

RW/MAH

26th January 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for your support for what has been a positive start to the new year. Please find below a few points for information.

- The local authority designated 1st June 2012 as an additional holiday in lieu of the bank holiday 5th June set to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The exam boards have recently published the dates for examinations this summer and we have a large number of students in Y10 and Y11 taking an exam on this date. (as do other schools). Having consulted the local authority and governors we are moving the date of the additional holiday to Friday 20th July 2012, breaking up for the summer holiday on the 19th July 2012. I apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have arranged holiday for the 1st June please contact me here at the school to discuss.
- The next 'Parents Forum' is scheduled for 31st January at 6pm in the Watson Hall. The agenda is:
 - Explanation regarding 'the schools exam entry policy, including early entry'
 - Progress with regard to School Improvement Priorities 2011-2012

Thank you to all parents who have supported requests for support regarding:

- That all pupils are allocated, and use, a locker which provides secure storage for outdoor clothing, valuables and equipment.
- That 'valuable' items not be brought into school because we cannot be responsible for them.
- Mobile phones should be kept in lockers and not used during lessons and lesson change over.
- The wearing of correct uniform (page 6 student planner) (appropriate length of skirts are a focus at the moment).
- Leggings are not suitable for school

I advise you all to look at the Student Planner and familiarise yourself with our expectations. Please sign the planner on page 11 if you require you son/daughter to go home for lunch, by doing this you are accepting responsibility for your son/daughter at this time. We prefer them to stay on site.

The new all weather 3G pitch will be in use very soon. Thank you to all parents and students for your patience whilst we worked to rectify the electrical issues. If you would like details of how to book the pitch please contact the school.

I request that at the end of school parents leave the 'disabled' parking bays at the front of school for parents collecting pupils with permanent or temporary disability. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please find for your information details of Washington Cricket Club's coaching sessions at the school.

U13 (Y7 & 8) Sunday 2-4pm

U15 (Y9 & 10) Sunday 4:15 – 6:15pm

Y11 are welcome to join the senior session

Monday evenings 6:30-9pm

Contact Andrew Wilkie 0785 5819593

Some important dates for your diary:

Parents Evenings

Y9 Thursday 9th February 2012

Y8 Thursday 22nd March 2012

Y10 Thursday 21st June 2012

Y7 Thursday 5th July 2012

Parents Forum Evenings

31st January 2012

28th February 2012

24th April 2012

19th June 2012

Thank you for your continued support. If you want to keep up to date with school events/information visit our website www.biddickschoolsportscollege.com if you would like to contact me regarding any matter relating to school please do so, I will respond! (Wilkinson.r@sunderlandlearning.net or through my PA Mrs M Haggan 5613680).

Yours sincerely

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