



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 23rd January 2023

A Note from Acting Headteacher Mr Delf

Yesterday afternoon I had the pleasure of walking around our Year 9 Options Evening event. It was a proud moment for many reasons. Firstly, it was fantastic to see so many engaged students, many were demonstrating curiosity by asking searching questions, all showed respect by being polite and well mannered. Secondly, it was lovely to see the parents and carers of our young people. They were equally interested in the wide curriculum choices Biddick Academy has to offer. Lastly, I was proud of the staff who had spent time promoting their subject to ensure that the information they gave to students was valuable, allowing students to make informed choices. This for me, is an example of all moving parts working together, the students, parents and staff supporting one another to make sure students make the correct choices and stand the best chance of being successful.

School Clubs and Activities

- As your child has settled back into the rhythm of school life, can we take the opportunity to remind you about the school clubs that we offer, which are available to students at lunch-time and after-school.
- After school activities are a great way to show commitment, make new friends and to learn new skills.
- There are a few changes to the clubs ran by our PE Faculty this term, as well as some new clubs, including a Board Games Club ran by Mr Thompson.
- For more details, please see the programme on our website:
- <https://biddickacademy.com/parents-carers/extra-curricular-activities/>

Year 9 Options

- We hope you found the G.C.S.E Options Booklet and the Year 9 Options Evening informative and that all of the questions you and your child had, have been answered.
- The Provisional Options Form will be shared electronically on ClassCharts with your child on Monday 23rd January - the deadline for its completion is Friday 27th January (your child can contact the Student Office if they require a new ClassCharts login).
- Please also find below the link to the 'Key Stage 4 Options' page of our website which contains the link to the Year 9 Options Presentation which was shared with you via email earlier in the week. This also contains a link to an electronic copy of the Key Stage 4 Options Booklet.
- <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/key-stage-4-options/>

Year 7 Assessment

- Week commencing 23rd January is Year 7 Assessment Preparation Week. Some lessons and activities this week will be used to prepare your child for their assessments which start week commencing 30th January so that they feel both confident and ready to achieve great things.
- If you would like any further information on these Year 7 Assessments, you are welcome to contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening - Rearranged

- Due to the planned industrial action on Wednesday 1st February, the Year 8 'Looking Ahead' evening has been rescheduled for Thursday 2nd February from 5pm to 6pm on site in the Watson Hall.
- This evening will involve short presentations from key members of staff from across the Academy focusing upon the importance of Reading, Maths, Science and Attendance as well as a tour of the school itself.
- Both parents/carers and students are welcome to attend this evening - if you are interested in attending, please follow the link below and complete the form:
- <https://forms.office.com/e/3rEDReykw9>

Leave of Absence

- Please can I remind all Parents/Carers who wish to take their child out of school during term time that they must complete a Leave of Absence Application Form.
- These can be collected at the Student Office and returned to Mr Howe, Attendance Manager.

GCSE Exam Information

- For 2023 only, an equations sheet will be provided in the exam for;
- GCSE Physics,
- GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy
- GCSE Maths

They are to support students in their examinations.

- Please see the links below to the equation sheets that your child will receive.
- All students have been given a copy of these sheets and I would encourage your child to use them for revision and exam practice.

GCSE Physics	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/physics/AQA-8463-ES-INS-JUN23.PDF
GCSE Combine Science	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/AQA-8464-ES-INS-JUN23.PDF
GCSE Maths Foundation	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/teaching-and-learning-materials/w77374-gcse-mathematics-1ma1-exam-aid-1f2f3f.pdf
GCSE Maths Higher	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/mathematics/2015/teaching-and-learning-materials/w77375-gcse-mathematics-1ma1-exam-aid-1h2h3h.pdf

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

- Please note that Y11 revision is at the following times:

Spanish	Tuesday Lunchtime	12:20pm -1:00pm
French	Thursday Lunchtime	12:20pm – 1:00pm
All	Wednesday afterschool	3:00pm – 4:00pm

- This is a slight change to the advertised schedule. Any questions please email Mrs. Lessels (MFL faculty leader)
- Please see the following link for some helpful revision tips!
- <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/languages/AQA-GCSE-MFL-TG-TIPS-EXAM-HANDOUT.PDF>

Parents of Year 11

- TDR Training deliver apprenticeships in Engineering, Science and Business Administration.
- They are working with several companies who are looking to secure apprentices to start at the end of Summer.
- If your son/daughter is interested, they can apply for training via:
- <https://tdrtraining.co.uk/apply-for-apprenticeship/>

Lost Property

- If you believe your child is missing any hoodies, or winter jackets please can they check the student office.
- If these have not been collected by Tuesday 31st January these will be sent to charity.

Cambridge University Visit



- We were delighted to receive a visit from some undergraduate students from Cambridge University last week.
- Our visitors delivered a session to our Year 8 students where they learnt about different aspects of university life. This included the different ways you learn at university as well the wide range of courses available to students across the UK.
- Year 8 also gained an insight into student life as well as the financial support available to study at University.
- A group of our Year 10 students also had the opportunity to find out more about Oxbridge from our guests. Students were positive about the experience and enjoyed meeting some individuals from the local area who have went on to study at Cambridge.
- There will be the opportunity for some of our students to visit Jesus College Cambridge later in the academic year to support them with their ambitions.

Year 9 Outstanding Immunisation Consent Forms

- The next season of immunisations are due to start soon, could all outstanding consent forms be sent to;
- **Community Immunisation Team, Palmer Community Hospital, Wear Street, Jarrow , NE32 3UX**
- These need to be sent to the nursing team to allow for triaging all consent form for TdiPV/Men ACWY before the immunisation session.
- If you have not received a form and would like your child to receive the vaccines please call **0191 4028179** to give verbal consent.