



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 2 April 2021
School Closed for Easter

Monday 19 April 2021
School Opens to all students
Reminder: Week 2 Timetable

Monday 3 May
School Closed Bank Holiday

Friday 28 May 2021
School Closes for Half Term

Monday 7 June 2021
Year 10 & Year 12
Examinations begin
Year 12 Post-18 Choices Evening

Thursday 1 July 2021
New Intake Day & Evening

Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 July 2021
Year 11 Sixth Form Induction

Friday 16 July 2021
School Closes for Summer

**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.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another term and my first term in post as Headteacher.

Our students, staff and community have shown remarkable resilience in the face of this pandemic and I have been so proud of the way that our students continued to work through the lockdown and then returned to school in a calm and organised way, falling back into the routine of school whilst adjusting to some of the new rules around testing and mask wearing.

We do not know what the summer term will bring in terms of the rules. We have decided that we will conduct a Covid test of all of our students on Monday 19 April in order to avoid bubble closures at the start of the term, especially when we need our students in school as much as possible. This will be run in the same way as the third round of testing and should cause minimal disruption to learning.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have shown extraordinary commitment to providing evidence for their grading decisions that will take place next term. We have worked hard as a school to remain open and transparent about our processes.

Next term will see assessments for all of our students. We have been allocated catch-up funding and, so far, most of this has been focused on Year 11 and Year 13 students. However, we will be shifting that focus, in the second half of the summer term, to help our Year 10 and 12 students to achieve the best possible outcomes next year.

I hope that our summer term will see some relaxation around the rules – it would be nice to be able to show our Year 9 students around the whole building! For now, at least, it is just important to follow the rules and to try to keep cases to a minimum whilst the vaccination programme continues to be rolled out.

I wish all of our community a lovely Easter break. I keep my fingers crossed that the weather is kind so that we can get outside. Please take good care and I look forward to speaking with you after the holiday.

Mrs E Robinson, Headteacher

"And once the storm is over you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, in fact, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about."

- Haruki Murakami, *Kafka on the Shore*



CHANGES TO THE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have a 3-stage process for managing behaviour in the classroom. Warn, Move, Remove. (For full details, please see Page 6 of the Policy on our website). From the start of the Summer term, a 'Move' will now result in students being issued with a 20 minute, same-day detention after school. A 'Remove' will continue to incur a 45 minute, next-day detention after school. All behaviour, both positive and negative, is logged and you can view this on My Child at School (MCAS).

WARN	If the student is not adhering to our <i>Code of Conduct</i> or <i>Expectations</i> (see pages 1-4), they will be given a warning, with a clear explicit reason and asked to modify their behaviour. * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teacher will write their name on the board. Arguing about a warning will result in an immediate 'Move'. Warnings will be recorded on Bromcom by the class teacher.
MOVE	If the teacher needs to speak to the student again about not adhering to our <i>Code of Conduct</i> or <i>Expectations</i> (see pages 1-4), the student will be asked to move to a different seat in the classroom, with a clear explicit reason and asked to modify their behaviour. * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moves will be recorded on Bromcom by the class teacher. The student will be issued with a same day 20 minute after school detention Refusal to move will result in an immediate 'Remove'.
REMOVE	If the teacher needs to speak to the student a third time about not adhering to our <i>Code of Conduct</i> or <i>Expectations</i> (see pages 1-4), the student will be removed to their bubble Return to Learn (RTL). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removals will be recorded on Bromcom by Pastoral. Teacher to email remove@ The student will be issued with a next day 45 minute after school detention. Refusal to remove will result in an immediate day in the Internal Exclusion Room (IER).

*If there is a serious incident or extreme behaviour, we go to the Move or Remove stage without a warning.

