



The Link Academy Newsletter May 2021

Message from the Principal

Dear Learners, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support during this summer term so far. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we are altering learner timetables after half term to allow for our young people to move around the Academy and to access specialist classroom spaces for their lessons!

We are very much looking forward to 6 weeks of fantastic lessons where our young people can experience the full range of practical subjects including a return to practical science lessons, design technology and creative arts. To ensure that we are all still working safely, staggered start/end and breaks/lunches will continue and all learners are required to wear a face mask in the social spaces around the Academy site.

It's been a busy half term of finalising Year 11 grades and we have enjoyed a fantastic leavers event on Thursday 27 May, Year 11 leavers were treated to brunch and a rewards assembly. We look forward to their results day on Thursday 12 August.

Next half term we look forward to further work on careers advice, Year 10 assessments and opportunities for Parents Feedback virtually for our Year 7, 8 and 10 learners.

Wishing all of our families a fantastic Whitsun Bank Holiday!

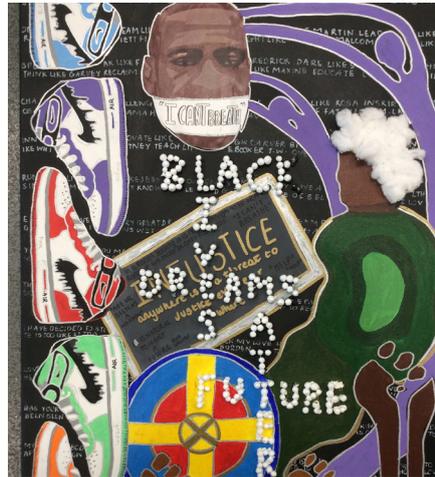
Kind regards

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



Commitments

Commitment relaunch has been so successful this term. With 17 bronze certificates and 5 silver certificates being handed out to reward those learners that have shown outstanding enthusiasm towards extra curricular activities in and out of school. Well done to - Lily Ketteringham, Mehak Khan, Hafsah Ali and James Lewis for signing off the most commitment this term for your efforts you have been rewarded a £20 Amazon gift voucher. If you have signed off 5 or more commitments and have not received a postcard or certificate, please reach out to Miss Giddings.



Year 11 Art

Artwork by Kylah Griffiths, demonstrating the Black Lives Matter campaign on the first anniversary of George Floyd.





Year 10 Birthday Cake Challenge

Team technology have had a lot of milestone birthdays this year. To celebrate, we challenged our Year 10 students to create a birthday cake. This was to demonstrate how they can present, flavour, and bake a successful sponge. Well Done to all of our Year 10 learners for taking part and wowing yourselves and staff with your creations.



Year 11 Leavers

I would like to send all our Year 11 Leavers my very best wishes for a bright and happy future. It has been a challenging few years, but you have shown such determination and resilience.

Good Luck!

Mrs Edwards

Year 11 Learning Manager



Heroes Stamp design Competition

Well done to the 17 learners that entered the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Entries have now been sent off and our fingers are crossed that one may be picked to be an official Royal Mail stamp to support the heroes of 2020/21.

Forest Club

Summer is coming and the school's *mind2bkind* and *commitments* are joining together to create a wellness garden. We would love if you would get involved in making this garden bloom. If you are interested in joining Forest Club; Wednesday after school, please contact Mrs Robbs and Miss Giddings for further information. Activities include painting fences and benches, planting herbs and building plant boxes and bird tables.

SUMMER

FESTIVAL OF
JUNE/JULY 2021

LEARNING

CELEBRATE SUMMER
WITH ONE OF OUR
ADULT LEARNING
COURSES

Red House Glass Cone

Course	Content	Date	Day	Time
Scents of Summer - Floral Design	Summer Flowers - free but does not include resources - one session LFL	10 June	Tue	1.30 - 3.30pm
Summer Scorcher - Floral Design	Summer Flowers - free but does not include resources - one session LFL	19 June	Sat	1.30 - 3.30pm
Sun, sea and sand - Floral Design	Summer Flowers - free but does not include resources - one session LFL	30 June	Wed	1.30 - 3.30pm
Sizzling Summer short course in Floral Design	Short course - 3 weeks LFL	17 June	Thu	6.30 - 8.30pm £30.90
Introduction to French	Short course - 3 weeks LFL	21 June - 05 July		9.30 - 11am £20.95
Urban Sketching	Workshop - 1 session - LFL	12 June	Sat	11.15 - 1.15am
Create a Glass Mosaic Workshop	Learn how to care for your mind and body	30 June	Wed	1 - 3pm
Fun Music Quiz	Workshop - 1 session - LFL online	24 June	Thu	7 - 8pm
Fun Music Quiz	Workshop - 1 session - LFL online	08 July	Thu	7 - 8pm
Learn to Meditate	Short course - LFL online	11 June - 16 July	Fri	1 - 2pm £28.00
Learn to Meditate	Short course - LFL online	11 June - 16 July	Fri	7 - 8pm £28.00

Brierley Hill Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Hill Street, Brierley Hill DY5 2UE

