



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 13th February 2023

A Note from Acting Headteacher Mr Delf

One of the areas that we are trying to improve at Biddick Academy is our communication with parents and carers. As a result, you may have noticed an increase in our social media activity recently.

For example, we published this week the fantastic news that Olivia in Year 11 has her artwork showing in the exhibition Bright Lights Youth Art 2023. You can see Olivia's artwork in this parental bulletin too.

We have also tweeted or posted information about college and sixth form applications, careers in the NHS, Children's Mental Health Week and even an English test for parents.

We want you to follow us at;

- Twitter at <https://twitter.com/biddickacademy>
- Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BiddickAcademySchool>
- Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/biddickacademyschool/>

We are also keen to hear your ideas and thoughts in terms of the type of things you would like to be kept up to date with or hear about from us. Any thoughts please contact moscardini-baharie.d@biddickacademy.com

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mr Delf

Student Artwork

Student Olivia Atkinson's Artwork is currently showing in the exhibition Bright Lights Youth Art 2023 which is currently running 2nd February – 11 March at Washington's Art Centre. The exhibit is showcasing art from the students across Sunderland. This is amazing to see our students excelling in this way.



Y11 Hospitality and Catering Exam

- The Y11 Hospitality and Catering students will be doing their Unit 2 practical exam in the week beginning **Monday 6th March 2023**.
- The school will be providing the ingredients needed (students have already completed their requisition order forms for this) and students have been given their exam date which they can also find on Class Charts.
- The final deadline for Unit 2 is **Monday 27th March**.
- Intervention is on every **Thursday from 3pm-4pm**.
- Some students have been told they must attend this but other students are also welcome to attend.

National Apprenticeship Week



Photograph: Nathan from SETA talking to our students

- This week was Apprenticeships Week in the Academy and we were delighted to have visitors in the school from a range of providers.
- These included Seta, an engineering and business training provider based in Washington.
- We also had a visit and talk from Equans, an apprenticeship provider who supports businesses by providing low-carbon energy solutions.
- We also had a visit from the ASK programme, an organisation who aim to increase awareness of apprenticeships, traineeships and T Levels amongst students, parents, carers and teachers.
- Young people can find out more about apprenticeships available in the local area and apply via the [website: https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Work Experience

- One of the best ways to prepare our students for the world of work is to offer them the opportunity to go on Work Experience.
- We are delighted to offer this opportunity as part of our Careers Programme to Y10 students in the final week of the Summer Term: **Monday 17th July- Thursday 20th July**.
- Parents of Year 10 students will have received a letter through Classcharts this week with details.
- Students have been asked to complete their placement form on their Unifrog account: <https://www.unifrog.org/>
- The deadline for the student initial form is: **Friday 31st March 2023**.
- If you have any questions about Unifrog or completing the student electronic forms, please contact Mrs Maddison at maddison.l@biddickacademy.com
- If you have any questions more widely about Work Experience or our Careers provision please contact Mr Brown at brown.c@biddickacademy.com

Year 11

Key dates

- You will receive the summer exam timetable next week but in the meantime I wanted to share some key dates with you;
- Date for deposit for prom: **Friday 31st March**
- Date of first exam: **Monday 15th May**
- Date of last exam: **Wednesday 28th June**
- Date of prom: **Friday 30th June**
- Date of Results Day: **Thursday 24th August**

February Half Term Revision

- Please see below outline of revision sessions available during February half term.
- Students must report via the main reception and the member of staff delivering the session will collect them from there.

Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February
English Miss Wilkinson (10:00am - 12:00pm)	Triple Science Biology Miss Hooper (9:00am-11:00am)
English Mrs Hogg (10:00am-12:00pm)	Science Higher Miss Hopper (11:00am - 12:00pm)
Spanish Mr Dodds (11:00am-12:00pm)	Science Foundation Miss Hopper (12:30pm - 2:00pm)
How to revise/ study skills - Mr Dodds (1:00pm - 2:00pm)	

Assessment Week

- Year 11 students will complete assessments in classrooms for all of their subjects from **Monday 27th February**.
- The purpose of these assessments is to ensure teachers, students and parents and carers have an accurate, up-to-date picture of the grade your child is currently working at.
- Once the assessments have been completed and marked, parents and carers will receive a report with your child's current GCSE grades and predictions.