



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 22nd May 2023

A Message from our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Dickson

This week has been mental health awareness week with a focus on anxiety. Students have been discussing top tips on how to deal with anxiety in form time and linking this to characters in the books they are reading.

If your child is struggling with anxiety or worried about any aspects of their life encourage them to talk to their trusted adult at school. We have several interventions we can try to use as support strategies which include mentoring with the pastoral team, group work with specialist teachers in schools and referrals to the school counsellor. We also work alongside Washington Mind. We can also support with referrals to CAMHS and CYPS, if you feel your child needs more complex support.

If these support strategies are of interest to you, or you would like to speak to us about your child's mental health please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral team here at the Academy.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dickson
Deputy Headteacher

Year 10 Senior Prefects

- Applications are now open for your child in Year 10 to apply to become a Senior Prefect
- The Year 10 students will receive a presentation on 'Being a Senior Prefect' on Monday
- From **Monday 22nd May**, the Application Guidance, the Person Specification and the online Application Form will be shared on ClassCharts for any student in Year 10 to apply
- If you would like any further information, you are welcome to contact Mr J Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Request for Materials

- Miss Robotham is requesting donations of fabrics, clothes, cushions, quilts etc, in clean condition, to be donated for the students to use within the Textile department
- If you would like to support them with a donation, please package them up in bags, and send in with your child, or leave them at reception addressed for Miss Robotham

Year 7 and 8 Assessments

- After the May half-term holiday, your child will be assessed in the core subjects using GL Progress Tests
- These assessments help us measure the progress your child has made over the course of the academic year and tell us what topics they need to work on
- These assessments will all take place in the Watson Hall or in Support 21 (for students with concessions)
- The assessment timetable can be found below
- Your child DOES NOT need to do any revision or preparation to sit these assessments
- If you have any questions about these assessments, you are welcome to contact Mr J Knowles on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Key Stage 3 Summer Assessment Timetable				
Date	Period	Year Group	Assessment	Assessment Length
Tuesday 6 th June	4	7	English	Up to 1 hour
Thursday 8 th June	1	8	English	Up to 1 hour
Thursday 8 th June	4	7	Maths	Up to 1 hour
Monday 12 th June	4	8	Maths	Up to 1 hour
Thursday 15 th June	4	8	Science	Up to 1 hour

North East Festival of Language's Mother Tongue

- Congratulations to Nastia Myronova and Daniela Scott-Chávez on receiving their certificates from Newcastle University, for taking part in the North East Festival of Language's *Mother Tongue, Other Tongue* poetry challenge
- Nastia's contribution even made it into the 2023 digital anthology!

<https://read.bookcreator.com/aPFdJwL6yBQL1EtOM2cNOfHB3nD3/RtEhFugYQGelnMmaVIMucQ>



Half Term Revision

- Below is a table showing the revision sessions for Year 11 over the half term

Tuesday 30th May	Wednesday 31st May	Thursday 1st June	Friday 2nd June
10am-12pm Mr Ramshaw - Maths	10am-12pm Mrs Hogg - English	10am-1pm Mr Hughff - History (American West)	10am-1pm Mr Hughff - History (Anglosaxons and Normans)
10am-2pm English Masterclass with Guest			12pm-3pm Mrs Tufnell – Music
			10am-11.30am Miss Wilkinson – English