



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 31st October 2022

Message from Miss Morris

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have impressed with their mature attitude and focus as they begin the final chapter of their GCSE journey with us. It was wonderful to have so many parents and carers join us for the Year 11 Information Evening. A reminder that mock exams are just around the corner, beginning on Monday 21st November. There is a full range of after-school learning classes to support your child in preparing and we strongly encourage attendance at these.

Year 7 have settled in brilliantly, I have enjoyed hearing about their experiences of secondary school and how much they are enjoying lessons, learning and making new friends.

Our Student Leaders are in full flow. They have already organised elections to the School Council, a ballot to select which charity we will fundraise for this year and visited the Council Offices to meet the city mayor. This term, another group of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been trained as part of the Diana Award. They are looking forward to taking a lead in the upcoming anti-bullying week in November.

This week we have focused on equality in assembly, this has been led by Mr Johnson who encouraged students to reflect upon our shared understanding of 'equality' in the Academy. The assembly introduced students to each of our human rights and provided students with examples of how individuals in history have contributed to these in their pursuit for equality. The assembly encouraged students to reflect upon the role that all members of the Academy have to support individuals with protected characteristics and shared examples of how students can support this work, for example by being an LGBT+ ally. This will be built upon in future assemblies next half term linked to the Protected Characteristics and The Equality Act (2010). This will provide students with a deeper understanding of UK legislation around equality. This is part of our wider approach, The Biddick Way, a set of values that everybody in our school community is seeking to live by.

We have been working hard this half-term to ensure that attendance is high, this ensures that your child does not miss vital learning and fall behind in class. Thank you for supporting us with this, every day is vital so it really does help to make medical appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. We strongly recommend that pupils come into school when suffering from a minor ailment and refrain from going home. Your child's form tutor is a key point of contact. If your child feels anxious about school, or you have any other concerns, please do make contact.

Have a lovely break over the holiday. School re-opens on Monday 31st October.

Yours faithfully,

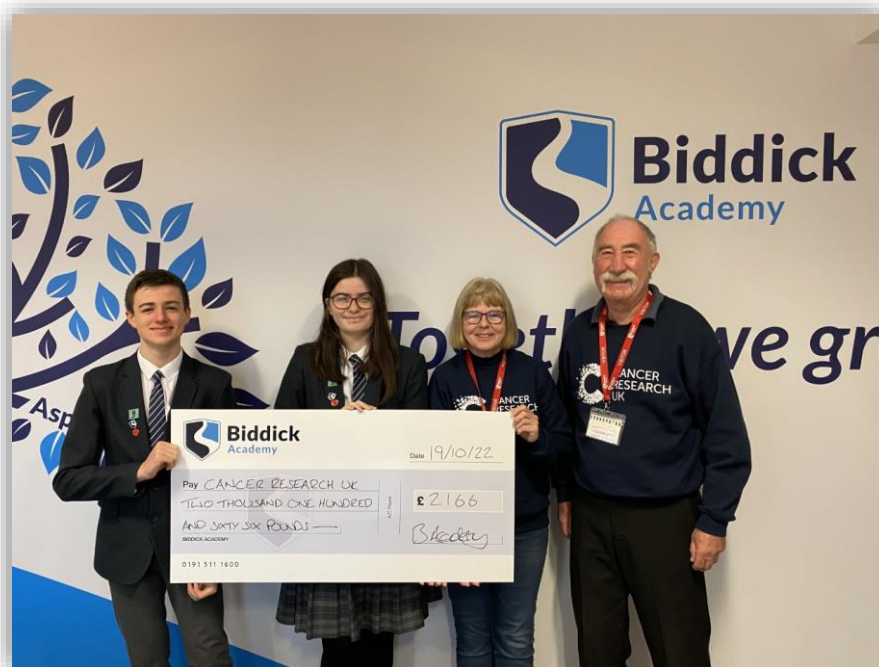
Miss K. Morris
Headteacher

Breakfast Club/Bagel Bar

- A reminder as the chillier mornings start to bite that we have our very own Breakfast Club at Biddick Academy. It is open from 8.00am to 8.25am Monday to Friday.
- It allows any student to start their morning with cereal or bagels and juice whilst socialising with their friends. This is completely **free**, all that we ask is that students clear up after themselves and ensure it is a welcoming inclusive environment for everybody.

Charity Fundraising for Cancer Research UK

- This week we welcomed Cancer Research UK representatives Mr and Mrs Pickering to Biddick Academy.
- We were delighted to present them with a cheque for £2166 - our final charity fundraising total for 2021-2022.
- Mr and Mrs Pickering enjoyed hearing about our fundraising exploits from our Head Students, Freya and Alex D, and it was really interesting to hear about the impact our donation will have on the lives of people affected by cancer across the North East.



Year 8 and Year 9 Parent/Carer Curriculum Information Evening

Tuesday 1st November

- Many thanks to those parents/carers of Year 8 and 9 who have already expressed their interest in attending the Curriculum Information Evening on Tuesday 1st November.
- If you haven't yet completed the form and you are interested in attending, please follow the link below and complete the short questionnaire.

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the 3rd Saturday of every month

SUNDERLAND TEENAGE MARKET

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and small businesses •



2022 DATES

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th

11am - 2pm

Pop Recs, 172-175 High Street West, SR1 1UP



we recommend cash payments for this event!



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are you 13-24 and want a
free table at the market?
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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

In October 2017, we released our first zine called **Progress**. Five years on, we are revisiting the same theme - and we want to hear from you.

We're looking for 11-25 year olds to contribute their creative work - from photography to poetry, creative writing, non-fiction, artwork or anything else - exploring whatever **progress** means to you.

Send your work or any questions to jenny@washingtonmind.org.uk. Keep an eye out on our social media for more ideas and ways to get involved.

DEADLINE: January 14th 2023



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