



Northampton Saints– Playing for Success

As a Sports College, Northampton Academy is keen to develop ways of linking Sport and Physical Activity with curriculum subject areas, to provide our students with high quality and exciting learning opportunities.

Northampton Academy has now been involved in the **Northampton Saints - Playing for Success Project** for several years with a great deal of success. Students attend the Northampton Saints Study Centre, which is located within the grounds of Northampton Saints RFC, for a period of seven consecutive weeks after school, where they undertake activities such as, stadium tours, interviewing players, circus skills, drama, origami and practical activity sessions.

This is a very exciting opportunity that provides a unique sports environment and innovative educational programme which supports students develop literacy, numeracy and ICT skills as well as increasing their motivation and self esteem.

All the students who attend the seven week programme are invited to attend an awards presentation where the students are recognised for their achievements and commitment, whilst parents gain a better understanding of what the students have been involved with.



Miss Lawrence

Young People's Anti-Bullying Workshop



Heads of Sixth form Claudia, Batuhan and Wahida

As part of an Anti-Bullying training course, Claudia, Batuhan and I were invited along with others schools, to develop a broader understanding of bullying and the effects. The day was very productive and gave us all an insight into the causes and effects of bullying and how (using methods and materials) we could encourage an anti-bullying message in our own schools and environment.

The day went extremely well and the end result was that all three of us had felt motivated to make our own anti-bullying group that looked to help those that were victims of bullying but also for others to join. On the whole, we look forward to bringing this new project into practice within the Academy and hope that our Anti-Bullying committee becomes a success and has a very positive impact all.

Wahida Haque

Reader Leaders Day

In December a group of 19 Year 12 and Year 13 Academy students took part in a whole day "Reader Leader" workshop. During the day they were trained and did the initial assessment towards a Level 2 OCN (Reader Leader accreditation).

The six formers are now working with some of our Year seven students to support them with their reading. I was really impressed with the hard work that the students put in during their training and am pleased to see some great work already being done with some of our Year seven students.

Mrs Shea

Nun The Wiser

At the end of January over 100 students auditioned for the school musical which will be Nun The Wiser. The musical tells the story of Barbara who invites Jess to take over the convent choir. We watch as the nuns get used to having Jess and her daughter in the convent. Jess's challenge is get the choir up to standard and ready for the big concert that will hopefully save the convent from closure.

The show will be packed with songs, laughter and a love story.

The show will take place on July 12th and 13th in the Assembly Hall. If you loved Oliver, you will love this too.

Miss Bayliss, Mr Shea

Home Win for our Year 8 Boys

Our Year 8 boys who played football against Malcolm Arnold Academy last week in the Under 13's District League, had a great game. **Mason** scored a 3 minute hat trick. Then within the same game **Geani** scored a hat trick. After an exciting match the final score...

Northampton Academy 6 - Malcolm Arnold 2

The boys are in the semi-finals of the County Cup against Bishops Stortford on the 6th February .

The team also won 5-0 in their last match against Kingsthorpe School. Well done to all the team.

Malik, Zak, Matthew, Thomas, Adam, Mason, Jordan, Viran, Luke, Justin, Adam, Geani, Jordan and Thomas

"Great match boys!"

Mr Sleight

Winning design for the University of Northampton Formula Fashion competition.



Congratulations to Academy student Jessica who was awarded first place for her winning design in the year 10 and year 11 category. Her prize includes VIP tickets for the 2012 Fashion Show matinee performance for all students in her textiles group. A trophy and certificate of achievement to add to her personal portfolio. A bag of fashion

goodies and best of all Jessica's bag will be on public display at the Northampton Museum & Art Gallery.

Professor Basil Kardis from The Royal College of Art said:

"It's amazing to see the future designers responding to Northampton's leather heritage in such an innovative and exciting way!"

Mrs Cowley

Lunchtime Film Club

There is a film club for students who use study support on the following days:

- Year 7 & 8 students on Mondays in E7
- Year 9-11 students on Monday-Friday in F11

Mrs Pitt & Ms Webb

COULD YOU BE AN ACADEMY 7 'OLYMPIAN'???

Boys: 10th March 2012

Girls: 26th March 2012

Watch out for further information.....!!

Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

Greenfields in Wonderland



Matthew

On Friday 9th of December we went to Greenfields School and Sports College to see the Greenfields Christmas play. It was called Greenfields in Wonderland and it was amazing.

