



North Birmingham Academy Year 8 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you all for helping to ensure that we end the term with a fantastic attendance of over 96%. For those of you who do not know me I am Mr Evers, the Progress and Aspirations Leader for Year 8. I have taken over this year group after working with the previous year 11 who achieved the greatest results in the Academy's history. This is a feat I am sure will be emulated with my new year group.

I expect the highest standards from everyone within my year group, to enable every individual to achieve the best results they can. This will be accomplished by a shared ethos where all students want to be the best. I would appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends every day in full school uniform and with all of the equipment that they need for the day ahead to be successful. Students are rewarded through Vivo miles for their progress in lessons, however students who fail to meet the academy values will be sanctioned with red book detentions.



Lead Students

As part of raising standards and creating an ethos of achievement, the whole year group had the opportunity to apply to be a lead student. Seventeen outstanding candidates have been awarded this accolade after producing persuasive arguments and attending an interview to outline why they should be chosen.

The students will now represent the academy for corporate events, and help to promote the values on a day to day basis. There will be further opportunities for students to apply in the future.

Dodge Ball Competition

There is also a reward competition taking place this term in the form of a year 8 dodge ball tournament. Tutors are selecting their teams on the basis of behaviour, attendance and punctuality. This has been an excellent competition with all forms showing a fantastic attitude. A big thank you to all of year 8 and to Mr McCallister for organising this.

Congratulations also to Lauryn Peace for winning the Key Stage Three award for excellence in ICT. Lauryn was given an MP3 player for outstanding work and attitude in her lessons and homework.

I would just like to wish all students, parents, carers and tutors a happy and safe holiday, and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year for another successful term.

Mr T. Evers - Year 8 PAL



Message from Mr Grainger

It gives me great pleasure to bring you our Year 8 Autumn/ Winter newsletter and introduce myself as the recently appointed Assistant Progress and Aspirations Leader (APAL) for Year 8. In addition to a number of daily pastoral responsibilities, the main focus of my role is improving punctuality and attendance of students in Year 8. I am extremely pleased to be supporting such a promising year group as they have already achieved an average attendance of over 96% since September. This is a fantastic result and makes them the best performing year group for attendance. Well done to students and a huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting their children to achieve this outstanding result.

The first 10 students to bring their correctly completed crossword to Mr Grainger will win a VIVO's prize! The answers are all in the Newsletter so have a read!

Mr J Grainger
Year 8 APAL

Attendance & Punctuality Champions

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who have achieved 100% attendance and 100% punctuality since September:

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|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Courtney Holmes | JDA | Alexandra Datcu | |
| JDA Machaella West | PF | Lauryn Peace | |
| JDA | | | |
| Jade Hailing | NC | Hina Karia | |
| STA | | | |
| Nico Mitchell | SLH | Shahreece Lubban | STA |
| Ummah Habib | STA | Samantha Avery | SLH |
| Ranya Hezam | STA | Shantelle Thompson | SLH |
| Victor Ojo | SLH | | |

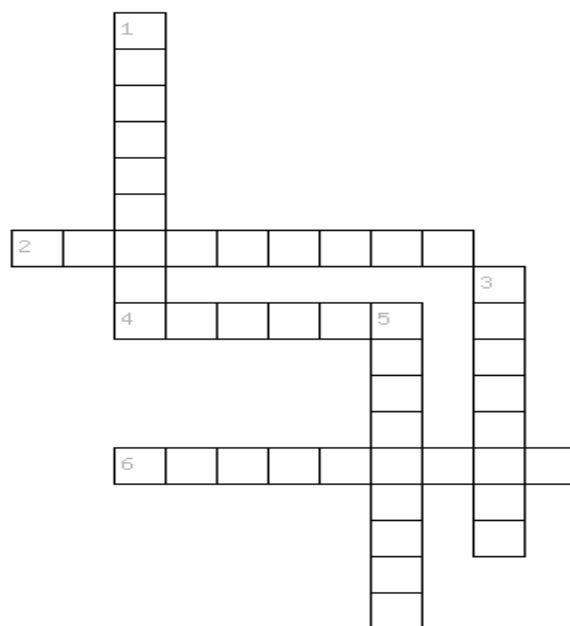
Crossword

Down

- Name the inter-form sports competition this half term.
- What does P stand for in PAL?
- What percentage is the Year 8 attendance more than?

Across

- What is the academy Twitter name?
- Name the student who won an ICT award
- How many students have been awarded a Lead Student role?



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 to school early and grab 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.
- It's cold and flu season so remember: Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!

Things you might not know...

- Pupils need to be in school by 8:40am.
- Students who are late two or more times in the morning in a week are issued with a 25minute after school detention.
- Pupils 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.



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