



# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Week starting 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### A Note from Acting Headteacher Mr Delf

It was lovely to see so many Year 8 parents attend the 'Looking ahead' evening on Thursday evening. The evening involved short presentations from key members of staff across the Academy, focussing upon the importance of Reading, Maths, Science and attendance. It also included a brief tour of the Academy, for some parents this was the first time that they had been able to see the inside of our school building. We are proud of our facilities and keen to improve our communication with parents and carers. Should you wish to tour Biddick Academy, to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team and find out more about our ethos and values, then please contact Miss Moscardini - Baharie on 0191 511 1600. Miss Moscardini - Baharie will then organise a visit for you. We look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you for all of your parental support this week, it is very much appreciated.

Mr Delf

### Personal Development Update

- This term our Personal Development curriculum focuses on Health and Well-being for all students across Years 7-11.
- This allows students to develop an understanding of how to lead a healthy lifestyle and develop awareness of support available to them.
- **How can I support my child?**
- We are committed to supporting every student's physical health, safety, and emotional wellbeing.
- This includes working with parents/carers within our community to ensure all members of the Academy have access to external resources to support their child's development.
- Due to this term being related to health and mental well-being, the following website can offer support and guidance for every child:
  - <https://www.kooth.com/>
  - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
  - <https://parentwise.campaign.gov.uk/>
  - <https://pshe-association.org.uk/>
- If you require any further information on our Personal Development lessons please contact Mr Brown [brown.c@biddickacademy.com](mailto:brown.c@biddickacademy.com) or Miss Hopper [hopper.b@biddickacademy.com](mailto:hopper.b@biddickacademy.com).
- Alternatively, our curriculum overview can be found on the website.

### Internet Safer Day

- Safer Internet Day will take place on **February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**.
- The theme this year is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.
- This is a special anniversary of the campaign which now enters its 20<sup>th</sup> year and is celebrated in over 170 countries.
- Throughout the day, teaching staff will share advice and guidance that will allow pupils to stay safe online.
- All year groups will also have an assembly on internet safety throughout the week.
- For more information, please visit the parents and carers section of the **UK Safer Internet Centre** website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

## Careers Half Term Open Day Event **\*\*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb\*\***

- TDR Training are hosting an open day for students, parents and teachers who are interested in apprenticeship opportunities within Engineering, Science or Business Administration.
- This event will be taking place at out state of the Art training facilities based at the **Quorum, Longbenton.**
- **The event will run from 10.30am – 12.30pm**
- Who will be attending?
- Express Engineering (Gateshead)
- Miller UK (Cramlington)
- Siemens (Newcastle)
- British Engines (Various)
- Schofield Electricals (South Shields)
- As there is a high demand can we ask that you register for a “free” ticket on the following link.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tdr-apprenticeship-open-day-tickets-472615665177>
- Parents and guardians are welcome to attend without a ticket.
- During the open day, you will have the opportunity to view our training facilities and talk about the opportunities available to you.
- Training facilities include:
- Fabrication and welding
- Machining
- Fitting
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Science

## Important GCSE Art & Design Final Exam Dates

- These dates are for all year 11 students who study GCSE Art & Design, GCSE Fine Art, GCSE Textile and GCSE Digital Art.
- Coursework deadline **Tuesday 31st January 2023** (60% of the overall grade)
- The Final Exam Project is worth 40% of student's overall grade and starts **Thursday 2nd February 2023.**
- Students' exam preparation time takes place in their normal lessons.
- To ensure a successful exam, it is imperative that students attend every preparation lesson until **Friday 31st March 2023.**
- The controlled 10 hour exam starts week beginning **Monday 17th April 2023** and your child will be given a timetable informing them of when their 10 hour controlled exam time will take place.
- These will be split into 2 hour sessions across the first 2 weeks after Easter.

## Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening

- We hope that, those parents and carers who were able to attend last week's Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening found it informative (and tasty if you sampled the food in the Cafeteria).
- If you were unable to attend, please find a link below to an electronic version of the presentation which also contains the contact information for key members of staff should you require it.
- [Y8 Looking Ahead Evening](#)

## Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening



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### Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5pm – 6pm**



The staff and trustees at Biddick Academy would like to invite parents and carers of Year 10 students to our Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm – 6pm.

This event will provide parents and carers with vital information about the forthcoming year as well as advice and tips on how best to support your child. There will also be representatives from local colleges and Sixth Forms and talks from key staff from English, Maths and Science.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Please complete the Google Form link below if you wish to attend the Year 10 Mock Exam Readiness Evening <https://forms.office.com/e/HFd74dH192>

## Bright Lights Youth Art Festival

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Washington



### **Bright Lights Youth Arts Festival 2023**

Arts Centre Washington

You are invited to a celebration event opening the Bright Lights Youth Arts Festival 2023, on Tuesday 21 February, 6pm at Arts Centre Washington.

The festival is a celebration of the talented young people who live in Washington, Sunderland and beyond.

The opening event will give you a chance to have a look round this year's Bright Lights Youth Arts Exhibition followed by a short film screening and performances in the theatre.

This year's Bright Lights Youth Arts Festival will take place over February half term and features performances, screenings, displays and workshops all created by young people.

We look forward to welcoming you to:

Arts Centre Washington, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington, NE38 8AB

Please RSVP by Tuesday 14 February to [rspv@sunderlandculture.org.uk](mailto:rspv@sunderlandculture.org.uk)

Bright Lights Youth Arts Festival is supported by Sunderland City Council's Washington Area Committee as part of our Creative You Project

