



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## A Message from our Headteacher Miss Morris

In school this week we had the pleasure of welcoming Year 6 children and their families to Biddick Academy in our annual Open Evening. It is always a delight to meet families in our community and share with them the day-to-day life of the academy. Thank you to all of our pupils who volunteered to help out on Open Evening, giving musical performances, acting as tour guides and meeting parents across the school. A superb evening was enjoyed by all.

### Parent Trustee - Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the trust board for a parent trustee. The trust board sets the strategic direction of the academy and is accountable for the performance of the school, both academically and financially. The trust board meets approximately once a month on a Thursday evening. If you would like to nominate yourself as a parent trustee, please contact Miss Moscardini-Baharie (email: [moscardini-baharie.d@biddickacademy.com](mailto:moscardini-baharie.d@biddickacademy.com)) before **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

## Extra Curricular Activities

- Clubs are up and running this week and we wanted to share with you our new brochure! See our website for details
- We hope that this gives you an insight into the extensive range of clubs available this year at lunch-time and after-school
- Should your child have any questions about any of the clubs, they should contact the club leader in the first instance
- If there are any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Mr C Brown at [brown.c@biddickacademy.com](mailto:brown.c@biddickacademy.com)
- We look forward to our students seizing new opportunities

## Upcoming Open Days

- Year 11 pupils have the chance to visit some post 16 provider, for after their GCSE's dates are;
- New College Durham **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 4:30-6:30pm**
- Newcastle College **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 4:45pm-7:00pm**
- Sunderland College - **Tuesday Bede Campus 10<sup>th</sup> October 4:30-6:30pm**
- St Robert's Sixth Form **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5:30pm - 8:00pm**
- Sunderland College - City Campus **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 4:30pm-6:30pm**
- Durham Sixth Form **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 4:30pm-7:30pm**
- Please visit the website of the college/sixth form as booking is required for some providers

## Year 8 Assessments

- Week commencing **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** is Year 8 Assessment Preparation Week
- Some lessons and activities this week will be used to prepare your child for their assessments which will take place fortnight commencing **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** so that they feel both confident and ready to achieve well
- If you would like any further information on these Year 8 Assessments, you are welcome to contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at [knowles.j@biddickacademy.com](mailto:knowles.j@biddickacademy.com)

## **Reading Logs**

- Our KS3 students have been given their new home reading logs from their Accelerated Reader teachers. These are used to support students, teachers and parents to track reading at home. In addition to reading in Tutor Time and Accelerated Reader we ask that students complete at least 30 minutes of weekly reading at home each week
- We request a parent/carer signature on the reading log to check in on reading each week. We recognise that reading has countless benefits for our young people including: academic achievement, personal development and well-being. We really appreciate your continued support with this. If you have any questions about our reading logs please contact [gray.a@biddickacademy.com](mailto:gray.a@biddickacademy.com)
- Please click the link for our 7 top tips to support reading at home <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Reading-for-Pleasure.jpg>

## **Charity Fundraising**

- I am delighted to announce that Biddick Academy's final charity fundraising total for 2022-2023 is a whopping **£2726**, absolutely smashing through our target of £2000!
- As part of this grand total, our students managed to raise an excellent **£1739** for our nominated charity, 'Teenage Cancer Trust'
- Teenage Cancer Trust is a cancer care and support charity in the UK which exists to improve the cancer experience of young people aged 13-24
- This fundraising total is an achievement of which our students are all incredibly proud
- We will be choosing our new nominated charity for 2023-2024 in the next few weeks