick Academy you will identify a trusted adult. This will be an adult in school you can approach to report an issue.



### WHO CAN BE YOUR TRUSTED ADULT?

It could be your Form Tutor, Head of Year / Assistant Head of Year, class teacher or support staff.

If in doubt, you would report any concerns to **Mrs Dickson or Mr Delf.**



### WHAT MUST BE REPORTED?

If you have a concern about yourself or another pupil you should speak to your trusted adult.

If you see / hear **any form of discrimination** this must be reported immediately. This includes derogatory language, racism, sexist remarks, bullying and harmful sexual behaviours.



### HOW WILL CONCERNS BE DEALT WITH?

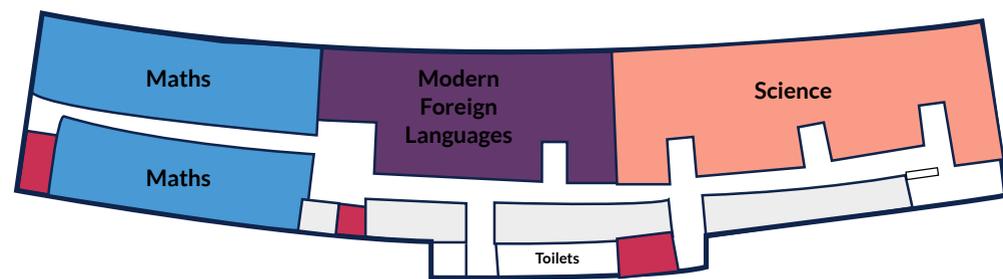
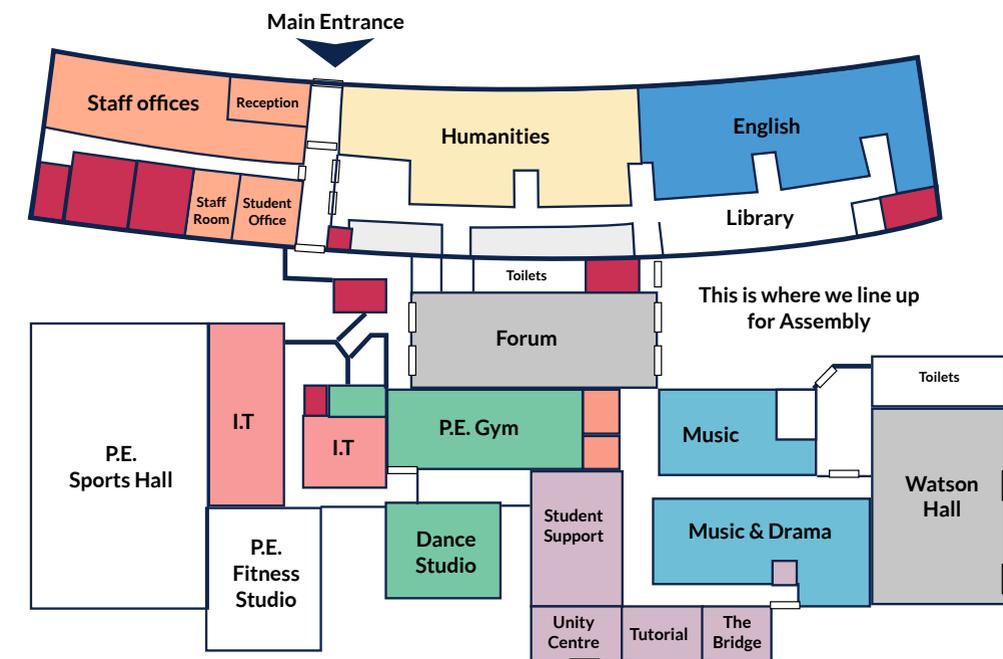
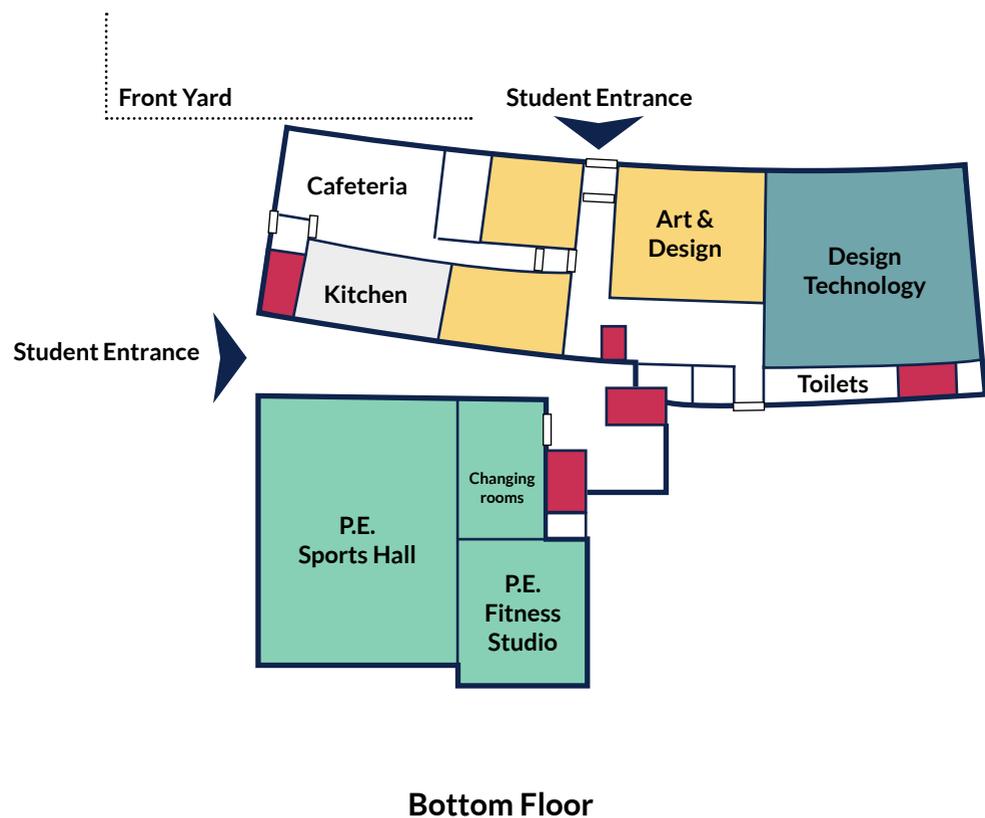
All concerns will be taken seriously and dealt with in a sensitive manner. Appropriate members of staff will be informed.

