

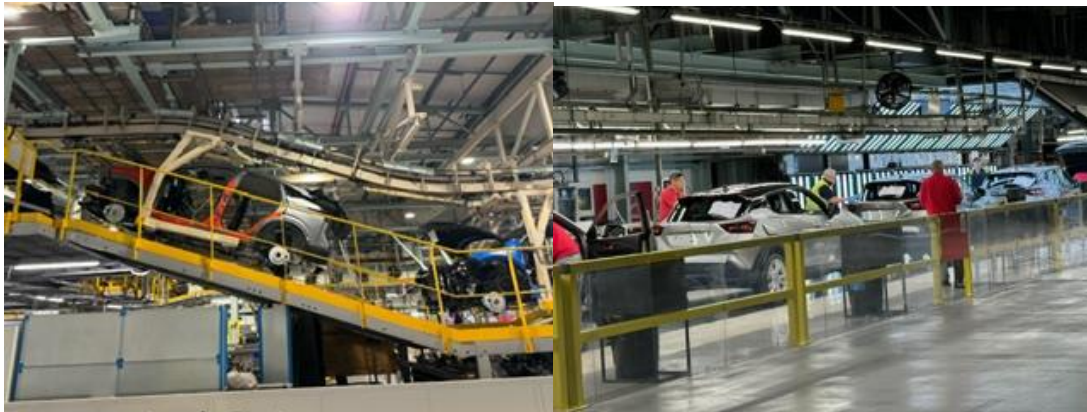


# BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 27th November 2023

## STEM trip to Nissan

- On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November students attended Nissan for their STEM trip
- The trip was very informative, our students enjoyed the experience observing how a frame of a car (skeleton) slowly goes through all the stages and components being added in to make a complete a car
- Our students have also left with a project topic which they are going to discuss on Tuesdays in science/computing club as part of their STEM projects
- Please see some pictures of the trip below



## Online Safety – Snapchat Quick Add

- Snapchat's Quick Add feature allows users to discover other users based on mutual friends, subscriptions, and several other factors. Getting friend recommendations on Snapchat is common, and thanks to the Quick Add feature, users can easily discover and add friends
- However, **Quick Add might result in users getting random friend requests from unknown people.** If this happens, they might want to disable the feature entirely. Quick Add suggestions usually appear in the Add Friends section and search screen on Snapchat
- How To Turn Off Quick Add On Snapchat;

1. Open **Snapchat**

2. Tap your **profile** in the top left

3. Click the **settings icon** in the top right

4. Scroll down to '**Privacy Controls**' and then tap '**See me in Quick Add.**

5. **Switch the slider to the off position** to remove yourself from Quick Add

## Christmas Jumper Day

- This year's Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Thursday 7th December**
- On this day, your child will be allowed to come to school in normal full uniform but with a Christmas Jumper over their shirt and tie
- If they would like to take part, they must bring a £1 donation for our school charity, Mind. This will be given to their Form Tutor during Registration at the start of the day

## Year 8, 9 and 10 Student Leadership Trip to Brussels, Belgium

- You will have now received a letter on ClassCharts detailing how you can register your child's interest in the Student Leadership Trip to Brussels in March 2024
- Your child can collect a follow-up letter from the Student Office from break time on Monday
- If your child has been successfully accepted on to this trip, a cash deposit of £70 is due in at the Student Office by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

- Reminder that Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place online this **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 3.45pm to 6.15pm
- The link to sign up for appointments with your child's teachers is here:  
<https://biddickacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- We look forward to speaking with you

## Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening

- We hope that those parents and carers who were able to attend this week's Year 8 Looking Ahead Evening found it informative
- If you were unable to attend, please follow this link to our website which contains the electronic version of the presentation: <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Year-8-Looking-Ahead-Evening.pdf>

## Lord Lawson Sixth Form - Opportunity

**f6rm @ LLOB**

# GET READY FOR SUCCESS!

## WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- A broad choice of subjects
- An excellent, experienced teaching team
- An experienced pastoral team offering personalised support
- A sixth form dedicated learning centre, equipped with a range of technology
- A social space exclusively for sixth form students including a COSTA coffee outlet
- An exciting enrichment programme to prepare students for life beyond sixth form

Ofsted 2022 - **GOOD** in all areas including sixth form provision

Trust • Respect • Courage • Ambition

Together we grow, learn and succeed

Come and join us at our **Sixth Form Open Evening** for parents and prospective students looking to join us in September 2023  
**Thursday 7 December 5.00pm - 7.00pm**

**Don't just take our word for it...**

The level of support Lord Lawson sixth form can offer you is incredible. I felt so overwhelmed by how kind the members of staff are, they genuinely care so much about your well-being and really want to see you do well.  
Past sixth form student

"I moved to Lord Lawson for sixth form and I am very happy with my decision. I believe the teachers are always there to help and do actually care about how I do in lessons."  
Current student, Yr 12

Sixth form offers brilliant staff who have supported me through the process of transitioning from school to sixth form. There are also a number of excellent extracurricular activities such as Macmillan Coffee mornings and Children in Need fancy dress days.  
Current student, Yr 12

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## The Big Ambition

- The Big Ambition is a new campaign from the government which encourages children, young people and parents across the country to take part in a survey about what they need to make their lives better
- This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5
- This will ensure the government hear from early years settings all the way to colleges and sixth form settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently
- The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## **Online Safety Bill**

- At the end of October the Online Safety Act received Royal Assent putting rules to make the UK safer for children and young people online
- Websites and apps must now be built with children's safety in mind, and tech companies will have to legally prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content
- They will also have a responsibility to remove illegal content quickly and enforce age limits and use age-checking measures on platforms
- They will also be required to provide parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online when they do arise
- Information about this Bill will be made clear to students within their Personal Development curriculum. Further information about the Online Safety Bill can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-children-and-adults-to-be-safer-online-as-world-leading-bill-becomes-law>