



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 23rd May 2022

Message from Miss Morris

Term Time Holidays

We are seeing quite a number of term-time holiday requests as families rearrange breaks delayed by the pandemic. Days off school soon add up and missing lessons makes it hard to catch up, resulting in pupils having to work harder when they come back and missing vital information that will prevent their progress. I would urge all parents and carers to avoid term-time holidays due to the negative impact on your child's learning.

Please contact the Attendance team at the Academy if you would like any support with your child's attendance, we are here to help and support.

Thank you.

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Year 7 and 8 Assessments

- This week saw our Year 7 students sit their first ever assessments under full examination conditions in the Watson Hall.
- The students approached these assessments in a serious, sensible and mature manner - they were an absolute credit to the Academy!
- Please find below the timetable for the remaining assessments over the coming weeks.

Key Stage 3 Summer Assessment Timetable				
Date	Period	Year Group	Assessment	Assessment Length
Monday 23 rd May (Week 2)	4	7	CAT4 Science	45 minutes
Wednesday 25 th May (Week 2)	4	7	GL English	1 hour
Wednesday 8 th June (Week 1)	4	7	GL Maths	1 hour
Friday 10 th June (Week 1)	4	7	GL Science	1 hour
Tuesday 14 th June (Week 2)	4	8	GL English	1 hour
Wednesday 15 th June (Week 2)	4	8	GL Maths	1 hour
Friday 17 th June (Week 2)	4/5	7/8	CAT4 and GL Catch-Ups	Up to 2 hours

How to support your child's reading - session in our Library on Thursday 9th June

- One of the best ways you can help your child do well at school is by helping them to enjoy reading for pleasure.
- We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our 'How to support your child's reading' session here at the Academy.
- The session will follow the Parents Forum and be held on **Thursday 9th June at 6.00pm** in the Library.
- We will be sharing information about our Accelerated Reader Programme for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 as well as tips and strategies that can be used at home to support your child.
- There will an opportunity to find out about current popular children's and Young Adult Fiction as well as ask questions.
- If you have any further questions or you would like to attend the session, please email Mr C. Brown on brown.c@biddickacademy.com

Read Around the World

- We are delighted with the recent installation of our *Read Around the World* project in our library.
- The display has caught the imagination of students and attracted great interest in the texts that adorn our walls.
- The reading map takes students across the continents drawing connections between books and their links to parts of the world. It includes a visit to Yorkshire in *Wuthering Heights*, Pakistan in *I am Malala* and much further afield to New Zealand in the *Hobbit*.
- We are sure you will agree that the piece wonderfully captures reading as a passport to countless adventures and the books are already proving popular in our library and we look forward to you seeing the display on your next visit to the Academy.

