



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Week starting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Message from Miss Morris

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer break and were able to spend some time to relax with your children. I would like to welcome back all parents, carers, staff and students to a new and exciting academic year, and for those families who are joining us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to Biddick Academy and look forward to working with you.

It was wonderful to see all of our students on Wednesday morning looking recharged, eager to learn and very smart in their Biddick Academy uniforms.

### Dates for your diary

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| • Wednesday 28th September        | Year 11 Readiness Evening          |
| • Monday 3rd October              | Year 7 Settling in Evening         |
| • Wednesday 12th October          | Parent Reading Workshop            |
| • Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October | Last day of half term              |
| • Thursday 19th January           | Year 9 Options Evening             |
| • Wednesday 1st February          | Year 8 Future Aspirations' Evening |
| • Wednesday 15th February         | Year 10 Readiness for Mocks        |

### New staff

I'm also delighted to welcome our newly appointed staff, all of whom are highly skilled and will be an asset to Biddick Academy.

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| • Miss C. Jeffries | Maths Lead Practitioner              |
| • Mrs A. Mutton    | Deputy SENDCo                        |
| • Mr M. Davison    | Teacher of Science                   |
| • Miss B. Walker   | Teacher of English                   |
| • Miss R. Matthews | Teacher of Dance/PE                  |
| • Mr L. Rossiter   | Student Support Assistant            |
| • Miss L. Thrower  | Student Support Assistant            |
| • Mr J. O'Byrne    | Student Support Assistant            |
| • Mr T. Ball       | Site Supervisor                      |
| • Mrs L. Maddison  | Student Office Manager               |
| • Mrs A. Lister    | Exams and Data Officer               |
| • Mr S. Aughton    | Teacher of Maths (maternity cover)   |
| • Mr A. Cunningham | Teacher of RE (maternity cover)      |
| • Ms C. Peach      | Teacher of Geography                 |
| • Mr A. Thompson   | Teacher of History                   |
| • Mr J. Allen      | Teacher of Science (maternity cover) |
| • Ms J. Green      | Teacher of PE (maternity cover)      |

Please refer to the bottom of page 2 of this bulletin which has some information from Sunderland Mind and also on page 3 as we have been asked to share a survey with you by the Children's Commissioner.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, feedback or concerns on 0191 5111600 or email [info@biddickacademy.com](mailto:info@biddickacademy.com)

Yours faithfully,

Miss K. Morris  
Headteacher

## Year 11 After School Learning

- We aim to provide our students with many opportunities to develop their learning outside of the classroom and Year 11 students should be attending an After School Learning session Tuesday – Thursday every week.
- To help prioritise their revision, Maths, English and Science revision classes are held on different nights and students will not be asked to attend other subjects on the same evening.
- Specific students are invited to attend English, maths and science sessions, but all students are welcome to attend.
- Due to the importance of additional tuition, we would very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child's attendance to invited sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch (12.20pm-12.50pm)</b>				
Science (Mr Johnson)	Science (Miss Hopper)	Science (Mr Gwilliam)	Science (Mr Johnson)	Science (Mr Gwilliam)
BTEC Sport (Miss Cooksey / Mrs Hodgson)	French (Mrs Lessels)		Business Studies Catch Up – Invite only (Mrs Fisher)	Creative iMedia Catch Up – Invite only (Mrs Fisher)
			Spanish (Mrs Lessels)	
			Geography (Miss Lynch)	
<b>After School (3.00pm-4.00pm)</b>				
	English (Miss Wilkinson)	Maths (Mr Ramshaw)	Science (Mr Gwilliam)	Engineering (Mr Hinder)
	History (Mr Hughff)	History (Mr Hughff)	History (Mr Hughff)	History (Mr Hughff)
		Art and Design (Mrs Teasdale)	Hospitality and Catering (Miss Gatherar)	
		Textiles (Miss Robotham)	Fine Art (Mrs Garton)	
		Music (Mrs Tufnell)	Geography (Mr Robertson)	
*Please contact the member of staff in brackets for more information regarding these sessions. All sessions last one hour.				

## Message from Sunderland Mind

**W.A.S.P.** Sunderland Mind

### Senior Club

This group is held in a safe and friendly environment for you to explore your Wellbeing, life skills, resilience and self-esteem. Plenty of fun and laughter along the way.

**11 - 17 YEAR OLDS**

**WEDNESDAY'S  
5PM-6.30PM**

**£1 PER SESSION**

Sunderland Mind  
Wellbeing Hub  
Church Street East  
Sunderland  
SRI 2BB

FOR FURTHER  
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CONTACT CAROL.

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### JUNIOR CLUB

The group is for Boys and Girls aged 7-10.

Thursday's 4.30-6pm  
£1 per Session.

Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub  
Church Street East, Sunderland  
SRI 2BB

This group is good for you to get out and mix with others in a safe environment. Come along and join the fun with crafts, cooking and games.

It is a good way of building your confidence, learning new skills and making new friends along the way.

For more information please contact Carol on  
0191 5657218  
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The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear more from children about their summer holidays to create a unique picture of children's lives over the summer. There is very little currently known at the national level about how children spend their time over the summer break and this new research will really add to that picture.

This is a great activity for children to do in school in the first weeks of term as it can form part of wider discussions about summer holidays which can help us explore what new and exciting experiences children have had and help to identify children who may have had problems over the summer period. The Commissioner will use the answers to inform the Government about the best ways to support families, including what role schools can play.

This survey is a chance for children to have their voice heard, and to help us understand how we can best support families across the country.

If any child or parent would prefer to share their thoughts directly with the Family Review Team, they are welcome to email us at: [Family.Review@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](mailto:Family.Review@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk).

Click the following link for more information -

[Find out more here!](#)