20 minute same-day detention (Monday – Friday)	45 minute next-day detention (Tuesday-Friday)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late to school Missing equipment (and borrow a pencil case) Incorrect uniform (and borrow item of uniform) Late to lesson Missing homework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal (lesson or social area) Missing homework after warning / persistent homework failure Failure or refusal to attend after school 20-minute same day detention Late to school twice or more in the same week Multiple 20-minute in one day detentions

UNIFORM STANDARDS –

A REMINDER FOR AFTER EASTER 2021

We understand that over the Easter break some students may change their hairstyle, have acrylic or gel nails and be tempted to have facial piercings. We would like to remind you of our expectations regarding appearance and uniform which can be viewed in full on the school website at <https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/school-uniform/>.

This extends to PE kit. On the days when your child has PE they should wear full PE kit with no variations away from the school policy. We enforce our uniform guidelines firmly but fairly and we make clear to parents and carers that if students are not meeting our expectation, they will not be able to participate in lessons with their peers and will be educated in the 'Return to Learn' room. We would like to thank you for your support of our policy and the standards that we aim to maintain.

YEAR 11 NEWS

We have been so impressed with the mature and sensible approach of our Year 11 students this term. Despite being under considerable pressure, they have conducted themselves well and we are all so proud of them.

Next half term we will support students in managing stress, workload and next steps in their Post-16 choices. Useful websites are: [Every Mind Matters](#)

Advice for parents and teenagers on sleep:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/sleep-problems/>

Advice for next steps in your Post-16 choices:

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

Managing stress: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/tips-to-reduce-stress/>

Year 11 parents should now have received a letter via email regarding how to purchase a 'leavers hoodie'. We are delighted that we have been able to place an order for these despite the national restrictions. We would advise you to select "deliver to school" and we can inform you when they can be collected by your child. The letter is available on our website:

<https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/letters-newsletters/>

Thank you to The National Citizen Service who despite restrictions, have still managed to deliver an assembly to Year 11 about their summer programme. This is a government funded initiative which has an excellent uptake from our students. More information can be found at: <https://wearencs.com/> We also have sign up forms in school and the team were in school on Monday 29 March to answer any questions.

We would like to remind all of our students and families about expectations regarding uniform and punctuality to school. All students should be through the gate by 8.40 am and anything after that will be considered as late and will incur a time penalty.

On 23 March, Miss Bowden prepared a reflection assembly for all of our students. This was followed by a school wide minutes' silence which was observed exceptionally by our whole school community. We are very proud of how well our entire school community has coped with the demands and restrictions of the pandemic.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

THE POTTERIES EDUCATION TRUST AWARE WINNER

Congratulations to Callum for winning the Potteries Education Trust Award. Callum was nominated in recognition of all the hard work and commitment he has shown within school and the work that he does within the community. Below is a summary of his outstanding community work:

- I am a key worker as I work in a supermarket, I chose to work during the peak of the COVID-19 Pandemic to ensure that people have access to essential items such as food and medical supplies.
- I have voluntarily worked with The Green Tree House Cafe which works with elderly and vulnerable citizens by supplying leaflets and displaying information about food packages available within Biddulph.
- I have actively contributed to the Food Bank when at school, as I believe that it is incredibly important to work with and help people less fortunate than myself.
- At school, I collected money donations for Number 11 - a homeless shelter in Burslem that works very closely with younger members of the community facing homelessness.
- I am always ensuring that my neighbours, some of whom are vulnerable are comfortable and making sure that they have all of the supplies that they need.
- My dad is a self-employed car valet and I have helped him with the competitions he has organised which have been to give free valets to healthcare workers who risked their lives during the pandemic.

YEAR 13

Congratulations on the amazing work that you have done towards your mock examinations. There is no doubt that there have been challenges over the past few months, however, you are an amazing group of students who are a pleasure to work with.

YEAR 12

Congratulations on the return to school that you have made; you are working so hard. Remember mock examinations are in June - stay focussed and aim to be the best you can be.

YEAR 11

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back into the Sixth Form later this year. Should you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me (taylor@biddulphhigh.co.uk). Good luck in the final few weeks of your Year 11 studies - keep pushing yourselves, it will pay off.

Mrs C Taylor, Head of Sixth Form

CAREERS NEWS INTO THE FUTURE WEEK 2021

During this year's National Careers week (1 March until 6 March 2021) we launched our first virtual 'Into the future' week. We were lucky enough to have some amazing speakers including, Amazing Apprenticeships, Jon Cheek from University Taster Days, Ornuo Foods, Liverpool John Moore University, The RAF and The Navy and many more.

