



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 7th November 2022

Year 11 Parents Evening

- Year 11 parents' evening will take place on **Thursday 17th November from 3.45pm - 6.15pm.**
- You will soon receive a Class Charts announcement with all of the information needed in order to book your appointments with your child's teachers.

Readathon

- For the next three weeks, all students in Year 7 are invited to take part in a Readathon, a sponsorship challenge designed to improve literacy by encouraging reading for pleasure.
- Students can read any text and in any way they choose, and have also been given a sponsorship booklet to ask friends and family to help them raise money for charity.
- The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. For more information, please see your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readathon.org.
- Form tutors and teachers will be on the look out to reward spectacular efforts from individual students, there will be prizes to all students who return a sponsor form and there will be opportunities to read during Tutor Time at school and in Accelerated Reader lessons.
- The closing date for Readathon is Friday 25th November and we ask that sponsor booklets be handed in to the student office by, Friday 2nd December.
- Please do encourage your child to get involved in this opportunity!
- If you have any questions about Readathon, please contact Mr Brown on brown.c@biddickacademy.com

Winners!!

- Congratulations to Maisie of year 8, and Tilly and Hannah of Year 7 - winners of the Extra-Curricular Spanish half term prize draw.
- 14 different students across Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 have attended so far and it was great to reward them with prizes including reward points, chocolate and Spanish magazines!
- The club takes place every Friday lunch time. It is open to anyone and is an opportunity to learn a little bit about Spanish culture and some of the language, too!
- If you would like any information, please contact Mr Dodds on dodds.j1@biddickacademy.com

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Assessment Timeline 2022-2023

- Following feedback from parents/carers at the Parents Forum, please find below the Key Stage 3 Assessment Timeline for this academic year below.

Key Stage 3 Assessment Timeline 2022-2023			
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
GL Progress Tests 1	12 th to 16 th September		
Assessment Point 1	30 th January to 10 th February	3 rd to 14 th October	7 th to 18 th November
Assessment Point 2		6 th to 17 th March	5 th to 16 th June
GL Progress Tests 2	22 nd May to 16 th June	22 nd May to 16 th June	

- The GL Progress Tests assess attainment/progress in English, Mathematics and Science but in the Assessment Points, your child will be assessed across all subject areas. If you have any further questions, you are welcome to contact Mr Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Biddick Remembers 2022

- Over the course of the week commencing 7th November the History Faculty will be coordinating a series of events leading up to Remembrance Day on Friday the 11th November.
- We will be completing activities during Registration, each year group will attend an assembly with the school choir looking at 'Remembrance and Service' and students will be given the opportunity to remember friends and relatives who have served in the armed services by contributing to our 'Wall of Remembrance' in the Forum.
- On Friday 11th November, students who are in the Cadet Force wear their cadet uniforms all day when they are in school (they must come in normal school uniform and then change in school and change before going home).
- The climax of the week of activities will be a service in the Watson Hall for all Year 7 students, the School Council, Senior Prefects and specially invited guests when the whole school will hold one minute of silence.

Year 9 Assessment

- On the 7th November 2022 is Year 9 is Assessment Fortnight where your child will be assessed in each of their subjects.
- If you would like any further information on these Year 9 Assessments, you are welcome to contact Mr Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Number Confidence Week

- The 7th to the 11th November is Number Confidence Week hosted by National Numeracy.
- It is aimed improving number confidence for adults and aims for all adults to get comfortable with everyday maths.
- Events happening during the week include:
 - Bake Off winner Peter Sawkins' is hosting a competition and is chatting to fellow baker David Atherton about how maths is involved in everyday activities... like baking!
 - Iona Bain talks about how building confidence with numbers can help with money management.
 - Timi Merriman-Johnson, aka Mr MoneyJar, takes the National Numeracy Challenge.
 - Advice from those who have used number confidence to progress at work and a message from poet Harry Baker.
- Further information and additional resources can be accessed using the website <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numberconfidenceweek>

Year 11 Mock Exams

- The mock exams for Year 11 will take place between **Monday 21st November and Friday 2nd December** and the timetable is outlined on page 3.
- In order to prepare for several exams in a short period of time, students should make a revision timetable in order to help them to organise their time effectively.
- Please see a link below to a very useful video that you may wish to watch with your child which gives advice on how best to create a revision timetable.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn3497h>
- You can also find a blank revision timetable in the Year 11 support tab on our website
<https://biddickacademy.com/students/year-11-support/>

Day	Date	AM/PM	Time	Subject	Duration
Monday	21 November 2022	AM	9.00am	English Language (paper 1)	1h 45m
Monday	21 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Religious Studies	1h 45m
Monday	21 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Computer Science (paper 1)	1h 30m
Tuesday	22 November 2022	AM	9.00am	Maths (paper 1)	1h 30m
Tuesday	22 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Biology Triple (H)	1h 45m
Tuesday	22 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Biology Triple (F)	1h 45m
Tuesday	22 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Biology Trilogy (F)	1h 15m
Tuesday	22 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Biology Trilogy (H)	1h 15m
Wednesday	23 November 2022	AM	9.00am	English Language (paper 2)	1h 45m
Wednesday	23 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Geography (Physical Paper)	1h 00m
Thursday	24 November 2022	AM	9.00am	Maths (paper 2)	1h 30m
Thursday	24 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Chemistry Triple (F)	1h 45m
Thursday	24 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Chemistry Triple (H)	1h 45m
Thursday	24 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Chemistry Trilogy (F)	1h 15m
Thursday	24 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Chemistry Trilogy (H)	1h 15m
Friday	25 November 2022	AM	9.00am	English Literature (paper 1)	1h 45m
Friday	25 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	History (Crime and Punishment)	1h 15m
Monday	28 November 2022	AM	9.00am	English Literature (paper 2)	2h 15m
Monday	28 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Geography (Human Paper)	1h 00m
Tuesday	29 November 2022	AM	9.00am	Maths (Paper 3)	1h 30m
Tuesday	29 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Physics Triple (F)	1h 45m
Tuesday	29 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Physics Triple (H)	1h 45m
Tuesday	29 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Physics Trilogy (F)	1h 15m
Tuesday	29 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Physics Trilogy (H)	1h 15m
Wednesday	30 November 2022	AM	9.00am	History (Anglo-Saxons and Normans)	1h 00m
Wednesday	30 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Spanish & French Reading/Writing (F)	1h 45m
Wednesday	30 November 2022	PM	1.00pm	Spanish & French Reading/Writing (H)	2h 15m
Thursday	01 December 2022	AM	9.00am	Music (sections A & B)	1h 30m
Thursday	01 December 2022	AM	9.00am	Computer Science (paper 2)	1h 30m
Thursday	01 December 2022	PM	1.00pm	Spanish Listening (F)	0hr 35m
Thursday	01 December 2022	PM	1.00pm	Spanish Listening (H)	0hr 45m
Friday	02 December 2022	AM	9.00am	History (Weimar and Nazi Germany)	1h 15m
Friday	02 December 2022	PM	1.00pm	French Listening (F)	0hr 35m
Friday	02 December 2022	PM	1.00pm	French Listening (H)	0hr 45m