



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Week starting 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### A Note from Acting Headteacher Mr Delf

As another week draws to a close, I am reminded by our students why I am so proud to be a teacher at Biddick Academy.

Our Year 11 mathematician's took part in (and won) a regional competition, students from all year groups attended a successful ski session, in preparation for their Ski Trip later this year.

Plus, our Year 7 athletics team did us proud by winning their event earlier in the week. Not only do the examples above demonstrate the wide range of opportunities on offer to our students, but it also shows how talented our young people are.

We are very proud of our student's achievements and their commitment to Biddick Academy.

On another note, can I ask parents and carers who drop off and pick up their children in the car park to be considerate as to where they park. The car park itself is not the best design, meaning that just one car can cause congestion if it is parked in the wrong place.

The busiest time is from 3.00pm to 3.15pm, as a result it might be worth considering picking your child up after this time. This will lessen the amount of traffic in the car park, which would help, especially with so many students leaving at the same time.

Moreover, after 3.15pm, when the buses have left, the car park is reasonably empty. Picking children up at this time, is likely to be less stressful!

I hope you can support where possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Delf

### Tips to Support Your Child with Reading

- Data shows a strong link between reading and academic achievement and well-being in school.
- Here are a few tips to help you to support your son/daughter to become more confident as a reader:
- Encourage reading - Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too.
- We ask that students read at least 30 minutes per week.
- Do you know what your child is currently reading?
- Read Together - Try picking out a book that you could both read together. There might be a film you can watch afterwards.
- Create a comfortable environment - Create a space where your son/daughter can relax and cosy up with a book independently; remove distractions such as mobile phones.
- Talk about books - This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable
- Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about.
- You could ask your child about the ideas and characters in the book. What has happened? Why has the book been written?
- Your child should be reading at their ZPD reading level so that it is the right level of challenge for them.
- This is recorded in their planner. Further information and resources to support your child can be found on the website:
- <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/reading-for-pleasure-and-progress/>

## Careers in Construction



- Some of the courses include Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting and Decorating
- Taster sessions are available in the summer to help decide which course is best for you
- For more information, please email [Brown.C@biddickacademy.com](mailto:Brown.C@biddickacademy.com)

## NHS Careers



Photograph taken of performance by external artists.

Last week Year 9 received a performance about Jobs in the NHS from an external team of artists. Typically, students think Doctors and Nurses are the only jobs in the Health Sector, so many were surprised to learn of the many associated roles including engineering, administrative and non-clinical roles. It also came as a surprise to some of our Year 9s that the NHS is the eighth biggest employer globally.

The performance was interactive and students commented on it being 'funny but also informative'. Students learnt about the different qualifications to support progression onto routes in health, including: BTEC, A-levels and apprenticeships. This session fits into our wider careers programme that is available on the website should you wish to find further information: <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/ciag/>

## Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening

- Thank you to those Parents/Carers (and Students) who have signed up to attend the Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** in the Watson Hall from **5pm to 6pm**.
- Please arrive from **4:45pm ready for 5pm**.
- If you would like to attend this event, please follow the link below and complete the form
- <https://forms.office.com/e/3rEDReykw9>

## Internet Safer Day

- Safer Internet Day will take place on **February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
- The theme this year is **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.
- This is a special anniversary of the campaign which now enters its 20<sup>th</sup> year and is celebrated in over 170 countries.
- Throughout the day, teaching staff will share advice and guidance that will allow pupils to stay safe online.
- All year groups will also have an assembly on internet safety throughout the week.
- For more information, please visit the parents and carers section of the **UK Safer Internet Centre** website:
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

## Year 7 Assessment Fortnight

- Following on from the Assessment Preparation Week, **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** is Year 7 Assessment Fortnight where your child will be assessed in each of their subjects.
- If you would like any further information on these Year 7 Assessments you are welcome to contact Mr J Knowles (Assistant Headteacher –Key Stage 3 Achievement) at [knowles.j@biddickacademy.com](mailto:knowles.j@biddickacademy.com)

## Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening



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Year 10 Mock Exam  
Readiness Evening  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5pm – 6pm**



The staff and trustees at Biddick Academy would like to invite parents and carers of Year 10 students to our Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm – 6pm.

This event will provide parents and carers with vital information about the forthcoming year as well as advice and tips on how best to support your child. There will also be representatives from local colleges and Sixth Forms and talks from key staff from English, Maths and Science.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.