



**BIDDICK
ACADEMY**

SPECIALISING IN SPORTS
AND PERFORMING ARTS

CHARGING POLICY

All students are entitled to full access to the compulsory Academy curriculum, regardless of parents/carers capacity to pay. No student will be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. Therefore, no charge is normally made for any educational activity which takes place during academy hours. However, there are some exceptions: -

1. Trips, Visits and Activities

- 1.1. During academy time: the transport, board and lodging element of a residential experience and cost of additional activities, which are deemed to be optional extras*.
- 1.2. Outside academy hours: the full cost for each student of journeys, trips, visits and overnight stays in the United Kingdom and abroad which take place at weekends and during holidays, which are deemed to be optional extras*.

Details of any trip, visit or activity considered to be an optional extra* will be communicated to parents/carers as early as possible to allow for consideration and financial planning. Costs are kept to a minimum and are calculated with the best information at the time. A small contingency may be included to prevent further unexpected charges when this is considered prudent to prevent uncertainty.

*Optional extras are those activities not considered compulsory to the academy curriculum.

2. Materials

The cost of ingredients for food technology and the cost of materials for design and technology, if parents/carers have indicated that they wish to own the final product

3. Acts of vandalism/negligence

The Governing Body reserves the right to recover part, or the whole cost, of damage to buildings or equipment which is the result of vandalism or negligence by a student.

4. Examination fees

- 4.1. If a student has not regularly attended the lessons for a particular examination subject, the examination fee may be requested in advance, refundable if the student attends for examination.
- 4.2. If, without a medical certificate explaining the reason, a student fails to complete examination requirements for any public examination for which the Academy has paid an entry fee, the Governing Body may seek to recover the fee from the parent.
- 4.3. There may be a charge for examination entry where there is a request from the parent for additional subject entries to be made which are not supported by the Academy.

The Governing Body may remit charges in full or in part to parents/carers after considering specific hardship cases. The Governing Body invites parents/carers to apply to their child's Head of Year, in the strictest of confidence, for the remission of charges to be considered.