



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 29th January 2024

Contacting the academy

Below is a quick reminder of the best way to contact members of staff at the academy and how we may contact you.

To contact a specific member of staff, or to arrange a meeting, contact: The Student Office

0191 511 1600, option 2
info@biddickacademy.com

The Student Office will be able to help you with any pupil related query, for example uniform, after school learning, trips and so.

If you are emailing and know the member of staff you wish to contact, please include this for example, in the subject line.

The Student Office will pass on your message/email to the member of staff who will then contact you. If the line is busy, feel free to leave an answerphone message and we will get back to you.

For queries related to attendance contact: The Attendance Team

0191 511 1600, option 1
attendance@biddickacademy.com

ClassCharts Messaging

Please note that the Attendance Team use ClassCharts messaging to alert parents to a pupil absence. If you reply, they will receive your message.

As always, if you need to speak to us about an urgent safeguarding matter, please telephone the main school reception.

Thank you for your support.

Miss K. Morris

Year 7 Assessment

- Next week Year 7s will be completing assessments in each of their subjects.
- Please reassure your child that the assessments are nothing to worry about. They take place in lesson time and simply help teachers to check on your child's learning.
- If you would like further information on the Year 7 assessments, please contact Mr Knowles (Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 3 Achievement) on knowles.j@biddickacademy.com.

Year 9 Options

- Thank you for supporting your child in submitting their provisional options form this week.
- Its been great seeing the mature and thoughtful approach students in Year 9 have been taking about making such important decisions.
- Its also been lovely finding out more about their dreams and aspirations for the future.
- The final options form will be sent out for your child to complete on **Monday 12th February 2024**.

KS3 Reading Tests

- All Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be completing a reading test in their Accelerated Reader lessons over the next two weeks.

- This will enable us to check on their progress and to ensure they have an accurate and up to date reading level.
- This will support students to select books in the library that are appropriately challenging for them.
- Students cannot revise for the test but are encouraged to try their best and to read the questions carefully.
- The results will be provided in the next report that you receive for your child.
- If you would like any further support with your child's reading do not hesitate to get in touch on brown.c@biddickacademy.com.
- We also provide a range of reading lists and tips for parents on our website: <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/reading-for-pleasure-and-progress/>

Year 10 Work Experience

- A letter has been sent out via ClassCharts to provide information about Work Experience for Year 10 students this year.
- We will be holding a Work Experience Information Evening for parents/carers of Year 10 students on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 5.30pm** in the Academy.
- This will provide information and advice to support your child to organise and secure a work experience placement. Your child is welcome to attend this evening.
- Please confirm your attendance by emailing Miss Moscardini-Baharie on moscardini-baharie.d@biddickacademy.com.