



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 4th March 2024

Reading Questionnaire, for Years 7, 8 and 9

- In an effort to further support our pupils with their reading skills, we would like to gain the views of parents/carers.
- Reading has a significant number of benefits for pupils which is why we prioritise it at Biddick.
- We would like to take your views on the following questions to help us develop our provision.
- Please find the survey at <https://forms.office.com/e/TinYEeMci5>
- We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

- We are excited to invite you to sign up for your child's first parents evening at Biddick Academy.
- The Year 7 parents' evening will take place online on Thursday 14th March 2024 from 3:45pm-6:15pm.
- The School Cloud link to sign up for 5-minute appointments with your child's teacher is here;
- <https://biddickacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- If you are having problems getting onto the School Cloud please contact infor@biddickacademy.com
- We look forward to speaking with you.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

- The second parents' evening for Year 11 pupils will take place on School Cloud on Thursday 21st March 2024 from 3:45pm-5:45pm.
- Please access the link below to book your appointments.
- <https://biddickacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- If you are unable to book appointments with a specific teacher, please email moore.g@biddickacademy.com who will make the appropriate arrangements for you to speak with them.

Careers Fair Friday 15th March 2024

- We would like to invite you to join your child at our Careers Fair here at Biddick Academy.
- This is a wonderful opportunity to further increase student awareness of employment, apprenticeships, training and further education. The event will include representatives from a range of organisations and industries including: Engineering, Business and Management, Uniformed Services, Health and Education, and the Arts.
- This is a great opportunity for Year 10 and Year 11 students to speak with local sixth forms and colleges about their progression route including: Durham Sixth Form, St Robert's, New College Durham and Sunderland College.
- The event complements sessions held during the academic year to guide and support students with information about employment, training and further education.
- The event will run during the day and students in Years 9 to 11 will attend for a 30-minute allocation.
- We would like to extend our invitation to parents/carers to join in on the opportunity from 3:10pm-3:45pm, so that you can speak directly with providers and receive support, information and guidance. On arrival at the Academy please make your way to the reception.

Online Safety – Screen Time

- Are you worried your child has too much screen time or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.
- How to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>
- How to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>
- How to balance screen time
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>