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## Washington Academy Parental Bulletin

### Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **Attendance Messages**

##### 100% attendance challenge

Following on from the success of last half term, we are continuing with the 100% weekly challenge. When students have been in school all week, they collect a ticket from their tutor. During break time that day, they decide which box to place it in. This term the vouchers are for:- Asda, Amazon and Metro Centre. In the last week of term names will be pulled out and the vouchers presented to the students. Please encourage your child to attend school everyday.

##### End of term surprise

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to the end of the term, the top 150 attending students will be rewarded with a surprise end of term celebration! Once again, please encourage your child to attend school.

##### Tutor Group Challenge

We have 4 attendance leagues in school where each tutor group is placed. Each week the tutor groups accumulate points depending on their attendance. At the end of last term we had a great pizza party to celebrate the winners of each league. This half term we are having a Xmas celebration with doughnuts, hot chocolate and much more, hopefully including Santa himself! Many thanks for your continued support with attendance.

#### **Anti-bullying week**

Next week as part of our personal development offer, we will be marking anti-bullying week for all year groups. Please read the information guide found on our website for some useful tips and advice. Visit <https://www.washingtonacademy.co.uk/news/?pid=0&nid=1&storyid=107> to access our guide.

#### **Benefits drop in.**

Dave Barker from DWP will be in school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 9-11am to offer advice on all types of benefits. Dave can check that you have all the benefits you are entitled to and can also assist in completing forms such as carers and DLA. If anyone would like Dave's assistance please contact the school for an appointment.

#### **Bright Lights: Youth Arts Exhibition 2024**

Arts Centre Washington's annual Youth Arts Exhibition is looking for submissions for 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 Celebrate Different 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 created work across art forms including visual arts, sculpture, creative writing, illustration, photography, animation, textiles, music, video, and all things creative are welcomed. Celebrate Different Collective is a group of young people aged 13-25 from across Sunderland who, with support from Sunderland Culture, co-produce and run their own cultural events, work with artists, and learn new practical skills. The group have decided that they want

the theme of Bright Lights 2024 to be about identity and who you are: *Bodies, Brains, Big Issues and Bits*. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday 16th January. For more information about the exhibition, themes and how to apply, visit: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/call-for-entries-bright-lights-youth-arts-exhibition-2024/>

### Curious Arts

Curious Arts are hosting two free youth sessions on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12pm at Arts Centre Washington.




The sessions are suitable for 11-15 year olds (without their adults) who are LGBTQIA+, gender non-conforming or questioning their identity. They offer young people the opportunity to meet new friends, share food and take part in fun creative activities in a supportive environment. They young people will get the chance to explore exciting activities such as contemporary dance, bracelet designing, sculpture building and songwriting.

The session on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November will be an exciting contemporary dance session with Curious Arts and Rendez-Vous Dance. No previous dance experience needed and food will be provided.

To sign up visit: <https://shorturl.at/cjAMW>

### MFL Updates

#### Top 3 Duolingo Students of the Week

	Bekah	952 XP	1 hr 44 min
	Antonia	319 XP	1 hr 2 min
	Ryan	144 XP	18 min

#### Word of the Week



## News Story of the Week

"Este sufrimiento solo terminará cuando lo tengamos en casa": el futbolista Luis Díaz pide la liberación de su padre secuestrado por el ELN en Colombia

Un emocionado Luis Díaz se levantó la camiseta para revelar las palabras "libertad para papá" tras anotar un gol el domingo en un partido entre el Liverpool y Luton.

**El futbolista colombiano Luis Díaz pidió este domingo a través de un comunicado la liberación de su padre, quien el pasado 28 de octubre fue secuestrado por el grupo guerrillero Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) en Colombia.**

Son las primeras declaraciones del deportista desde que ocurrió el incidente cerca del municipio de Barrancas, en el departamento de La Guajira.

Luis Manuel "Mane" Díaz, de 58 años, fue secuestrado junto con su esposa Cilenis Marulanda por personas armadas que se desplazaban en motocicletas e interceptaron la camioneta en la que viajaban.

Los captores liberaron a Marulanda, pero "Mane" **continúa secuestrado**.

"Ruego que lo liberen de inmediato, respetando su integridad y poniendo fin a esta dolorosa espera. En nombre del amor y la compasión les pedimos que reconsideren sus acciones y nos permitan tenerlo de regreso", sostuvo Díaz en el parte de prensa publicado en sus redes sociales.

## A Message from Northumbria Police

**KNIFE CRIME.**

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**Possession of a knife, bladed or pointed weapon, carries a prison sentence up to 4 years**

**A prison sentence will impact the rest of your life in a very negative way.**

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