



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22 October 2021  
School Closes for Half-Term

Monday 1 November 2021  
Inset Day  
School Closed to students

Tuesday 2 November 2021  
School Opens to students

Tuesday 2 November 2021 -  
Friday 19 November 2021  
Year 11 Mock Exam Weeks

Monday 22 November 2021 - Friday  
26 November 2021  
Year 10 Assessment Week

Friday 26 November 2021  
Year 13 Reports available on MCAS

Thursday 2 December 2021  
Sixth Form Progress Evening

Thursday 9 December 2021  
Enrichment Day

Friday 10 December 2021  
Inset Day  
School Closed to students

Thursday 16 December 2021  
Year 11 Reports available on MCAS

Friday 17 December 2021  
School Closes for Christmas

Tuesday 4 January 2022  
School Opens to 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.**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back students into, what feels like, a more normal set of circumstances. I am sorry that we were forced to introduce stronger Covid measures only two weeks into the term, and that we have been forced to step these up further in the last week. We continue to monitor the situation and respond as quickly and appropriately as possible, and we thank you all for your support. We have been given a new date of Thursday 25th November for the vaccinations and the School Immunisation Team have assured us that this is protected and they will not postpone again. From 23/10/21 you will be able to book online to attend a vaccination clinic.

For our parents and carers with students in Years 11 and 13, we have received information about examinations for 2022. The Department for Education has acknowledged the serious disruption suffered by these students and have looked to either reduce the content in selected subjects or provide a topic list for students in February so that they, and their teachers, can focus their attention on specific areas. The plan is that external examinations will run in the summer of 2022, but consideration will be given when giving grades to acknowledge that students have been disadvantaged. Staff have also been asked to prepare TAG (Teacher Assessed Grades) as a back-up and this year these will be based on three exam style assessments to take place over the course of the year. The first will be our mock exams and I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for students to revise for these. The TAG grade will be based on the outcomes of these three assessments and will be the same for students nationally.

For students in Years 9, 10 and 12 the Department for Education expect all courses and examinations to run as they did pre-pandemic, and our staff are setting their expectations high to support them in meeting this challenge.

We have returned to school with an increased emphasis on setting high expectations. We want all our students to meet the challenges ahead of them and leave school with the skills and attributes they will need to give them the best possible choices and life chances. Thank you for supporting us in raising the bar. Our strapline 'Achieve Excellence' is a simple summary of our hopes for all those in the Biddulph High School community. So far, the majority of students are meeting and exceeding these expectations. It has been a pleasure to introduce the Headteacher's Award, presented every Friday. The names of the students for this half-term can be found further down.

Finally, I am aware that some of our families are finding it difficult at the moment. I want you to know that we are always here to help and, if we can't help, we can put you in touch with people who can. Please do not struggle in silence. We are a community, and we work with schools and organisations across the town to support you and your child. Please contact the school by email or telephone. If nothing else, we can offer a nice cup of tea and a friendly face.

Have a lovely half term and take good care.

**Mrs E Robinson**

## HEADTEACHERS' AWARD

Every week we present a student in the Sixth Form and a student in lower school with the Headteacher's Award, to recognise their contribution towards our vision and values. All students who have been nominated have their names read out and, in lower school, receive 10 house points. All winners receive a certificate, small prize and, in lower school, 25 house points.

### Lower school winners this half term:

Lucy B, Year 10; Ellie Mae B, Year 11; John P, Year 11; Caitlin G, Year 9; Isabella L, Year 10; Emily H, Y11; Noah A, Y11.

### Sixth Form winners this half term:

Megan T, Year 13; Harry C, Year 13; Danny E, Year 13; Nicole H, Year 12; Daniel P, Year 12; Joe B, Year 12; Ellie K, Y12.



## WEAR YELLOW FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Thank you to all staff and students who wore yellow on Friday 8 October 2021 to raise awareness about Mental Health. All of our students are able to access support in school should they feel that they need it.

## FACE MASKS

Since reintroducing mask wearing in the corridors and social areas, we have managed to slow the spread of Covid in school. Please ensure you send your child with a mask every day. We have spares for an emergency but not enough to provide them to each child.

We will be sending home lateral flow tests with students so they can continue to do their testing.



## COLDER WEATHER UNIFORM

As the colder weather begins, students are reminded that they may wear a V neck navy school jumper under their blazer. This is not compulsory and should be worn in addition to the blazer.

## YEAR 10 NEWS

The Year 10 Enrichment Day was designed to prepare students for their work experience in December. All students completed tasks on Health and Safety in the workplace and were able to apply this to their own placement. We also covered some serious aspects of what constitutes sexual harassment and how students can interact appropriately.

