BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 2nd October 2023

Online Safety – Social Media Guides

➢ The UK Safer Internet Centre have a Social Media Hub on their website that provides advice about the more popular social media platforms.

➢ For each app, it states their age requirement, the safety tools and advice available, the app's terms and conditions as well as useful links to further resources and advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre themselves

➢ So, if you would like to find out more about the likes of Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat, then this hub is a great starting point:

➢ https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resources/social-media-guides

Student Council

➢ Applications for the Student Council 2023-2024 are now open!

➢ Your child can apply to become a Student Council Representative by either collecting an application form from Mr Knowles or Miss Robins and they can also apply electronically by accessing the form on ClassCharts

➢ The deadline for applications is **Monday 9th October**

Year 7 Settling in Evening

➢ The Settling-In Evening for parents and carers of Year 7 students will take place between 3.30pm and 5pm on **Thursday 5th October**

➢ This is an ideal opportunity for you to both meet your child's Form Tutor and find out how they have settled in to life at Biddick Academy

➢ You will also be able to ask any of your own questions which you may have

➢ You are able to sign up to a 5-minute meeting with your child's Form Tutor either virtually on SchoolCloud (3.30pm to 4pm) or in-person on site (4pm to 5pm). You can do this quickly and easily by following the link https://biddickacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/

➢ If you have any further questions or queries about the Year 7 Settling-In Evening, please contact Mr Morrison (Year 7 Head of Year) at morrison.c@biddickacademy.com

Year 9 Assessment

➢ Week commencing **Monday 2nd October** is Year 9 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 9th October so that they feel both confident and ready to achieve well

➢ If you would like any further information on these Year 9 Assessments, you are welcome to contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) at knowles.j@biddickacademy.com

Parent Reading Workshop

➢ We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our 'How to support your child's reading' session here at Biddick Academy.

➢ The session will be held on **Wednesday 4th October at 5.00pm in the Library**.

➢ We will be sharing information about our Accelerated Reader Programme for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 as well as tips and strategies that can be used at home to support your child.

➢ If you have any further questions or you would like to attend the session, please email Miss Moscardini-Baharie at Moscardini-Baharie.d@biddickacademy.com to confirm your attendance.

Sports Events

➢ On Wednesday our Year 8 netball team visited St Roberts.
➢ They lost to St Roberts A and beat St Roberts B. Their attitude and effort was amazing throughout and they improved as the games progressed.
➢ Lily received the opposition Player of the Match.
➢ Samantha captained the team and demonstrated good leadership skills prior to the game.
➢ It was Lucy's first game for the school Netball team, all were amazing. There next game in on **Wednesday 11th October.** Next **Wednesday 4th October** the Y7 team will travel to St Roberts to start their fixtures.

Year 11 Reports

➢ At this time of year, Year 11 students will be making applications to Sixth Forms and Colleges and will be required to provide their predicted and target grades.
➢ Year 11 students have been provided with a report which outlines all of this information. If your child is unable to locate theirs, they can get this information from their Form Tutor.