



North Birmingham Academy Year 7 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

As this is the first Newsletter of 2012, the Year 7 team of staff would like to wish all of our parents and carers a Happy New Year.

Your child has been with us for a whole term and the vast majority of our eager young students have settled extremely well into Academy life. At the end of last term we recognised student achievement in an assembly with well over 150 awards and certificates given for effort, progress, standards, attendance and behaviour.

North Birmingham Academy Ambassadors

To encourage leadership and promote 'student voice' within the Academy a scheme where students are appointed as NBA Ambassadors has begun. This will allow students, not already members of the School Council, the opportunity to take an active part and showcase the Academy when important events take place here.

To be selected for this role, students had to write a letter of application and face a rigorous interview. Some Ambassadors have already spoken to a member of staff from Small Heath Secondary School about Vivomiles and others had a meeting with Dr Noorzaman Rashid, the Chairman of E-ACT our Academy sponsor. All Ambassadors will shortly be identified by a distinctive tie and will be given privileges as a reward for their status. Immediate entry to the hall at lunchtime is one such privilege and we are currently considering other concessions that can be adopted;



Improved Performance

Congratulations to the following students for performing well this term:

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| Tariq Said | Callia Lawrence |
| Katie Hadley | Humayra Anjum |
| Sophie Sheppard | Jessica Meah |
| Alex McGloin | Ellis Barrett |
| Dewayne Richards | Numair Sharif |
| Ilham Ali | Jac Crawford |
| Luke Healing | Zoya Khan |
| Whitney Wright | Hibaq Mohamoud |
| Amber Welfair | Ava Paul |

House News

Praise Postcard Competition Winner:

Kerrie Jacob

The design is being professionally printed onto stickers to be used throughout the whole Academy.

Litter Poster Competition Winner:

Chloe Hailing

House Points:

The Renaissance:
132

The Impressionists:
82

The Expressionists:
121

Gifted and Talented - Modern Foreign Languages

On Thursday 19th January, five students from Year 7 took part in the Gifted and Talented MFL day at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. Charnaë Bryan, Nathan Pringle and Ilham Ali were some of the lucky students who were chosen to take part and thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was an excellent chance for the students to take part in a wide range of activities; covering a variety of different languages which included Irish, Greek, Hebrew, German, and the Romance languages. This experience highlighted the importance of language learning, and how valuable it is to have a knowledge of other languages and cultures in order to succeed in the world of work. A fun, and informative day was had by all!

Good work! Bon travail! Große Arbeit! Grande lavoro!
¡Buen trabajo!



Principals Award

Amber Welfair 7RBR deserves a special mention for her outstanding creative writing.

Amber received a Principal's Pen for her achievement.

Well done!

Sixth Form - Post 16 Education

North Birmingham Academy is ambitious for all of its students particularly this current Year 7. Looking to, and planning for the future is very important. Nowadays, very few students leave school at 16 without first going onto further education. Many of our current students have successfully applied to join our own 'Post 16' after completing their GCSE's. Following our fantastic 'A' level results in the summer of 2010 and 2011 **and** the number of university places gained, Mr Seager our Director of Post 16 Education is keen to ensure that this Year 7 are already aiming high and looking to the future.

There are an expanding number of courses together with fantastic facilities which will become available in the new building. The current Year 7 will have wonderful opportunities when they reach Post 16 Education in

Celebrating Success in Year 7 Art

Year 7 students have shown some great artistic abilities and are producing some excellent work in Art lessons. Students have been working on an Animal project in which they have been developing their skills. Throughout the project they have been drawing and painting using a range of different media activities to develop their skills and learn new techniques.

Here are some great examples of 'Tone' studies using charcoal and



chalk pastels.



Academy Closure – Poor Weather Conditions and Holiday

In the event of poor weather conditions, we really do endeavour to stay open, but please listen carefully to local Radio BBC WM, Heart FM and BRMB for announcements.

Half Term

We break up for Half Term on **Thursday 9th February** and return on **Monday 20th February 2012**
Yours sincerely

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Mr J Canning, Transition



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