



Message from the Principal

November has been another busy time for us with the children in Need Gala Dinner (see below for report) and our consultative review which reviewed progress since the OFSTED inspection in March. I am extremely pleased that the review was very positive and the report states that 'there is a positive and dynamic feel to the academy with a sense of 'I can achieve' pervading amongst the staff and the students' also that 'there are more opportunities for students to learn collaboratively and they enjoy this style of learning and are taking a greater responsibility for it'.

As we approach the run up to Christmas we do so with the knowledge that early in the new year we will be moving into that fantastic new building. Yes, we have a moving date! You will have read in my letter that we are due to 'open' to students in the new building on Monday 27th February. We will be closed to students, except Year 11 and some sixth form students during the week of 20th to 24th February (more information on sixth form lessons and tutorials will be issued by Mr White). We are currently planning a 'goodbye to the old building' event in January – watch this space!

Miss D Bull



The MA:NRA Year 12 created a sumptuous meal for invited guests at New Rickstones Academy. The Level 3 Hospitality students worked all day as if in an industry setting where they prepared, cooked and served a three course meal to raise money for Children in Need. Though there were a few tired legs at the end of the evening; the students were proud of their achievements and thoroughly enjoyed their first experience of a real working environment. Here is a quote from Miss Bull: "It was a fantastic evening with all guests giving the highest praise to the quality of the food and service. Our students were a real credit to the academy and we look forward to many more such occasions".



NRA Primary Liaison

Several of our staff have been working with various primary schools to provide extra lessons for their students. Mr Palmer and Mrs Bamigbele in Maths have been working with Powers Hall and Silver End. The teaching and learning has been going well with the students being stretched to achieve a good level.

Miss Pasquale in PE has been working with Templars, Elm Hall and Rivenhall delivering Netball to a core group of their students. They have been attending since September and their skills and confidence have both improved.

The Art Department has been working with Year 6 students from Templars. Students have been exploring lots of different media and processes which they may not be able to access in their primary school. The Department is looking forward to having Year 5 and 6 students join them for the rest of term.

NRA seeks new PTA members!

We are looking for parents who can give up some of their time to join our Parent Teacher Association.

If you think you can give up a few hours a month, and can make a really positive contribution towards supporting Academy and community events, please contact us on 01376 515756 or

sgoodfellow@newrickstonesacademy.org



A big thank you to all those people who sent in shoe boxes to support Operation Christmas Child. NRA were very happy to support this very worthwhile cause and will, hopefully, do the same next year. Watch out for details in Academy News. Thank you.

Polite Request

Please could we ask that parents do not park on the zig-zag road markings adjacent to the zebra crossing in Conrad Road when collecting children from school.
Thank you



MA:NRA WITHAM 6 FORMS

MA:NRA Witham 6 Forms' new prospectus is now available from the Sixth Form Office, Student Reception and Community Reception. There are over forty courses to choose from based at New Rickstones Academy and Maltings Academy, travel is provided between the two sites. The Sixth Form application form can be found inside the new prospectus, or on our website. You will need to complete an application form and hand it in to the Sixth Form office as soon as possible to enable us to offer you the best possible range of courses. If you need any help or advice regarding your Sixth Form course choice, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr White or Mrs Cruickshank. Our goal is that all of our students should not only achieve to the best of their ability, but also enjoy their time in Sixth Form.



Accelerated Reader

The housepoints awarded, up to half term, for Accelerated Reader quizzes taken are as follows:

Armstrong – 146 points, Darwin – 200 points, Newton – 222 points, Turner – 255 points

Well done everyone, keep up the good work.

Housepoint totals overall are as follows:

Armstrong – 2113 points, Darwin – 2067 points, Newton – 2416 points, Turner – 2234 points

Year 11 Aerobics

As a reward to my Year 11X Aerobics class, I organised a trip to Virgin Active Gym, Chelmsford. The girls had an enjoyable afternoon, getting fit, and understanding what leisure options are out there for them, when they leave next year, as young adults. Not only did we receive a goody bag each, we took part in a 'Zumba' session, had a tour of the amazing facilities, AND bumped into 'Sam Mitchell (Daniella Westbrook).

The girls were a real credit to the Academy.

Can I also thank Mrs Newbury for giving up her free period and accompanying us on the trip. Mrs Newbury is a real natural at 'Zumba' and put me to shame!

Miss Pasquale



Maths Quiz - Puzzle No 3

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE US WITH ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION - THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.



LAST DAY OF TERM

We will be breaking up for Christmas at 12.30 on 16 December - Silver End buses have been organised to collect at the earlier time.

Students return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2012.