



The Link Academy

Spring Newslettter 2020



Making PPE at Home

Article by Mr Roper

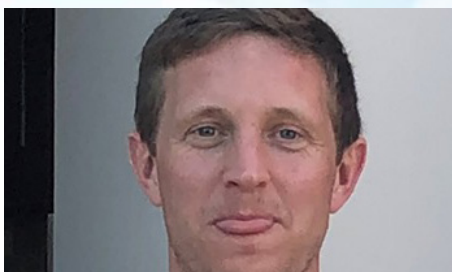
When Mrs Jones heard that one of her neighbours needed help with making PPE masks, she volunteered the services of her family along with Mrs Edwards-Morgan, Mrs Haggart and Miss Sweet. They're making their way to Russells Hall Hospital, New Cross maternity ward and district nurses teams.



Hospital PPE Donation

Article by Miss Sweet

A huge well done to Miss Hignett and her family for raising over £1000. The money raised will go towards 200 PPE face shield masks 1800 gloves, care packages for nurses and workers with treats and essentials for 3 hospitals and 3 care homes and also bags of goodies for care home residents.



Mr Robbs Braves to Become Bald

Article by Miss Curlitt

Mr Robbs secretly loves his hair, however, when asked if he would shave all of his hair off, he replied 'only for a £1000, and you'd never raise that' he has set the target high, and he is currently laughing!

So could you help to donate? Doesn't need to be a lot just a little, so we can all laugh at Mr Robbs and his bald head!

All donations will go to local care homes in Netherton local to our School.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/4kpyd-mr-robbs-brave-to-become-bald?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet



Message from the Principal

Thank you to our learners for embracing DISTANCE LEARNING. Thank you also to our parents/carers for your support at this time and to our teachers and support staff for their fantastic level of support!

Learners were set the equivalent of what would have been their Easter homework during the holidays. We have also run competitions over Easter to give learners a creative outlet!

Now that we have returned from the Easter holidays we are streamlining the way we set work on Show My Homework (SMHW), learners have received an email about this.

Keep an eye on our Social Media pages for competitions and initiatives that we are launching.

Stay safe and well!

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal





COMMITMENTS WHO INSPIRES YOU?

THE LINK STAFF SHARE THEIR INSPIRATIONAL PERSON

Mr Roe

'My inspirational person is all the carers at my Grans care home who daily risk their life to look after other peoples loved ones'



Miss Jandu

'My sisters and my mom inspire me - my sisters are so strong minded in breaking traditional barriers and being amazing moms, pursuing happiness. My mom works as a health care assistant looking after patients in care homes which is pretty much on the front line the moment - she encourages us all to be strong minded and to follow our own paths. I'm forever surrounded by strong minded females which I am forever grateful for.'



Mrs Edwards-Morgan

'My sister works on ward C5 at Russell's Hall Hospital. She does twelve hour shifts selflessly putting people first whilst helping people on the front line.'



Mrs Slater

'My lovely mom is my inspirational person. Her kindness and selflessness towards others, regardless of her own medical condition. Mom makes me smile and loves to laugh. I video call her everyday whilst we are all in this very difficult, strange situation. We share chat and laughter. I get my strength and sense of humour inspired by my mom.'



Mrs Marshall

'My inspirational person is my best friend Stephanie. She sadly passed away of bowel cancer at the ages of 39 two years ago. Her resilience, strength and positivity throughout her illness to support her children and those around her was remarkable. She never gave up fighting and smiling throughout. She inspires me to remain positive everyday.'

Weekly Photography Challenge

Article by Miss Bates

This weeks challenge is A FACELESS PORTRAIT. Using your phone or your tablet, you need to try to take a portrait photo that does not include the facial features. See below the winning photos from previous challenges set over the last month.

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Staff have delivered another batch of laptops to some of our families to support with their work.

We are always here for you. So here is a reminder of our support email that might help you:

support@thelinkacademy.org.uk

You can also access a wide range of help, support and guidance from any of the approved sites listed below:

National Online support

- www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
- www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/make-a-donation/kids-in-real-life/
- www.childline.org.uk/
- www.kooth.com/
- <https://act.childrenssociety.org.uk/>
- www.themix.org.uk/

Local Online support

- <https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/>
- www.dudleysafeandsound.org/
- www.here4youth.com/
- <https://izone.org.uk/>
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Direct support

- <https://phasetrust.org.uk/contact-us/>



Song to Thank NHS

Article by Mr Fellows

Staff and learners at the Link Academy have penned and performed a song to thank dedicated NHS staff during the coronavirus crisis.

