

## Student POD

Biddick Academy has a virtual learning platform called Student POD. Student POD has all the information about the subjects you study including knowledge organisers, topic resources and revision information. Students will be able to access Student POD via their EASI account.

## Inclusion

Our SEND team work closely with primary schools to ensure a smooth transition. Students identified by primary schools will receive extra transition. In addition, parents will be asked to complete a form outlining any SEND, medical and health needs.

## Mobile phones

Mobile phones which are brought into school must be turned off and stored out of sight when students arrive at the school gate. They must remain turned off and out of sight until the student has left the school site at the end of the day. If a mobile phone is seen or heard by a member of staff, then the phone will be confiscated immediately.

## Travel

The current bus route information can be found at [www.biddickacademy.co.uk/travel](http://www.biddickacademy.co.uk/travel). Any changes will be updated on our school website.

## Structure of the school day

Monday	Tuesday-Friday	
8:00	8:00	Academy opens
8:25	8:25	Bell rings. Students should make their way to registration or the Watson Hall on assembly day.
	8:30-9:00	Registration
8:30-9:25		World Ready
9:25-10:20	9:00-10:00	Period 1
10:20-11:15	10:00-11:00	Period 2
11:15-11:35	11:00-11:20	Break
11:35-12:30	11:20-12:30	Period 3
12:30-13:10	12:20-13:00	Lunch
13:10-14:05	13:00-14:00	Period 4
14:05-15:00	14:00-15:00	Period 5
15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00	Extra-curricular

# TRANSITION PASSPORT 2025

## Welcome...

We are delighted you have chosen Biddick Academy for your child's secondary education. Your child will be joining a school with high ambitions and expectations of students, ensuring they receive the best education.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new students and their families. The transition to Year 7 can often be a daunting prospect, so we aim to make this process as smooth as possible. Our comprehensive transition programme introduces your child to life at Biddick Academy and lays the foundations for a successful five years.

We look forward to meeting you and your child over the coming weeks and working with you in September.

**Miss K Morris**  
Headteacher

## Meet our transition team...



**Mr Brown**  
Transition Lead



**Miss Westgarth**  
Year 7 Manager



**Mrs Scott**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mr Morrison**  
Behaviour Lead



**Mr Lawson**  
Unity Centre Manager



**Mrs Mitchinson**  
SENDCO

# Important dates and events

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 24th June (all day)	Year 6 visit to Biddick	Students arrive for an 8:30am start in their primary school uniform.  Lunch will be provided.
Tuesday 24th June (3:30-6:00pm)	Uniform trying-on session	An opportunity to see samples of the school uniform for sizing.  PE kit available to purchase.
Wednesday 25th June (all day)	Year 6 visit to Biddick	Students arrive for an 8.30am start in their primary school uniform.
Wednesday 25th June (4:30pm)	'Meet the Tutor' evening	Tutor presentations start at 4:30pm.  Key information shared and opportunity to speak further with your child's form tutor.
May/June	Visits to Primary Schools	Members of the Transition Team visit students in primary schools throughout May and June.
Monday 8th September	First day of term for all students	School begins at 8:30am.

## Useful information

### Vision, values and ethos

At Biddick Academy, our vision is simple and shared by all schools across the North East Learning Trust family. It is that every child experiences excellence every day.

### Expectations

At Biddick Academy we have high expectations for students in terms of attitude, effort, conduct, presentation, and learning. We enjoy praising students and have a fantastic house and rewards system. We do also employ sanctions which include detentions after school. These are compulsory and parents/students are informed of dates and times.

### Attendance

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days in the whole academic year. Absence from the Academy for any reason has a significant impact on learning and has been proven to reduce student grades. Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

### House points

Staff award house points when students display the 'IMPACT' values. This includes high quality interactions, excellent manners and fantastic work to name a few. These house points are used to determine individual pupil and house rewards. Students gain house points for engagement in house events. Students can also use their points to purchase a variety of items from Biddick Shop.

### Homework

Homework is a vital part of learning. Homework is logged on EASI which students have access to.

### EASI

Once your child is on roll, all parents and students will be allocated login details and a password for EASI. This site allows access to house points, timetables, attendance, homework details, detentions and more.

### Uniform

At Biddick Academy, our school uniform is an important expression of our pride in our school. Regardless of background or ability, wearing a smart school uniform promotes equality and a feeling of community. We ask that everyone, students, parents and carers, help to ensure that our school dress code is always observed. You will receive a separate uniform booklet which clearly outlines our uniform requirements.

### Equipment

We ask that every child has a pencil case including the following equipment: a pen, pencil, ruler, and an eraser. We strongly recommend that students also have a reading book- these are available from our school library. Students will also need a bag large enough to fit this equipment in as well as an A4 size file/exercise book.