Your concern will **never be ignored.**





# FIND YOUR WAY





## EQUIPMENT

**Books and most other equipment are supplied.**

However *all students are expected to bring to school every day the equipment essential for school work:*

- A sensible school bag to carry your equipment (small handbags are not acceptable)
- Student Planner
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Calculator
- PE kit (on days when you have PE)

## THE SCHOOL DAY

Time	Period
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:00	1
10:00 - 11:00	2
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:20	3
12:20 - 13:00	Lunch / Extra-curricular
13:00 - 14:00	4
14:00 - 15:00	5
15:00 - 16:00	Extra-curricular



# - THE BIDDICK WAY -

## THE BIDDICK WAY TASK

The Biddick Way was chosen by our students, parents and staff. They are five words that we believe are the most important values for our whole school community.



**Integrity**



**Respect**



**Equality**



**Commitment**



**Excellence**

### TASK 1

What do each of the words above mean to you?

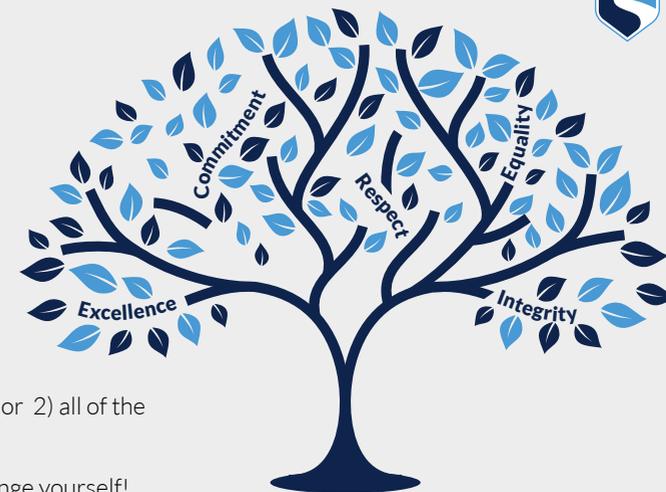
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### TASK 2

Write a poem about either

1) one of our Biddick Way values or 2) all of the values within one poem.