Our students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain an insight into further education, Apprenticeships and options available to them Post-16 and Post-18, as well understanding the skills and competencies required for the world of work and much more. The sessions were interactive and engaging and many students have commented how helpful and informative they were. The presenters commented on the maturity and excellent behaviour of all our students throughout the week and the fantastic questions they asked.

'Fantastic interaction from students via the chat function, engaged and high quality questions'

'I got the answer to all my questions and the sessions helped me to understand further education better'



UNIFROG REMINDER

All students across Years 9 to 11 have access to Unifrog. This is a great tool to support in looking at next steps, study options, career ideas etc. Students can also use this to create a CV, covering letter, look for Apprenticeship opportunities, compare Universities and much more.

You can also find useful information and links on the school website under Careers Information Advice and Guidance.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS HALF TERM

YOUR FUTURE, YOUR CHOICE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

All Students in Year 10 have received information via email about the Birmingham University Residential. This is a yearly event where students who have no history of Higher Education in their family have an opportunity to consider University as a viable option Post-18. This year the sessions will be run virtually. For further information, to check eligibility and make an application please visit:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/teachers/years-7-11/year-10-summer-school.aspx>



4 APRIL 2021

NHS WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Starting on the 4 April 2021, the NHS are offering a series of work experience sessions over 6 months covering all aspects of the health service and the roles students can go into Post-18. Students can sign up for one session of interest or they can sign up to as many as they want. There is a £10 charge applied to each session they attend. Students in Years 10 and 11 should check their Unifrog locker for more information and sign up details.

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@alliedmentor

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www.alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/

MEDIC MENTOR DENTAL MENTOR VET MENTOR

MILES AND MILES COMPETITION



During the Winter Lockdown of 2021 staff and students at BHS didn't let the dark days and cold weather dampen their spirits – they rose to the Miles and Miles Challenge. Biddulph High School competed against Westwood College, Leek and Stoke 6th Form Centre in a bid to clock up the most amount of miles over 4 weeks.

The challenge was to complete a marathon distance as well as seeing how many miles could be completed as a whole school.

I was so pleased by the number of students and staff taking part and many people got in touch to express how much better their mood was after they had ventured outside for a walk or a bike ride.

WE DID IT!

I was absolutely amazed and overwhelmed by the effort of each and every one of you!

WE CLAIMED THAT SHINY SILVER MEDAL - WELL DONE!!!

FINAL MILES

Westwood College	5947.07
Biddulph High School	2881.79
Stoke Sixth Form College	2457.5



Particular mentions to the following students:

Big Hitters: Harrison B - 181.1 miles, Marcus K - 60.69 miles and Jack S - 54.5 miles

Completed Marathon:

Staff: KSW, GWH, GBO, LWE, HDY, JDU, RHE, AKE, JSM, CHE, SST, AHA, VHA, JST, CFO, NHA, LSH, CSW, EBA, JGO, AGO.

Students: Calleigh C, Jack M and Lewis T.

Team BHS really are wonderful!

Thank you so much for taking part - there's just one thing left to say... next time Westwood...WE'LL BE READY!!!

**MARATHON
26.2
MILES**

Erlangen

Biddulph High School are delighted to begin a partnership with Hermann Hedenes Mittelschule in Erlangen, Germany. To celebrate this wonderful new opportunity students were invited to create a poster or video all about our lovely town to share with the students of Erlangen.

Winners of the Erlangen House Competition: **Jessica H (Pegasus)** and **Nathan W (Orion)** – both receiving a lunch queue jump pass and 50 points for their houses!



LOCKDOWN HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Over lockdown as well as trying to complete as many miles in 4 weeks as possible students have also had house competitions to get involved in.

BHS BAKE OFF (E-SAFETY THEME)

We learned during the last lockdown just how much our students love to bake so once again the BHS Bake Off was launched! This year the theme was “E-Safety”. Students were awarded points for entry, bonus points for the bake involving the E-Safety theme and then finally the winners.