The song, titled 'Thank You NHS- Stay at Home' was written by English teacher Miss Stanford to showcase the school's support to NHS staff who are on the frontline of the fight against the virus. The song also urges people to stay at home in an effort to save lives.



If you are struggling to get onto our learning platforms:

Learning Platforms – Password Reset

Hegarty Maths

The school does not have access to your password, if you forget it you will need to submit a request for your teacher to reset it. Follow the usual login method and click the reset link. Please note that this will take time, so please make a note of your password to avoid resetting it.



RM Unify

This is your main login using your school username and password - please ensure you have this noted down. You can access this via the school website (see below). Once logged in, you have access to the learning platforms.

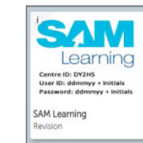


Century Tech

To reset your password please follow the 'Forgot your password?' instructions. You will then receive an email on how to reset it.

SAM Learning

You can access this via RM Unify and using the above login method.



GCSE Pod

To reset your password please follow the 'I've forgotten my login details' link via the usual login page. Enter your email address to get your password recovered.



NEED HELP?

FOR INFORMATION ON OUR LOGIN DETAILS

INFO FOR PARENTS / CARERS (NO LOGIN REQUIRED)

Show My Homework

This platform automatically logs in via RM Unify.



Email itsupport@thelinkacademy.org.uk if you need support

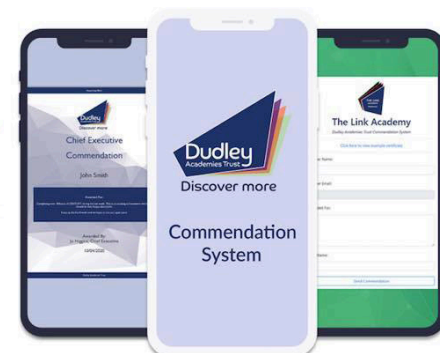
Rewarding Effort

Now more than ever, it is important that our learners are rewarded and praised for their hard work, effort and commitment to learning.

We have already seen great examples of this commitment to learning through our online platforms, but we want to be able to praise larger numbers of learners, rather than just our high achievers.

As such, Dudley Academies Trust is pleased to announce that we have developed a bespoke Commendations System which allows all of our Academies to issue digital certificates to our learners for anything they do which our staff determine deserves a reward!

Learners should check their school email addresses regularly to see if they have been awarded a Commendation.



For those learners who go above and beyond, Chief Executive Commendations may also be issued as an acknowledgement of their outstanding work and commitment.

BuddyUp

@ The Link Academy

Want to be supported OR help support someone?!

The Link Academy's 'Buddy Up System' is for learners who would like to keep in touch or offer support to other learners during this socially difficult time. If you're feeling lonely or would like to help someone feel less lonely email us below, we will then send you a simple 'interests form' to allow us to match you with someone with similar interests.

Email support@thelinkacademy.org.uk

Ideas to do with your buddy:

- General chats about life
- Share common interests
- Random acts of kindness
- Make someone SMILE



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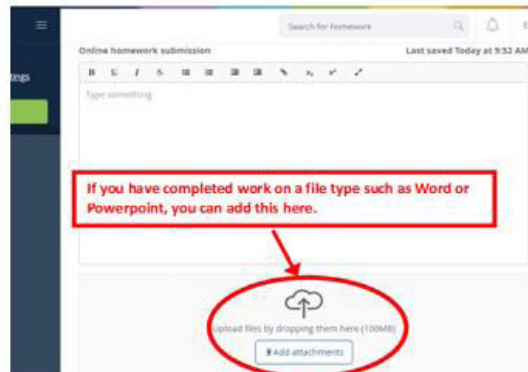
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Attaching files via a computer/laptop:

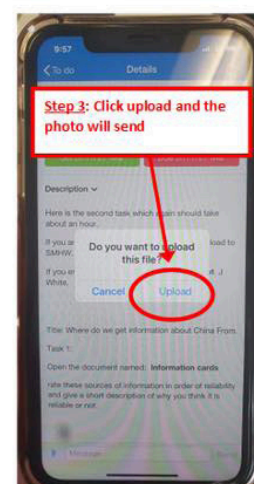
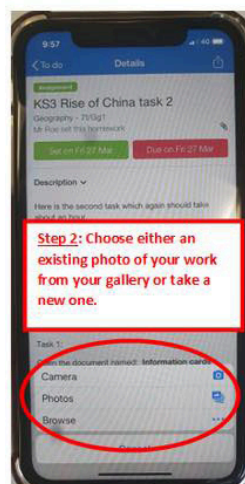
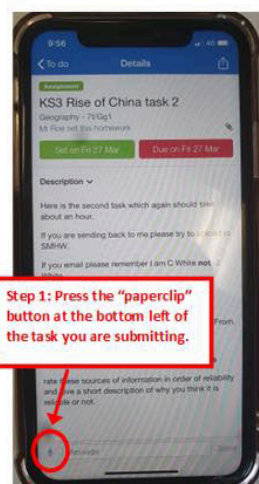
Step 1:



Step 2:



Sending a photo of work completed:



Submitting work via Show My Homework (SMHW)

The easiest way to submit any work to teachers is via Show My Homework. You can do this on a computer, tablet or your phone. Above is a brief overview of how to submit work.

REWARDING EFFORT 20.04.20

KS3
Learner of the Week:
Otis Smith

KS4
Learner of the Week:
Gemma Leary

SUBJECT AWARDS	
English Award	Eshan Akbar
Science Award	Abigail Hackett
Maths Award	Nima Rahman
History Award	Amy Grove
Geography Award	Nima Rahman
MFL Award	Tahir Zada
Art Award	Julia Trzer
Music Award	Hannah Shaw
Drama Award	Serenity Smith
PE Award	Amy Grove
Physical Education Award	Tahir Zada
Health and Social Care Award	Sophie Jeavons
Photography Award	Zavier Millward
Resilience Award	Otis Smith

YEAR 10: REWARDING EFFORT 20.04.20

The BIG one:
Savannah Kendrick & Nick Green
(£30 Amazon Voucher)

EXTRA PRIZES
Fantastic efforts shown by:

2nd place - Gemma Leary (20 Amazon Voucher)
Adam Grove

3rd place - Olivia Gregory (10 Amazon Voucher)
Joel Elford

SUBJECT AWARDS	
English Award	Katie Smart
Science Award	Rebecca Brooks
Maths Award	Rebecca Brooks
History Award	Joel Elford
Geography Award	Jayden Esdale
MFL Award	Sayma Jaan
Art Award	Courtney Williams
Music Award	Daniel Saunders
Drama Award	Joel Elford
Physical Education Award	Olivia Gregory
CNAT Sport Award	Libby Fieldhouse
Health and Social Care Award	Faith Whitlock
Photography Award	Sayma Jaan

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Netherton

Congratulations
£10 Amazon Voucher for every Subject Award

REWARDING EFFORT SEVEN WEEKLY PRIZES!

- Learner of the Week (KS3)
- Learner of the Week (KS4)
- Hegarty Maths (KS3)
- Hegarty Maths (KS4)
- GCSE Pod
- Century Tech

AND

7. SUBJECT PRIZES (ALL 20 Subjects!)

Hegarty Maths 20.04.20

KS3
HEGARTY HERO
Hamd Ali

KS4
HEGARTY HERO
Joe Mansell

£10 Amazon Voucher

REWARDING EFFORT YEAR 10

And...

The BIG one

A weekly challenge: You will be EFFORT scored by all your teachers! The highest effort score or most improved! A different competition each week! Choose from Amazon Eco Dot or £30 Amazon voucher learner can choose.

AND

SUBJECT PRIZES

@ MasterChef

Well done to Miss Sweet for winning the staff competition. Now it's your turn, please send pictures of your masterpiece to Mrs Haywood by Friday 8th May to be crowned 'Masterchef Champion 2020'.

One Dish - Starter or Main or Dessert

Miss Sweet

1st Place

Mrs Edwards-Morgan

2nd Place

Miss Weir

3rd Place

Summer Term Dates

Half term:

Monday 25th May 2020 - Friday 29th May 2020

Term ends:

Friday 17th July 2020



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