The second task is trickier, challenge yourself!

Blank area for writing a poem.

# A GUIDE TO MAKING FRIENDS

## Top tips!

- Smile
- Ask questions
- Join new clubs
- Try new things
- Accept that we are all different
- Be a good listener and take interest in what people say
- Treat people as you would like to be treated
- Avoid gossiping or making jokes at the expense of others
- Share interests - find out what you have in common

Think of three interesting things about yourself that you could share with others:

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2. ....  
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3. ....  
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# ALL ABOUT ME



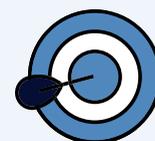
Have you ever received a certificate?



What do you think you are good at?



Have you ever received an award?  
 Would you like to receive an award? What for? Why?



What are your aims for the next year?



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This is Jack. He is Year 7 and has 90% attendance.

- Is this good?
- What does it mean?
- Jack thinks this is pretty good, so do his parents. Are they right?

What would you say to Jack about why he needs to improve his attendance?



90% attendance =  
**1/2 a day missed EVERY week!**

1 school year at 90% attendance =  
**4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!**

Students who have 95% attendance or above achieve the **highest grades** or levels.

Students who have an attendance of 80% or less often **fail to achieve** their target grade or level.



# ACADEMY UNIFORM:

Uniform Compulsory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Biddick Academy blazer with school badge</li> <li>• Biddick Academy tie</li> <li>• Plain white school shirt buttoned to the neck</li> <li>• Plain grey trousers to the ankle</li> </ul>
Uniform Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biddick Academy skirt, black opaque tights must be worn if students choose to wear the Biddick Academy skirt</li> <li>• Plain grey v-necked jumper</li> </ul>
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain black leather or leather style shoes</li> </ul>
PE Kit Compulsory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain white T-Shirt or white T-Shirt with Biddick Academy logo</li> <li>• Plain black shorts / Plain black leggings / Plain black tracksuit bottoms</li> <li>• Trainers must be worn during PE lessons</li> </ul>
PE Kit Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football boots for football and rugby</li> <li>• Biddick tracksuit top</li> <li>• Plain white T-Shirt with Biddick logo</li> </ul>
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Planner: issued on the first day in September</li> <li>• Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber</li> <li>• Reading book: available from the Academy library</li> </ul>
Hairstyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe haircuts including patterns are not acceptable</li> <li>• Hair should be a natural colour</li> <li>• Rainbow or brightly dyed hair colours are not acceptable</li> </ul>
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One discreet stud in each ear is permitted, excess earrings will have to be removed</li> <li>• Body piercing is unacceptable and must be removed</li> <li>• A watch may be worn</li> </ul>
Make Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discreet make up may be worn</li> <li>• No false / gel or acrylic nails: students will be required to have them removed</li> <li>• No brightly coloured nail varnish</li> </ul>
Mobile Phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may bring their mobile phones into the Academy but they must be switched off and in bags during the Academy day or whilst on Academy premises, including outdoors</li> <li>• Headphones and earphones are not permitted within the Academy</li> </ul>

