



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 November 2020

Inset Day (School Closed to Students)

Tuesday 3 November 2020

School re-opens to Students

Friday 6 November 2020

Year 12 Gradesheets available
on MCAS

Tuesday 24 November 2020

School Photographs for
Years' 9, 11, 12 and 13

Friday 27 November 2020

Year 13 Reports available on MCAS
Years' 9, 11, 12 and 13
BH6 Application Deadline

**Week commencing Monday 30
November**

Year 11 Mock Exam week

Friday 11 December 2020

Inset Day (School Closed to Students)

Thursday 17 December 2020

School Christmas Lunch and
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18 December 2020

Year 10 Gradesheets available
On MCAS
School Closes for Christmas at
lunchtime

Monday 4 January 2021

School re-opens for Staff and Students

**Please check our school
website for holiday dates.**

**Other sources are not reliable
as they request the
information from the Local
Authority, not directly from
the school.**

NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Having students back in school and learning has been very welcome. Yet we are all aware that this has been a half-term of fluctuating emotions and for many, the time physically in school has been limited.

The last few months have been touched with great sadness as the school began to come to terms with the tragic loss of one of our Year 13 students, Harry Mullington. Harry was a fine young man who gave so much and had everything to look forward to. Our thoughts continue to be with his Mum, Dad, brother and wider family.

In school, we have attempted to deal with the escalating impacts of COVID-19. I understand that for many students and families, the need to self-isolate has been frustrating. However, as a school and more widely as a community, it is so important that we follow the guidance provided to us by Public Health England and the Staffordshire Local COVID-19 Outbreak Team. This is to protect the health of everyone in the community.

On a more positive note, it has been great to see students actively engaged in their learning in classrooms and on the sports fields. Students want to acquire knowledge and our incredible staff have thought out new and innovative ways to impart this using a variety of different strategies. Well done to everyone for adapting to the new ways of working, both in school and at home.

As we move on through the year, it is worth reminding students that the Department for Education is still planning to hold a full suite of external examinations during the summer of 2021. While there may be some alterations to any final plans, it remains crucial that students work hard in every lesson and prepare fully for any in-class assessment or mock examination.

I hope that you all manage to enjoy a restful half-term break.

S P Ascroft
Headteacher

Can you spare us some of your time and expertise?

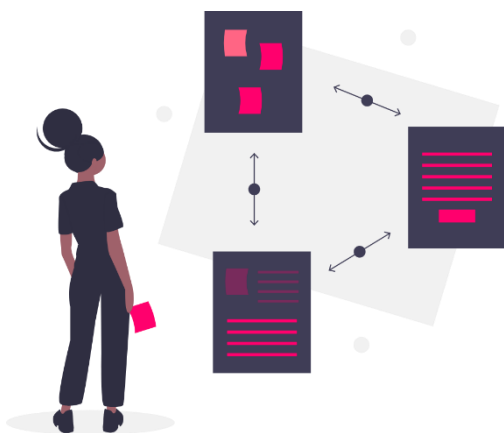
School Governors have a varied and important role in helping the school run effectively and efficiently by helping plan the strategic direction of the school and overseeing financial performance.

What does a School Governor do?

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead they support the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

What commitment will I be asked for?

Governors usually attend around 6 meetings a year. Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility, but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community.



How do I find out more?

If you are interested to hear more about becoming one of our school governors, please email:

Mrs Deb Whitehurst: office@biddulphhigh.co.uk

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Year 9 and 12 have received a letter regarding taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. If you would like some more details of how the award will run, please view this video on our school website: <https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/duke-of-edinburgh/>

It is a really exciting opportunity for young people to spend time with their friends in the countryside and learn some new skills. In addition, it will enhance their CV and help enormously when applying to College or Universities. If you would like some more information please speak to Mr Ackerley, Mr Scaratt or Mr Burndred.

Huge congratulations to James Copestake Year 13 who has just completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. It's an incredible achievement as only 5% of those who begin the Gold Award see it through.



