



## North Birmingham Academy Year 7 Newsletter

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### Dear Parents/Carers

#### The Adrian Rainsford Centre Wales

I am sure that not all parents are aware that North Birmingham Academy owns and runs its own 'School House' in Wales the 'Adrian Rainsford Centre'. We are particularly proud of this, as it is a real benefit to our students, who all live in a city environment. We are very fortunate as most schools/academies do not have such a facility.

All students in year 7 will have the opportunity of visiting the centre next June. Whilst there, they will visit The Centre of Alternative Technology, King Arthur's Labyrinth, a local beach, and walks in the beautiful countryside of North Wales. This is a tremendous opportunity to learn in the open air and have a great time.

The new Adrian Rainsford Centre website is up and running visit it on <http://www.arcwales.co.uk/>

#### House news

##### Photography Competition

The photography competition winners are

1st Raphael Evangelou -His photo was a good representation of an Autumnal scene making you feel as though you are there in the picture.

2nd Samantha Jacobson



Autumnal scene by Raphael Evangelou

##### House Points:

**The Renaissance: 66**

**The Impressionists: 78**

**The Expressionists: 106**

**The Futurists: 121**

##### New House Competition:

Students can choose from either:

- Design your own Christmas card
- Create a powerpoint litter presentation or
- Design a new Academy praise postcard



## North Birmingham Academy Ambassadors

Students will have the opportunity, in the very near future, to become NBA ambassadors and everyone is invited to apply in writing to Mrs Jones who will conduct later interviews.

### Drug Education

This term David Graham visited the Academy with the 'Natural High' workshop whereby students learn about the dangers of drugs and how to get natural highs by doing things we enjoy and reject drugs.

Students had to create slogans to highlight drug misuse  
Three students created 'winning' slogans :-

Anna Rattray,  
Jahnay Allen and  
Keisha Hopper-Sutherland

### Principals Award

Three Students deserve a special mention for both outstanding work and attitude this term.

Praise Ndiulor  
Laila Mafemba  
Paula Krasniqi

They have been rewarded with a Principals Pen.

## Winter Advice

In order that we can maintain and improve the 96% attendance achieved so far this year, may I offer a number of tips below as the days become shorter, and the weather becomes more challenging:

- Encourage your child to leave a little earlier in the mornings for school to allow for any possible delays.
- Arrive at school early and have some free tea and toast at breakfast club (open from 8am).
- Wrap up warm – remember coats need to be plain black or the North Birmingham Academy coat.
- If walking please do so carefully to avoid slips and falls and always use designated crossing points.
- It is worth getting reflective stickers on bags to allow children to be seen easily.

### Things you might not know...

- Students need to be in school by 8:45am.
- Students who are late two or more times in the morning in a week are issued with a 25minute after school detention.
- Students must have their MAP's with them in each lesson
- Students with 100% attendance or punctuality for a week will be credited with VIVO miles rewards!
- The school offers a number of extra-curricular clubs for pupils to attend on a Friday afternoon.
- Extremes of hairstyles are not allowed.
- Trainers are not allowed, except for P.E. Lessons
- Hats, Caps and hoodies are not allowed on the Academy site.
- Uniform can be purchased from the Academy

### Christmas Holidays

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon.

We re-open for students on Wednesday 4 January 2012 at 8.45 am

Attendance and academic achievement awards will be in the next newsletter in January

Finally, the Year 7 team of Staff would like to wish all of our students and parents and carers a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Yours sincerely,

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