



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 28th February 2022

Message from Miss Morris

The spring term always flies by and this half-term has been no exception. Our Year 11 pupils are firmly focused on the summer exams which begin in just 13 weeks time. We are excited to be running our first residential trip for over two years. Year 11 and Year 10 pupils have been invited to take part in a 'writer's retreat' in the Lake District, as preparation for their English Language and Literature exams. Further details have been sent to parents by Class Charts.

Our Year 8 Futsal team have made it through to the county finals and will be competing on 4th March, hopefully a trophy! It will also be their first outing in their new football strip. In other areas of school life, the 'Search for a Star' has begun, will all pupils invited to showcase their musical and theatrical talents, with two performers being selected to represent the Academy in the region finals.

I would like to thank parents and carers for bearing with us this half-term, while we have been experienced a high level of staff absence due to Covid. I hope that you enjoy a restful break over half-term and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 28th February.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

World Book Day – 3rd March 2022

- We are currently gearing up for World Book Day at the start of next term and we have a range of activities and opportunities planned for our students:
- We will be celebrating the day by reading the short-story 'The Monkey's Paw' by W. W. Jacobs together. Members of the Leadership Team will be reading along to students as a section of the story is unraveled at the beginning of each lesson.
- Our Tutor time activities will provide students with messages from staff across the Academy about their favourite books and celebrate some of the opening lines in popular classics.
- Staff in the Academy will be dressing up in different genres of book. The Art Faculty will be dressed in 'horror'; English in the 'classics'; Science will be dressed in 'Crime Fiction' to name just a few.
- Our Assemblies will be focused around the importance of reading for pleasure.
- There will also be competitions and activities in the library or our students and our student journalists will be reporting on the day for us.
- As usual our students will receive their book token on the day. This can be used to purchase a copy of a World Book Day book or to be used towards the purchase of a book at your local bookseller.

Photography Competition

- Our Art Faculty are holding a competition with the theme of "Movement – can you capture energy in a photograph?"
- Whether your child is experienced or a keen beginner, we are asking any budding photographers to enter our competition and take the opportunity of the half term break to practice in various locations.
- Deadline is Friday 4th March and entries should be emailed to Mrs Garton at garton.s@biddickacademy.com

Regional Festival of Languages

- Languages opens doors!
- Students are asked to let their creativity take hold again and create a poster which explains why it is important to learn another language.
- It could be about anything at all, and students can draw, use images, create a collage or a digital print, but the use of language must form the main part of the poster, and of course it must be a foreign language!
- All entries to Mrs Lessels on return from half term.

Year 9 Options

- We have now sent out information to all Year 9 parents/carers by Class Charts about how to book an online meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss, agree upon and confirm your child's Key Stage 4 Options.
- School Cloud appointments are available to book now and will be held from Tuesday 1st March to Friday 18th March.

Uniform - Leggings

- Students are not allowed to wear leggings as part of their school uniform (unless they have a sensory need as identified in their Student Overview).
- Students can either choose to wear the Biddick Academy skirt, or wear grey trousers.
- Please do not allow your child to wear leggings (aside from PE lessons) as this could result in students losing their social time.
- Thank you for your support.