YEAR 9 NEWS

A huge well done to all of Year 9 students for their first half term and a special mention for the following students who received awards this week:

Oliver Astbury-Leese, Evie Brandall, Lloyd Barber, Jack Muni, Jordan Purcell, Harry Rhodes and Freya Snape.

The following Year 9 students will be taking part in some virtual anti-bullying training run by the Diana Award. They will then represent the school as anti-bullying ambassadors and use their skills to help run anti bullying initiatives across the school community. Well done to Samantha Adey, Oliver Astbury-Leese, Charlotte Brunt, Mia Callan, Imani Grice, Caleb Hutchinson, Evie Moss, Jozef Oakes, Hannah Potts, Erin Tavernor, Grace Washington and Aaliyah-Rose Wilshaw.

YEAR 10 NEWS

The following students have received a Teacher Reward for working really well over the past half term: Mackenzie Clifford, Lilybeth Mountford and Riach Goodwin.

An extra special well done to Leyton Mannion who receives a £10 Amazon voucher following some fantastic feedback from staff and his contribution to the Pupil Voice Panel.

Daniella Potts 10DWO has recently achieved her Black Belt in Taekwondo. This shows high levels of dedication and commitment over some years. In order to achieve this Dani has been to Bath for an England training camp and then her assessment took place in Swindon.

Look out for her at the Paris 2024 Olympics!

YEAR 11 NEWS

Well done to Rhys Gower who has recently won an Immerse Education Essay competition this prize is a 30% scholarship onto further programmes in 2021. This is a fantastic achievement for Rhys and we are incredibly proud of him. Well done.



A number of Year 11 students have been seeking out ways to study independently. A recent evening session on Teams was well attended and students developed new ideas of how they can revise.

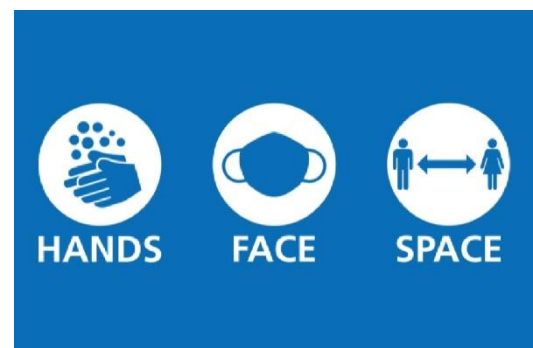
We hope that you found the recent GCSE information session useful and have been able to discuss some of the information with your child. Please keep an eye out for more information videos as they are released. You can find the videos by using this link: <https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/year-11-parent-information-video-series/>




It is great to see that a high proportion of Year 11 students have been rewarded for their efforts this half term. Their hard work has been reflected on their latest gradesheet and a voucher for a hot chocolate or drink of their choice have been sent home. It is pleasing to hear that so many students have made a positive start to the year.



It is important that students take responsibility for remaining safe in school and outside of the school gates. This means that they must come to school with a suitable face covering and be mindful of their interactions. This may mean keeping a larger distance from their peers or travelling to and from school in smaller groups.



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Biddulph Town Council



Thursday 22 October 2020

Sent by email

Dear Headteacher,

Re: Food options for families

I am writing to you to share information that has been made available to the Town Council with regard to additional support in the Biddulph area, to help families who may be vulnerable to food poverty over school holidays. Below is a list of resources that could offer additional assistance:

Biddulph Food Bank

Mondays- St. John's Church, Knypersley
Thursdays- Our Lady of Grace Church, Biddulph

Food parcels will cover a family for 7 days.
Please call Cllr Charlie Smith 07837 958097, Jackie Menzies 07855 550614 or Central Foodbank: 01782 317942 for a voucher.

Biddulph Youth and Community Zone, Church Road

01782 244288- Ring for more information.
Wednesdays- fruit and veg boxes £3, must order.
Thursdays- Community Pantry
Friday- Free Food Friday- no referral needed just turn up to grab a bag.

The Green Tree House Community Food Club, High Street

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10-3, 10 items from the pantry only £3.50 per visit.
Cupboard staples and free hygiene/ personal products.

