



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY

Week starting 5th June 2023

A Message from our Acting Headteacher

Another term draws to an end with the hope of some lovely weather for the bank holiday weekend. A theme which I have mentioned before is the pride I have for our students and for Biddick Academy. I have been reminded of this over the last few weeks. Our Year 11 cohort have approached their GCSE exams with resilience and maturity. Our Year 10 boys football team won a cup final against our local rivals and numerous students have received accolades and awards across the region. Please see our social media for details! We are lucky to have so many fantastic students at Biddick Academy with excellent staff supporting them, however we do not underestimate the impact of your parental support too.

Thank you for that support this half -term.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend.

Regards
Mr T Delf

Year 7 Parents' Evening

- Please find the link to School Cloud below where you can book your appointments with your child's teachers for Year 7 Parents' Evening on **Thursday 8th June from 3.45pm to 6.15pm**
- We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://biddickacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 9 Assessment Fortnight

- Following on from Assessment Preparation Week, week commencing **Monday 5th June** is Year 9 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 J Knowles (Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 3 Achievement) on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Year 7 and 8 Assessments

- Please find below a reminder about your child's assessments after the half-term holiday:

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

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2023

- In February this year a selection of students from years 9, 10 and 11 participated in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, a national mathematics event that aims to inspire the brightest young mathematicians in the country
- We had some excellent results from this competition, with 11 of our top mathematicians being awarded a certificate of accomplishment for their efforts
- One of our year 11 students, Alex, was awarded a gold certificate in the challenge, and as such was invited to take part in the next stage of the competition
- Alex sat the Maclaurin Olympiad in March, competing against other very high achieving year 11 students across the country
- We recently received Alex's results in the Olympiad and are immensely proud to share that Alex was awarded a certificate of merit, placing him among the very top mathematicians of his age group in the entire country
- Alex has expressed his interest in continuing his studies in STEM based subjects, especially mathematics in the future, and with this excellent achievement is sure to succeed!



Year 11

- A huge well done to all of our Year 11 students for the way in which they have approached their first two weeks of GCSE examinations
- Students are clearly working very hard to achieve the best possible grades to prepare them up for their next steps in September
- When we return to school on **Monday 5th June**, we have another 3 weeks of examinations and we would like to wish our students the best of luck!

Study leave and revision support during exam season

- Students in England are no longer automatically granted Study Leave and, in line with government guidance, this is only to be used in exceptional circumstances
- With this in mind and in order to support students during the exam season, we made some amendments this half term to the existing timetable from the start of the exam season on **Monday 15th May** and students have voiced that they have found this very helpful for their exam preparation
- As such, we will be continuing with this system after half term until the final GCSE examination. Please see the timetable below:

Exam Season Revision Support Timetable (after May Half Term)	
Subject	Revision support instead of normal lessons
English Lang P1	26.5.23 p4 and p5
French Writing	5.6.23 p3
Spanish(L+R)	5.6.23 p4 and p5
Maths (P2)	6.6.23 p4 and p5
History	7.6.23 p3
Biology	8.6.23 p1 and p2
Geog	8.6.23 p4 and p5
Hair and Beauty	8.6.23 p3
Eng Lang (P2)	ASL 9.6.23
Chemistry	12.6.23 p4 and p5
Spanish Writing	12.6.23 p3 and ASL
Maths (P3)	13.6.23 p4 and p5
Music	13.6.23 p3
History	13.6.23 p3
Physics	15.6.23 p4 and p5
Geography (P3)	16.6.23 p3
Hospitality and Catering	20.6.23 p4 and p5
Students <u>must attend</u> these sessions <u>instead of</u> their normal timetable	

May Half Term revision

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

Term Dates 2023/2024

- Please see below the term dates for the next academic year
- Please note that these will be available on our website also

Term	Dates
Teacher Training Dates	Monday 4th September 2023
Autum Term	Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Friday October 20th 2023
Autum Half Term Holidays	Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023
Autum Term	Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023
Christmas Holidays	Thursday 21st December 2023 - Thursday 4th January 2024
Teacher Training Dates	Friday 5th January 2024
Spring Term	Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024
Spring Half Term Holidays	Monday 19th February 2024 - Friday 23rd February 2024
Spring Term	Monday 26th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024
Easter Holidays	Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024- Friday 24th May 2024
Summer Half Term Holidays	Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024
Summer Term	Monday 3rd June 2024- Friday 19th July 2024
Summer Holidays start	Monday 22nd July 2024