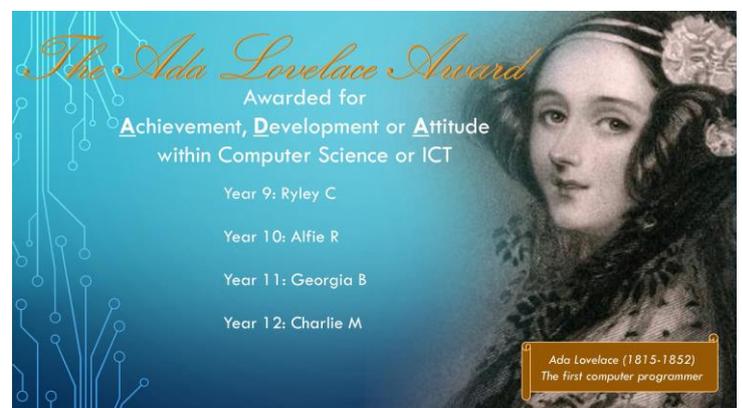
## YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 students made good use of the day to focus on looking after themselves now and in the future. As well as having safeguarding talks on sexual harassment, they also looked at how to identify the signs of breast and testicular cancer and watched the hard hitting drama on the killing of Sophie Lancaster. For more information, visit:

<https://www.sophielancasterfoundation.com/>

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support/diagnosis/teenagers-and-young-adults>

## AWARDS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE OR ICT



## YEAR 11, 12 & 13 STUDENTS EXAMINATIONS



Please visit the school website or school portal to familiarise yourself with the candidate rules for examinations for 2021-22.

Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams after October half term. Please remember to bring a black pen and any equipment you may need to each exam. Mobile phones and watches will not be permitted into the exam rooms.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD PRACTICE EXPEDITION



On the 25 October 2021, Mr Ackerley and Mr Scarratt took the Gold DofE students to Kinder Scout to take part in their Wild Country Navigation Training, in preparation for the practise expedition at the end of this month. The students hiked up to the top of Kinder Scout, where they took part in some difficult navigational problems in exceptionally challenging terrain. The students learned the advanced navigation techniques which will hopefully enable them to have successful Gold Level expeditions this year.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH - PROUD TO BE

The History Department have looked forward to celebrating and commemorating Black History Month this October. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be part of the national celebrations and events to honour the too-often unheralded accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour throughout our history.

Individuals in the spotlight have featured icons both past and present, ranging from Marcus Rashford to William Tull, from Beyoncé to Rosa Parks.

I would like to commend the following students for volunteering their services to helping to produce resources to be shared both in school and on social media: Year 13 - Grace C, Mark M, Emily R, Year 12 - Abbie T, Year 11 - Calleigh C, Year 10 - Lucy B, Mia H. Please check out the Biddulph High School Facebook Page for examples of their work.



## PE AND SCHOOL SPORT

It has been a very busy start to the year in the PE Department where we have welcomed over 80 students back to extra-curricular activities for Junior and Senior Football, Netball, all years Rugby and Badminton. Everyone is welcome to join our clubs as well as students who have been selected for our teams. Our teams have enjoyed great success already this year with the U14A Netball team being undefeated in the Moorlands District competition and the U16s not losing a game in both the Moorlands and Stoke District competitions. The U16A team won the Stoke North Netball tournament only drawing 1 game and scoring a total of 55 goals!

Our Year 11 Footballers have begun their season with a win against Ormiston Horizon Academy and a loss to Endon. Our Year 10 Football team will begin their fixtures next week so we wish them good luck. Year 9 have only played 1 game so far and narrowly lost 7-6 against Endon.

There have also been some excellent performances from our Cross-Country runners in the Moorlands District Cross-Country League. We have had runners finish in the top 10 for both boys' and girls' in all age groups which is a fantastic achievement from a team perspective. Particularly impressive performances from Nathan W (Year 11) with a win from 1 race and has always been placed in the top 3. Charlotte L (Year 9) has also been placed in the top 3 for all races. We are awaiting the final results for the team and individual standings and individuals have a good chance to be selected to represent the district at the next level of competition...watch this space!