## Further information on uniform

- Blazers should be worn at all times around school. At the teacher's discretion students may remove their blazers during lessons. Blazers must be put back on before students leave the classroom.
- The sleeves of the blazer should not be rolled up.
- No item of clothing (other than plain white shirt and Biddick Academy tie, plain grey v-necked jumper) should be worn underneath the blazer, for example, a hoodie or tracksuit top.
- Leggings must not be worn as uniform.
- No skirt, other than the official Biddick Academy skirt is allowed.
- White shirts must be tucked into trousers and skirts.
- Grey v-necked jumper must not be tucked into trousers or skirt.
- Outdoor coats are to be removed when entering the Academy building and are not to be worn in classrooms and corridors.
- Hairstyles must not be extreme: no unnatural colours or tramlines at all. No grade 0 haircuts either in part or full (head shaved). Pastoral leaders will judge suitability of hairstyle and hair colours.
- Caps and hats (or any variance of these) are not to be worn inside Biddick Academy
- Plain black leather style trainer shoes are acceptable; however they must be completely black leather.
- Suede and canvas shoes are not acceptable.
- Students must be correctly dressed before entering Biddick Academy and until they leave the Academy site at the end of the day. Any student not dressed correctly will receive an appropriate sanction in line with the Biddick Academy behaviour policy.
- The Academy is not liable for any theft or damage to property brought into the Academy.
- We understand that at times there can be issues with uniform that are entirely outside of parental control. Our aim will always be to work with parents when this occurs. Where a student falls short of our high expectations of presentation, we would ask parents/ carers to support the Academy and work together to reach a positive conclusion.





## AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES

Whether you're a budding scientist, musician or actor, there is a club for you at the Academy. Clubs don't just revolve around sports and performing arts either with a wide range of exciting activities available for everyone all happening under one roof!

The extra-curricular programme is a great way for students to connect current learning, further develop their skills and meet new friends. The variety of the extra-curricular programme ensures that every student should find an activity to develop their aspirations, curiosity, readiness and resilience. Each club has a skill focus and students will explore a range of careers linked to their interests.

A copy of the timetable will be shared with you in September!



## READINESS

It always makes us feel better if we are prepared for what might be ahead of us. Just like trying on a pair of shoes before you buy them or checking you have packed everything for your holidays. This is the same with your school work.

At Biddick Academy we will support you to achieve the best you can so you are ready for your next steps. One way in which we will do this is to regularly give you work to do independently at home. This may be some revision, reading or some questions that needs to be handed back to your teacher. It will always be something that supports and extends your work in school. We also have a homework club you can attend after school if you wish to use our computers or have a member of staff with you to support you.

How you can prepare and be ready for your new start:

- Set time aside each night to do your work
- Make sure you check daily our on-line platform ClassCharts, where all your homework will be set.
- Ask your teachers if you are unsure about the work.
- Always try your best – some of the work may be challenging – this is good and means we are stretching you to achieve your best.

Lets develop your 'readiness', 'curiosity' and 'aspiration' together.



# YEAR 6 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible” - Barack Obama**

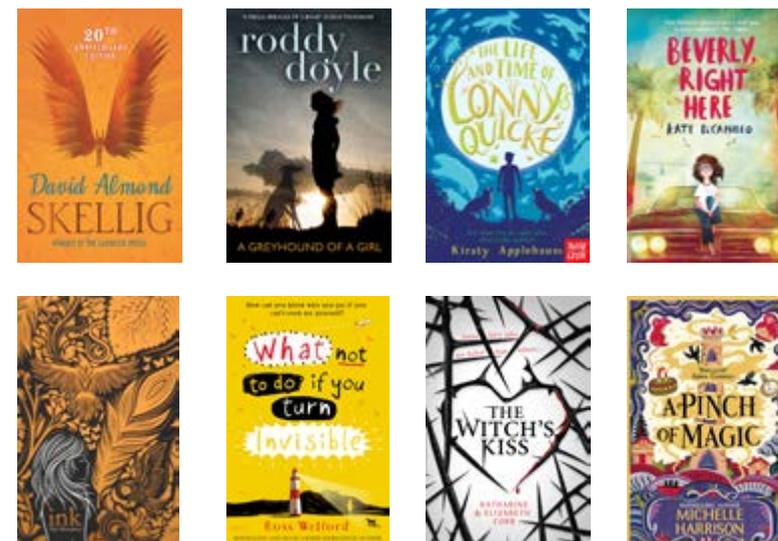
We have selected a range of books that we would like to suggest for your Summer Reading. We would like for you to read one of these books or a similar book linked to your interests.

## TASK:

Create a Book Review based on the book that you have read. We look forward to reading these when you bring them into us in September.



## YEAR 6 SUMMER READING LIST



## CHALLENGING READS





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