



# Abraham Darby Academy

Haberdashers' Adams' Federation

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Principal's News

Week 16

19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## The First Term

The highlight of our first term has undoubtedly been the overwhelmingly positive response of the students to the expectations and challenges we have placed before them. They have responded energetically and enthusiastically to the range of opportunities the Academy provides them with and in so doing have elevated their aspirations and 'raised the bar' in terms of the quality of their work and their levels of attainment. Many of their achievements will be celebrated in our End of Term assemblies, reinforcing our firmly held belief that praise and encouragement is the most effective way of establishing a culture of hard work and endeavour.

A key feature of the educational experience we are striving to create for our students involves a rich and comprehensive range of curriculum enrichment and extra curricular activities. One of my aspirations is that all students should be involved in this aspect of Academy life. Increasing numbers of students are grasping these opportunities but, as yet, not all. I urge parents to actively encourage their children to participate in as many activities as possible as it plays a crucial part in enabling Abraham Darby students to develop into confident, successful and ambitious young men and women.

The spring Term begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the normal time of 8.25am. Please ensure that students are immaculately dressed in their Academy uniforms with the top buttons on their shirts fastened, ties properly done up and black school shoes being worn.

On behalf of the Haberdashers' Company and the staff at Abraham Darby, I would like to wish all students, parents and families associated with the Academy a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year holiday.

We look forward to seeing students in January, equipped and ready to face the challenges of a New Year in the Academy.



## Busy Fortnight for Year 10 Girls Football

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December they played Pheonix and, after some excellent play from both teams, won by 3-2. Goals scored by Zoe Gill(2) and Aimee Marchant(1).

Tuesday at Charlton School the team played well against the home side but lost 2-0 to a very strong team. Not letting this dampen their spirits they went on to beat Newport Girls High 3-0, goal scorers Zoe Gill(2) and Alex Morris(1).

Well done to all the girls who played in both matches.

A special mention goes to Aimee Marchant who has been offered a trial for the Under 16 Shrewsbury Town football team. Aimee went to training sessions with the team last week and they were so impressed that they gave Aimee the opportunity to play a match against Coventry City on Saturday. Well done Aimee and good luck with the trials in the New Year.



Pictured in their new kit are Jade Biddulph (c), Alex Morris, Naomi Jenks, Chelsea Frost, Aimee Marchant, Lottie Hughes and Zoe Gill.

## Years 9,10 and 11 House Football Results

1 <sup>st</sup> .....	Elm .....	38 points ...	5 players
2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Ash .....	33 points ...	4 players
3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Beech .....	15 points ...	5 players
4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Oak .....	13 points ...	2 players

### Top scorers

Naomi Jenks	6 goals
Sian Bonner	5 goals
Aimee Marchant	3 goals
Lauren Clarkson	3 goals

## Inter-house Badminton Next Half Term

- First to 11 Points
- Must win by a clear 2 Points
- Four in each team
- Players need to be seeded 1 – 4 best player number 1
- Girls will continue on Tuesday for all years
- Boys will continue on Thursdays for all years
- All Singles match play
- Girls 7 & 8 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan and 20<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Boys 7 & 8 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan
- Girls 9 & 10 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb
- Boys 9 & 10 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan and 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Open Singles competition on the final week of the half term 10<sup>th</sup> Feb girls 7, 8, 9 and 10
- Boys on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 7, 8, 9, and 10
- Year 11 Interhouse January/February lunchtimes in the Sports Hall



After School 3 – 4.30pm

## Christmas Performances

Members of the Showband will be busy right up until Christmas Eve. After an End of Term Concert on Thursday 18th December the bands will be playing carols between 10am- 12pm at the following places:-

Monday 22nd December. - Sainsbury's

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. - Curry's

Wednesday 24th December. - ASDA Donnington

Everyone is welcome to join in with the singing of carols on the Ironbridge where some of the musicians will play. 7pm - 7.30pm Christmas Eve.



## Telford Poem Competition

Poems written by students, in response to the theme of making Telford a better place.

### Telford Poem

If you wanna make Telford a better place  
Take up your problems face to face  
Put each and every litter in the bin  
Don't burn or trash them while they're in  
Now is the time to make life good  
I hope I'm clear and understood

by Kelsey Callaghan 7PHM Elm House

### Better Future

Just the other day, there was a stabbing in the street  
We're treating each other like a piece of meat  
If you're not a certain way  
Your gonna have a bad day  
Soon its gonna be, a different world for me  
No one gets hurt,  
No blood on anyone's shirt  
No more hate  
We need to communicate!  
Hopefully there's a better life,  
Where no one carries a knife

by Amy Packwood 8CPS Beech House

## Art work of the week

This week's work of the week goes to Hannah Byrne of 11 CEB. She produced this landscape study of the Wrekin for a homework task. Hannah has used different shading techniques to give the drawing texture. Well done Hannah.



## Postage Stamp Collection

Don't forget to tear off all of the stamps on all the post you receive this Christmas. There is a box for stamps located just outside the Selwyn Hall. The stamps are sold to raise money for Hope House and the Air Ambulance appeal.





Christmas Lunch for Local Residents



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With my very best wishes

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