Greenfields School is a special school for children with both mental and physical disabilities so it was great to see every student take part.

Each of the twelve classes had a slot in the play. Some, however, decided to do a joint piece. We started off with Aspen Class doing Around the World in Eighty Days. Then there were many other things that are familiar with you I am sure. There was the Lighthouse Keeper's lunch and Alice in Wonderland. There was also an able and talented gymnast section.

All in all an amazing production and the projection of images while the children were performing made it that bit extra special. There is definitely lots of potential actors in the school.

We hope we can return next year to tell you of their new performance.

Matthew, Joshua, and Mr Chanot

Northampton Town Sports Hall Athletics Championships at NSG



Thirty two students from Northampton Academy headed off to NSG with high hopes at the Town Sports hall Athletics Championships. The tournament saw the students take part in running, relays, jumping and throwing activities, with points accumulated from each students performance into a team total. The Year Seven girls were so close to winning...Huge congratulations to the Year 8 Boys who now will go on to represent Northampton Town athletics the County Sports hall Secondary Finals on 8th March at Kettering Leisure Village - Good Luck Boys!! Outstanding performances go to Year 7 Students **Debo-ra** and **Ben** and Year 8 Students **Esther** and **Blair**.

Mrs Carter-Morris

Peer Mentoring

Miss Grimes has congratulated no less than 26 of Academy sixth formers who have completed their peer mentoring training. Other students who may wish to train as a mentor will have the opportunity the next Academic Year. "Congratulations and well done to all who have completed their Peer Mentoring training."

Miss Grimes

Safety in and around the Academy site

The recent arctic conditions have presented us with challenges for keeping the site as safe as possible. The biggest factor though, of course, is not how much grit is on a path, but how safely behaved pupils are. In assemblies and tutor times, we have been giving the following messages:

- Avoid ice – and certainly do not 'play' on any lake/brook/pond areas;
- NEVER throw snow balls at unsuspecting bystanders or passing cars;
- Cross roads safely at the pedestrian crossings.

Winter uniform issues

Beyond the important safety matters above, we have also been reminding pupils that they need the correct footwear and a proper outdoor coat (no hoodies or casual sports tops of any kind). If trainers or boots are worn to school because of the weather conditions, then shoes should be brought in to wear in the Academy.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES HAVE A GENUINE SITUATION THAT IS PREVENTING THEM BEING IN FULL UNIFORM, THEN PLEASE SEND THEM IN WITH A NOTE OR THEY MAY BE KEPT IN AT BREAK AND LUNCH.

Many thanks to all the parents & carers who have made such efforts to keep their sons and daughters looking so smart and arriving so punctually over recent weeks. I hope any half-term snow is enjoyed by all the family!

Mr McGeehin

“Thank you” from all of us to all of you



The performance of Journeys was a huge success raising over £250 for the Shelter Charity. Over 120 students were involved from both Drama and Music extra curriculum clubs. The acts were diverse, and we used video clips for the first time to link up the performances. Feedback was very positive from parents and staff, and it was a fantastic way to end a highly successful year in Music and Drama. Well done to all those who were involved and we would like to thank family and friends for all their support. We now look forward to our school production later on in the year.

Miss Bayliss, Mrs Fitzjohn, Mrs Kennedy, and Mr Shea

Eli Prime Visit – Anti Drugs Awareness



Eli Prime, a group and ambassadors for the DARE (Drugs Abuse Resistance Education) international programme visited Northampton Academy on Friday 27th January. They delivered sessions to Year 8 and 9 students in which they performed some of their songs but also delivered interactive sessions with students delivering a message of drugs awareness and living a healthy life style.

The key focus of the session was looking at the impact of alcohol and tobacco and gave the students an opportunity to engage in discussions about the effects and these can have on people's lives.

The sessions proved to be informative, fun and were enjoyed by students.

Mr Swainson

U14 Boys Football

A fantastic performance by all 14 squad members who by all accounts have had a tough season. It was good to finish the league on a high. Lots of goals scored and a good all round team performance. Particular praise must go to DJ scorer of seven goals and Ish who controlled the game from the centre of midfield.

Squad list:

Ismail (Capt), Usmaan, Jordan, Jake, Muzzy, Emmanuel, Leke, Mitchell, Rourke, Reace, DJ, Tre, Kye, Rezwan

Goal Scorers: DJ (7), Mitchell (2), Rourke (2), Ismail, Leke

Mr Windsor