There were so many delicious entries to choose from as you can see. I’m sure they were all thoroughly enjoyed by the students’ families...next year I will be the first in line to actually taste these wonderful creations!



Winner – 50 pts	Tutor Group	House
Evie B	LSH	HERCULES
Mackenzie C	JPE	ORION
Kian K	ACA	PEGASUS
Jasmine B	RHE	HERCULES
Runner Up - 30 pts		
Mitchell L	KBU	DRACO
Alisha L	JPE	ORION
Megan D	SBE	HERCULES
Emma M	LTO	ORION
eSafety - 20 points		
Izaak B	LSH	HERCULES
Caleigh C	PAT	PEGASUS
Keira H	RWI	HERCULES
Participation - 10pts	Tutor Group	House
Lola BR	MSC	PEGASUS
Dominic R	STR	PEGASUS
Amy C	VDE	ORION
Ellie T	AKE	ORION
Hannah H	LTO	ORION
Millie M	SST	ORION
Jake E	JFL	ORION
Daniel E	VDE	ORION
Teigan T	KSW	HERCULES
Ellie C	KFD	HERCULES
Abigail W	SWI	HERCULES
Lucas C	LSH	HERCULES
Chloe M	EGI	HERCULES
Beth D	CHH	DRACO
Skyla C	GJO	DRACO
Lydia C	GJO	DRACO



THE HOUSE WEEKLY QUIZ

Students (and staff!) are still battling away every other Friday in our Current affairs quiz expertly designed by Mr R Heath. This terms tutorgroup winners are:

Year 9 – EGI
 Year 10 – GJO
 Y12 – LTO
 Y13 – RHE

Well done to all students for keeping up to date with news and events and testing your knowledge in the quiz. The winning tutor groups will earn a rewards breakfast one morning after the Easter break!

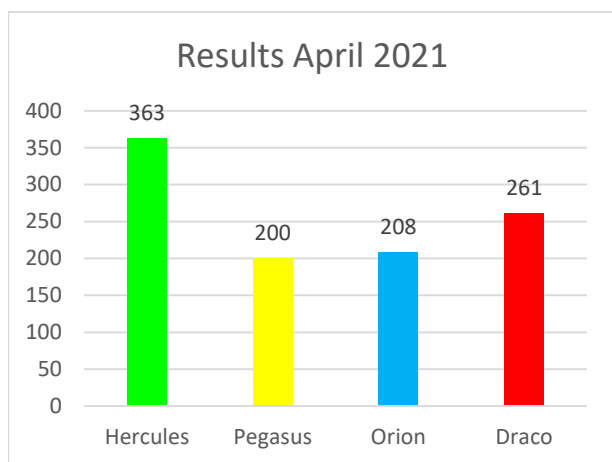
OVERALL STANDINGS

As you can see Hercules is still sitting on top but the battle for 2nd to 4th is still very much on and there is everything left to play for!

Well done Hercules!

FINAL RESULTS
APRIL 2021

Hercules	363	1st
Draco	261	2nd
Orion	208	3rd
Pegasus	200	4th



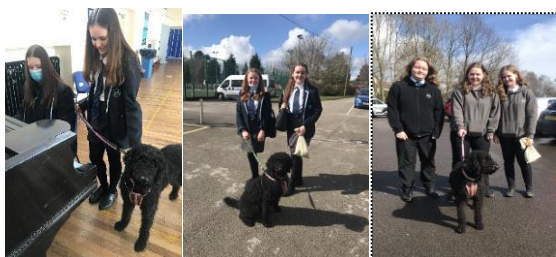
Coming Soon...

Hopefully the Summer Term will not only bring some brighter, warmer days it will also bring house competitions in Rounders and of course the fantastic Sports Day! Mrs K Swift

BERTHA'S BACK IN SCHOOL

Cries of delight from students and staff alike could be heard echoing around the corridors on Friday 5 March 2021 when school dog Bertha registered for duty once again.