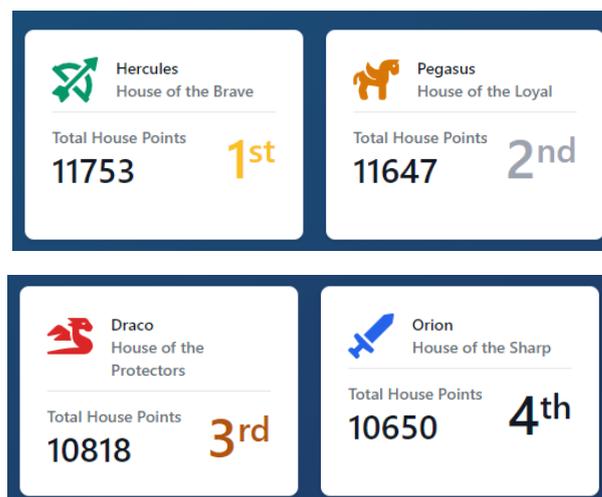
## HOUSE AND REWARDS

This year has seen the launch of a new system of celebrating student behaviour involving using House Points and enabling the students to purchase rewards online, such as going to lunch early. Students have been rewarded for 'Doing the Right Thing, Being Excellent, Being Exemplary or Going Above and Beyond'. The top earners for House Points currently are: Kiera H Year 9, 151, Lucy B Year 10, 139, Ellie-Mae B Year 11, 131, they will each receive a Celebration Muffin from The Refectory.

House competitions this year have been a little difficult due to student absence because of Covid, however we have still managed to get a Netball competition underway for Year 9. Currently in the lead are Hercules.

After half-term we are hoping to have the following house competitions: Year 9 Football, the Great BHS Bake Off, Year 10 Netball, Christmas Card competition, Christmas Jumper competition and BH6 Charity Parade.

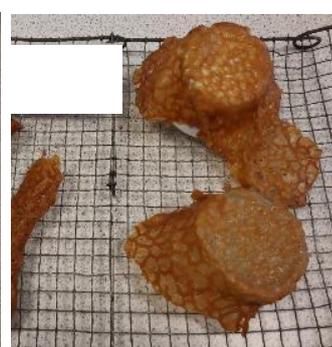
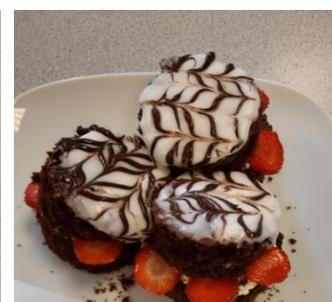
## OVERALL THE CURRENT STANDINGS ARE:



## FOOD LESSONS

Returning to Biddulph High School after a disruptive year, due to Covid, our Year 11 Food students have demonstrated that they have not lost their passion and commitment to the subject. They have filleted, enrobed and cooked fish at the start of the term and last week they made brandy snap baskets and cigar tubes.

I am so very proud of them all and would like to share a few examples of their achievements with you. A huge congratulations Year 11 Food students from a very proud food teacher and team at BHS. *Mrs Page.*





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**COMMUNITY FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

**Welcome to Biddulph High School's community hire facilities**  
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       |

\*Please note there is limited availability on the Astro Turf\*



**We can offer:**

- ✓ Facilities all year round, including holidays
- ✓ Equipment set out and ready for your sessions
- ✓ Friendly and dedicated staff to help monitor your bookings and invoices
- ✓ Free parking onsite

**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](mailto: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



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**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES  
2021 - 2022**



Term 1 Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 9 students return
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	All students return
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	School closes
	<b>Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	INSET – school closed to students
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	School opens to all students
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	CPD INSET – school closed to students
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School closes at lunchtime (12.35pm)
<b>Christmas Holidays Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		
Term 2 Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School opens to all students
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	INSET - School closed to students
	<b>Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School opens to all students
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School closes
	<b>Easter Holidays Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	
Term 3 Summer 2022	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School opens to all students
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School closes
	<b>Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School opens to all students
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	School closes at lunchtime (12.35pm)
<b>Summer Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		

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

"Working together to achieve our personal best"



**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](mailto: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



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**SCANE  
DANCE**



**Monday - The Victoria Centre**

Nursery Ballet & Freestyle.....4:00-4:30  
(Ages 2-4)  
Ballet & Contemporary.....4:30-5:15  
(Ages 9-12)  
Freestyle & Street.....5:15-6:00  
(Ages 9-12)

**Monday- Biddulph High School**

Heels.....6:45-7:30  
(Ages 14+)  
Contemporary.....7:30-8:15  
(Ages 14+)  
Adult Disco.....8:15-9:00  
Adult Tap.....9:00-9:30

**Wednesday - The Victoria Centre**

Nursery Ballet & Freestyle.....4:30-5:00  
(Ages 2-4)  
Musical Theatre.....5:00-5:30  
(Ages 4-8)  
Introduction to Ballet.....5:30-6:00  
(Ages 5-8)  
Freestyle.....6:00-6:30  
(Ages 5-8)

45 mins  
£4.00

30 mins  
£3.00

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