



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY

Week starting 20th March 2023

A Note from Acting Headteacher Mr Delf

Can I firstly thank parents and carers for their support in our shared aim to improve attendance.

Attendance on Monday and Tuesday last week was much higher than previous weeks. Although only Year 11 students were in school Wednesday and Thursday, their attendance was also pleasing.

Whilst we had a slightly disrupted week, last week, it ended on a high with our Careers Fair taking place in Watson Hall on Friday afternoon. A range of providers and companies set up stalls so that students were able to informally approach lots of different employers and talk to them personally. This is a great way for students to experience a wide range of businesses and pathway progression routes in their local community. Careers Fairs are an excellent way for students to hear what is on offer to them in terms of their next steps.

We know that our students thrive in this environment, they are confident to talk to different employers, gaining an understanding of what different roles entail and the skills that are needed to become successful when they leave Biddick Academy.

The Careers Fair, which is a key part of our wider careers offer to our students is one reason why we are so successful in ensuring all our students are on aspirational pathways when they leave us. I am sure Friday's Career Fair was very rewarding for all that attend.

Thank you for all of your support last week and I hope you all had a good weekend.

Year 9 Textile Art

- Year 9's project was to create a piece of textile art inspired by an endangered animal
- Some of my students have created a piece of art which could become a wall hanging, some have created bags and cushions, and one student challenged themselves to create pieces of art which were applied to a denim jacket
- They have all demonstrated aspiration and resilience to complete this project and challenge themselves



Northumbria Police Recruitment

- Northumbria Police recruitment campaign is currently open
- Below is an entry requirements leaflet showing the different ways to join the Police



The leaflet is titled 'NORTHUMBRIA POLICE RECRUITMENT ENTRY ROUTES'. It features a central circular logo of the Northumbria Police. Four lines radiate from the logo to four text boxes, each describing a different entry route: Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA), Graduate Detective Programme (GDP), Special Constable, and Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP). To the right of the leaflet, there is a blue header 'ENTRY REQUIREMENTS' and a white box containing detailed requirements for PCDA, DHEP/GDP, and PPD. Below this is a QR code and the website 'CAREERS.NORTHUMBRIA.POLICE.UK'. Two photographs are included: one of a smiling woman and one of a police officer in uniform.

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE RECRUITMENT ENTRY ROUTES

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA)
Open to those who don't already have a degree qualification. This is a three-year funded course at Northumbria University. Candidates will receive a blended approach to learning with time spent between study and practical on the job training. They will obtain a degree in Professional Policing Practice at the end of the three years.

Graduate Detective Programme (GDP)
Open to graduates, this two-year programme allows candidates to work directly towards a detective role, without having to complete the standard two-year response training first. As part of the programme, they will complete the National Investigators Exam.

Special Constable
This is a volunteering role and candidates will receive an 18-week intense training programme to support them in their role.

Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP)
For degree holders or those in their final year at university. This two-year programme provides the opportunity to gain a fully funded Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice on successful completion.

Professional Policing Degree (PPD)
Open to Professional Policing Practice Degree holders or students in their final year, this two-year programme gives you the opportunity to put what you have learnt during your degree into practice. On application you can choose between a uniform or detective role.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PCDA:
Candidates will require either 120 UCAS points from A levels/ Level 3 qualifications.

OR
at least two Level 3 qualifications PLUS a minimum of 3 years work experience that will support your progression into the Police Officer role.
MUST also have Maths and English at GCSE grade C or above or equivalent – eg Level 2 functional skills.

DHEP/GDP:
Candidates must have:

- at least a level 6 bachelor's degree in any subject area or be a student within the final year of study for a bachelor's degree.
- Maths and English at GCSE grade C or above or equivalent – eg Level 2 functional skills.

PPD:
Candidates must have:

- Maths and English at GCSE grade C or above or equivalent – eg Level 2 functional skills.
- Degree must be from a College of Policing approved provider and be used within 5 years of graduating.

Other entry criteria:

- Must hold a full UK manual driving licence at time of entry.
- Must have a right to work in the UK and have been a resident in the country for at least 3 years.

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT:
[CAREERS.NORTHUMBRIA.POLICE.UK](https://careers.northumbria.police.uk)

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iMedia and Enterprise results

- On Thursday 16th March, iMedia and Enterprise and Marketing students received their results for the examination they completed in January
- The result of this examination forms part of their overall GCSE grade and students achieved some phenomenal results
- Enterprise and Marketing students will have a second opportunity to take this exam in the summer term and the best grade from the two exams will be used towards the final grade
- If your child is unaware of their result, they must speak to Mr Scougall (Faculty Leader - Computing)

Reports

- Year 11 teachers are currently completing their reports based upon the grades your child achieved in their most recent assessments
- These reports will be posted to parents/carers by **Friday 31st March** and will include a working at grade and a predicted grade

Prom

- A reminder that a deposit of £20 is required by **Friday 31st March** in order for your child to secure their place at the **Year 11 Prom on Friday 30th June**
- Payments must be made at the Student Office

Year 10

- A reminder that students will complete their mock examinations from **Monday 17th April - Friday 28th April**
- The final mock examination timetable will be shared in next week's Parent Bulletin

Online Safety

How old is your child online?

- Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account?
- For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age?
- If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about
- If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18
- This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults
- In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging)
- The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media>

Age ratings

- Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog;
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>
- If you have any concerns regarding online safety or require further information, please contact Mr Morrison: morrison.c@biddickacademy.com