



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 30th October 2023

A Message from our Headteacher Miss Morris

Dear parent/carer,

The first half-term of the new school year has flown-by and October has been a busy month in school. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting the New Scientist Live exhibition. Some of our Year 8 pupils have been getting to grips with rowing at the Tyne and Wear rowing club and tomorrow, pupils and staff depart for New York for an action packed 6 days.

We have also enjoyed lots of parents and carers visiting the Academy for the Year 7 Settling-in Evening and Year 11 Readiness Evening. Below are the key dates for next half-term, I hope you will be able to join us.

Date	Event
1 st November 2023	Photograph Day
23 rd November 2023	Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening
7 th December 2023	Christmas Musical Night

I would like to remind parents/carers that appointments are required to meet with a member of staff. Unfortunately, due to teaching commitments and the busy nature of the school day, **staff are not able to meet with parents/carers without an appointment.** The easiest way to make an appointment is to telephone the Student Office who will direct your enquiry to the right member of staff. As always, in the case of urgent safeguarding enquiries, please telephone us immediately.

I hope you and your family have a restful break over half-term.

Youth Art Exhibition – submissions 2024

- The Art Centre Washington's annual Youth Art Exhibition is looking for submissions for the Bright Lights 2024
- Supported by Sunderland Culture, Bright Lights will showcase some of the most exciting artwork by young people in Washington and the Greater Sunderland Area, and will be curated by The Celebrate Difference Collective
- This is an exciting opportunity for 11-19 year olds to submit artwork for display in Arts Centre Washington's professional gallery
- Submissions of existing and newly creative work across art forms including visual arts, sculpture, creative writing, illustration, photography, animation, textiles, music, video and all things creative are welcomed
- For more information please visit:
- https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/call-for-entries-bright-lights-youth-arts-exhibition-2024/?dm_i=517P,VTS6,508SWB,3P6ME,1

UNIFROG

- A reminder that all students are able to access Unifrog for help and guidance to support them with their future career ambitions. Students simply login to
- www.unifrog.org
- using their username and password in order to access a wealth of information, quizzes and guidance to support them
- We have received feedback from some parents who have found this helpful to look through when having conversations with their child about the world of work

Year 11 Mock Exams

- Please see below the mock exam timetable, beginning on **Monday 6th November**. There is also a link to the topics that will be covered in each subject so that students know how to focus their revision
- [Topics to Revise - Mock Exams](#)
- [Mock Exam Timetable](#)
- If students are struggling to know how to revise, please follow this link for subject specific revision strategies: Subject Specific Revision Techniques
- Mock exam rules and regulations are set out below;
- Full uniform for all exams
- No communication from the moment of entry to the exams including the section outside of my office
- Mobile phones must be turned off and in bags
- Pencil cases must be clear
- Water bottles must have labels remove
- Highlighters are not allowed in your answers
- Students must bring all of the required equipment to each exam
- No toilet breaks (unless exceptional circumstances)
- No watch of any kind