Having dusted off her timetable, Bertha was clearly delighted to return after the long break and eagerly went off with her Keyworker, Mrs Rushton, to work with the students.

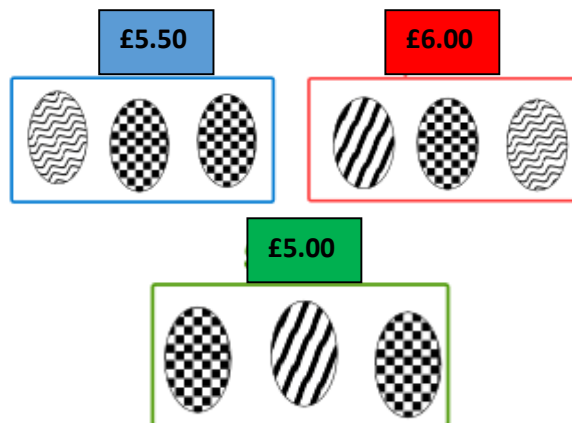


MATH'S PUZZLE FROM MR HATCH



This is Hungry Horace's favourite type of Easter Egg.

He went to the shop to buy one but found that the Easter Eggs had been packed up in boxes of three like this:



"Also available separately"

"How much does this one egg cost?" Horace asked the shopkeeper.

"That's easy", he replied, "It's just"

Then the telephone rang and he had to answer it.

How much does Horace's favourite egg cost?

Send your answer to Mr Hatch –

Hatch@biddulphhigh.co.uk



NSPCC Contact Numbers

- ⇒ Help for adults concerned about a child: Call us on 0808 800 5000
- ⇒ Help for children and young people: Call Childline on 0800 1111
- ⇒ Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Safeguarding (Child Protection Information) at Biddulph High School

- ⇒ Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs E Moss
- ⇒ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Marks





**BIDDULPH
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COMMUNITY FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Welcome to Biddulph High School's community hire facilities

We are delighted to be able to open up for Lettings again!

We offer a range of first class facilities available for hire during the evenings, weekends and school holidays, including:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ 3G Pitch (Floodlit) | ▪ Lecture Theatre |
| ▪ Dance Studio | ▪ Conference Room |
| ▪ Sports Hall | ▪ Main Hall |

Outdoor facilities are available to book from 6 April 2021

(Limited availability on the Astro Turf)

Indoor Children's activities are available for bookings from 12 April 2021

Indoor Adults are available for bookings from 17 May 2021

PLEASE NOTE, THESE DATES ARE DEPENDENT ON ANY UPDATED GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES



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- ✓ Equipment set out and ready for your sessions
- ✓ Friendly and dedicated staff to help monitor your bookings and invoices
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Opening Hours (term-time):

Monday to Friday: 5.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Saturday: on request

For further information or to make a booking,
please contact our dedicated facilities team:

email: lettings@biddulphhigh.co.uk or call us direct: 01782 521828

Biddulph High School, Conway Road, Knypersley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST8 7AR
Main switchboard: 01782 523977



Term 1 Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 nd September 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Friday 3 rd September 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Monday 6 th September 2021	Year 9 and Year 12 students return
	Tuesday 7 th September 2021	All students return
	Friday 22 nd October 2021	School closes
	Half Term Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	
	Monday 1 st November 2021	Trust INSET – school closed to students
	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	School opens to all students
	Friday 10 th December 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Friday 17 th December 2021	School closes at lunchtime (12.25 pm)
Christmas Holidays Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January		
Term 2 Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School opens to all students
	Friday 18 th February 2022	School closes
	Half Term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February	
	Monday 28 th February 2022	INSET – school closed to students
	Tuesday 1 st March 2022	School opens to all students
	Friday 8 th April 2022	School closes
Easter Holidays Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April		
Term 3 Summer 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022	School opens to all students
	Monday 2 nd May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 th May 2022	School closes
	Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	
	Monday 6 th June 2022	School opens to all students
	Thursday 21 st July 2022	School closes at lunchtime (12.25 pm)
Summer Holiday Friday 22nd July – Friday 2nd September		

Please note that as these dates are published so far in advance, they could be subject to change.

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