

Biddenham

E-Newsletter 2 - *Extra*



Here's some items that we couldn't fit into our newsletter. Thank you for all your support over this difficult period - I hope you feel we have been there for you and your family. We will keep you updated with our plans for September throughout the summer and I would urge you to make sure your son/daughter engages with the holiday work that has been set in all subjects, completes all work in all subject areas that has been set since March and use this time to not just be ready for September, but to get ahead!

I do believe that we can restart and reset ourselves in September and come out of this stronger as a community, closer as a family and clearer about the central importance of Education to our lives and future, and, as such, determined to make the most out of the opportunities that school provides within and beyond the school day.

I very much look forward to seeing you all again in September. Stay safe, stay happy and stay optimistic.

A message from David Bailey



David Bailey

Celebrating lockdown achievements New Zealand style

Biddenham School has decided to follow the example of the New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern who was set a challenge by her team to outline her government's achievements in a two-minute video. Not to be outdone, Biddenham School has produced their very own video running through the achievements of their staff through lockdown. Presented by Principal David Bailey and Head of School Eleanor Grylls the video took three minutes and not two, to fit in all the staff achievements over the past four months.

David Bailey said, 'We produced this video primarily to celebrate, and recognise, just how much our Biddenham staff team have achieved in support of our students, academically, physically and spiritually, during the lockdown period and we very much look forward to seeing them back and raring to go in September.'

If you would like to see the video visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSSw4gzoe5M&t=1s>

PS Year 8 have been sent 371 praise postcards and 320 end of year award certificates.



to Z of Musical Challenges!

The Music Department challenges you to complete any or all of the following challenges during Lockdown. We'd LOVE to see your efforts!



Download the **Acapella** app and record a song of your choice with just your voice! Loads of examples on YouTube!

Try your hand at **beatboxing** - go to the BBC Bitesize Music pages for more information, or look to YouTube for lessons on beatboxing.



Learn to **conduct** your own orchestra! Find conducting lessons on YouTube. Can you film yourself conducting an orchestra?!

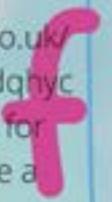


Chair **Drumming** performance - you've all had a go before, now try your hand at your own performance!



Make a poster to describe the **Elements** of Music - tempo, texture, dynamics, duration, timbre, pitch, structure. Draw pictures to illustrate what each one means!

Listen to some **Fusion** music (read <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3dqhyc/articles/zr4fscw> for more info). Write a review of the piece you have listened to.



Got a guitar at home? Challenge yourself to learn 4 new chords. If you're a beginner, go for Em, G, D, A! OR Grab your friends and play some air **guitar**!



Happy Birthday to you if you're celebrating at home! On an instrument of your choice, work out the notes (or harmonise!) to Happy Birthday.

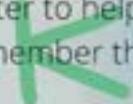


Make an **instrument** - check out 'BBC Now Learn - Make an Instrument'. Once you've made it, record a short piece for it!

You're in charge of your own **Jukebox** - what 10 tracks would be on your jukebox? Write them down on a social media post and tell us why you chose each one.



Learn the notes of the **keyboard** - draw a poster to help you remember them!



If you can already do this, can you play

Check out the **London Symphony Orchestra** LSO Play page - I love the Enigma Variations! - and toggle through the different sections of the orchestra as they perform.



Make your own music!

Go to <https://www.musical-u.com/learn/10-mini-songwriting-challenges/> and try out some of the challenges on here!

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Can you read **notation** yet? Revise the treble clef. Know that? Then the bass clef. Pretty good still? Alto clef. Then Tenor clef. Let us know if you can do all 4!

Octaves are the one of the most recognisable intervals in music. Learn all the other intervals using this video: <https://tinyurl.com/y9cn4wa6>



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Listen to Peter and the Wolf by **Prokofiev**. Each character has a musical theme played by a certain instrument. Get to know these instruments!

Create a factfile on the members of **Queen**. Listen to Killer Queen - one of our GCSE set works - and write a review of why you like or dislike it.



Remix your favourite song - mash it up with another song, or write some new parts to it. Record a performance of this to share.

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Write a **song** for a family, friend or for the NHS - just a verse and chorus, more if you're up for the challenge.

TikTok pretend instrument challenge! Don't worry if you don't have the app - 'mime' instruments using household objects. Check you out <https://tinyurl.com/yahdots7>

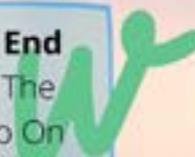
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Learn how to improvise! Improvising is essentially playing **unwritten** music that you make up on the spot. Find a YouTube lesson and start improvising today!

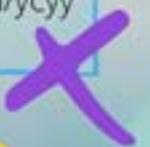


Have a good old sing! Use your **voice**, pick a song you like and sing sing sing! Can you get your family to join in too?

Watch a **West End production** - The Shows Must Go On broadcasts a live show every Friday, available for 48 hours. Catch it on YouTube!



Create your own **xylophone**! Fill glasses or jars with water to create your notes then perform a short tune! Check out <https://tinyurl.com/ycyh2t2>



Your family - ask your family to tell you one or two songs they love, and why. Create a playlist on YouTube and share it with them all.

Listen to any soundtrack by Hans **Zimmer** and learn one of the melodies from it using your instrument or voice.



Good luck!

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Some examples of the fantastic work produced by year 7 and 8 for the Textiles enrichment lesson. To see all of the postcards visit <https://www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Textiles-Postcards-Y7-8-work.pdf>

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And to end every year we have news of our ex students who finish their degrees Please see below two such emails from Melanie Yu and Jay Bains - it's lovely to hear what they've gone on to achieve and, in these cases, the esteem in which they hold Miss Saggu who has a legacy of success stories about Biddenham kids she's taught that will be hard to be beaten...

Dear Mrs Saggu,

It's been a while since I last popped my head round your classroom door to tell you that I had just finished my first year at university. I graduated last summer from Southampton with a degree in Law. I've since been working as a paralegal at Shoosmiths in Northampton.

I wanted to write you this email because I have extremely good news to share. I am absolutely delighted to tell you that I have been offered a training contract at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. They are a US law firm specialising in private equity and restructuring. I'm still trying to process the fact that I have a training contract from such an incredible firm and I can only think back to my first introduction to law in your A level classes. You always took the time to explain things that the class didn't understand and was always within reach when I had questions or had work to be marked. You always believed in me and that is something that I have remembered and used as motivation throughout my studies. Ashraf and I always say that we want to be doing things to make you proud.

I will be doing the LPC in Aug/Sept 2021 and I will start as a trainee solicitor in 2022. After training for two years at Weil, I will qualify as a solicitor in 2024. If you are still in/around Bedford, I would love to meet you for a coffee and catch up.

**Best,
Melanie**

Hi Mrs Saggu,

I hope you are well and Biddenham is still treating you well (disregarding COVID)...

I apologise for the incredibly late email, but I thought I should let you know whilst I'm sat up celebrating! I graduated with 2:1 in Law today and starting my MSc Business with Management in September!

Thank you for all your help, all your advice and patience. I will be forever grateful!

I will come and visit soon,

Jay