



# SENDNEWSLETTER

**Welcome to Biddenham's SEND Newsletter. Please take a moment to see some of the wonderful experiences our students have been fortunate to experience so far this academic year.**

Autumn 2023

We have had a great start to the school year! The students have had lots of opportunities to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. They have experienced several visits including: the theatre, a gurdwara, Sicily, the Preparing for Adulthood Conference, and engineering workshops about Formula 1. Year 9 students have chosen their GCSE options, and have made a fantastic start. Everyone has worked really hard this term and should be proud of their progress and we hope they can continue this in the new year. We hope everyone has a restful break.

**Mrs Stephenson - Deputy SENDCo**

## Exams

The school term has ended with the mock exams. The efforts of the Year 11 and 13 students should be commended. We look forward to working together to help them reach their potential in the summer series.

## Boosters

We are currently running lots of Boosters, during tutor time, to help students to learn or improve essential life and academic skills. Boosters are targeted by the needs of individuals. If you feel your child would benefit from Booster sessions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

We currently offer:

- Social stories
- Talk about for teenagers
- Social conversations
- Timetable Boosters
- Organisation and planning
- Working Memory Booster
- Zones of regulation
- 5 point scale
- Understanding Emotions
- Self Wellbeing
- Boxercise
- Handwriting
- Sensory circuits
- Support with physiotherapy exercises
- Fine motor skills
- Morning motivation

## Homework club

All students are invited to attend Homework Club at Biddenham. It runs in R9 Monday to Thursday 2:30-4pm. Staff are available to help students with their homework, coursework and revision.

## Annual reviews

Dates have been set for all reviews for the year. Letters will be sent out in the New Year for upcoming reviews. If you think you may have missed your child's review please contact us using [sendco@mybiddenham.com](mailto:sendco@mybiddenham.com).

## Useful links



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## Preparing for adulthood conference

Some Year 10, 11 and 6th Form students attended the Preparing for Adulthood Conference at Bedford Corn Exchange, showcasing lots of opportunities available post-16.



## Festive Learning hub

Our festive helpers decorated the learning hub this month. They really enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and bringing some festive cheer!

## Addams family Musical



Students, along with the Performing Arts Department, worked exceptionally hard to produce this year's musical performance. Hours of hard work went into creating a wonderful display of talent, showcasing their dancing, singing and acting skills.

## Geography trip to Sicily



The 6th form Geography students headed to Sicily. They learnt about volcanoes and tourism.

## Goodbyes

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants at the end of this year and thank her for all she has done in the role. Mrs Sharief will be heading off to finish her Maths Teacher training. We wish her all the best in her new adventure.

## Next term's events

Next year we are planning a SEND showcase to celebrate the success of our students and would like to invite all Parents and Carers into school on the afternoon of 26th March 2024. Please save the date in your diaries.

*Thank you!*