Castle and Priory Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Limes Road, Dudley DY1 4AQ
Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Dudley Wood Road (off Pavilion Gardens), Dudley Wood DY2 0DB

Red House Glass Cone

High Street, Wordsley, Stourbridge DY8 4AZ

Adult and Community Learning

Priory Hall Training Centre, Priory Road, Dudley DY1 4EU
Phone: 01384 816143
Text: 07799 070974
email: acl@dudley.gov.uk
website: www.dudley.gov.uk/adultlearning

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Walks with Graham

Course	Content	Venue	Date	Day	Time
Walk the Walk	Explore Wrens Nest with Graham Worton the borough geologist	Wrens Nest	22 June	Wed	10am - 12 noon
Walk the Walk	Explore Saltwells with Graham Worton the borough geologist	Saltwells	29 June	Wed	10am - 12 noon
Walk the Walk	Explore Bumble Hole with Graham Worton the borough geologist	Bumble Hole	6 July	Wed	10am - 12 noon

Castle and Priory Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Course	Content	Date	Day	Time
Digital Skills - beginner level	Basic digital skills - 3 week course	22 June	Wed	10am - 12 noon
Resilience talk	Learn how to be resilient in every day situations	9 June	Wed	10 - 11.30am
Mental Health First Aid	Awareness of Mental Health	10 June	Thu	9.30 - 11.30am
Hanging Baskets	Create a colourful summer hanging basket	14 June	Mon	9.30 - 11.30am
Resilience	Learn how to be resilient in everyday situations	16 June	Wed	10am - 12 noon
Mosaics	Learn the craft of mosaic art	17 June	Thu	10.30am - 12.30 pm
Deaf Awareness	Useful ways to communicate with hearing impaired people	18 June	Fri	9.30 - 12 noon
Design your own life	Create an inspiring action plan for change	17 June	Thu	10am - 12 noon
Summer Wreaths	Design a summer wreath with flowers and fauna	21 June	Mon	9.30 - 11.30am
Motivation	Become motivated to achieve your goals	23 June	Wed	10am - 12 noon
Design your own life	Create an inspiring action plan for change	24 June	Thu	10am - 12 noon
Mosaics	Learn the craft of mosaic art	24 June	Thu	10.30am - 12.30pm

For more information visit

www.dudley.gov.uk/adultlearning or telephone 01384 816043

Courses are FREE except those with cost shown in yellow.

Bedding Plants	Using bedding plants for a great garden	28 June	Mon	9.30 - 11.30am
Digital skills	Using search engines - 3 week course	29 June	Tue	3pm
Digital Skills - beginner level	Basic digital skills - 3 week course	22 June	Tue	1 - 3pm
Mosaics	Learn the craft of mosaic art	1 July	Thu	10.30am - 12.30pm
Design your own life	Create an inspiring action plan for change	1 July	Thu	10am - 12 noon
Digital skills	Using search engines - 3 week course	13 July	Tue	3pm
Design your own life	Create an inspiring action plan for change	15 July	Wed	10am - 12 noon

Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Course	Content	Date	Day	Time
Digital Skills - 3 week course	Basic digital skills - beginner level	7 - 21 June	Mon	1 - 3pm
Self-care for Worry and Anxiety	Learn how to care for your mind and body to stay healthy	8 June	Tue	1 - 3pm
Beauty - Clay Face Masks	Pamper yourself with a deep cleansing face pack	15 June	Tue	12.30 - 2.30pm
Self-Care for Worry and Anxiety	Learn how to care for your mind and body to stay healthy	15 June	Tue	1 - 3pm
Mental Health First Aid	Awareness of Mental Health	18 June	Fri	10am - 12 noon
Summer Wreaths	Design a summer wreath with flowers and fauna	22 June	Tue	12.45 - 2.45pm
Hanging Baskets	Create a colourful summer hanging basket	29 June	Thu	12.45 - 2.45pm
Deaf Awareness	Useful ways to communicate with hearing impaired people	29 June	Tue	1 - 3.30 pm
Resilience talk	Learn how to be resilient in every day situations	30 June	Wed	10 - 11.30am
Self-Care for Worry and Anxiety	Learn how to care for your mind and body to stay healthy	30 June	Tue	1 - 3pm

Brierley Hill Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Course	Content	Date	Day	Time
Caricatures and Cartoon Faces	Learn the basics of drawing cartoon characters	8 June	Tue	2 - 3pm
Advanced Floristry - 6 week course	An advanced short course to improve floristry skills	10 June	Thu	7 - 9pm
Deaf Awareness	Useful ways to communicate with hearing impaired people	10 June	Thu	9.30am - 12 noon
Design your own life - 4 week course	Create an inspiring action plan for change	14 June - 12 July	Mon	10am - 12 noon
Digital Skills - 3 week course	Using search engines and online research	9 - 23 June	Wed	9.30am - 12 noon
Introduction to Care - 6 week course	Working in the Care Sector	17 June - 15 July	Thu	9am - 12noon
Caricatures and Cartoon Faces	Learn the basics of drawing cartoon characters	22 June	Tue	2 - 3pm
Weaving	Create items for the home and garden	29 June	Tue	10am - 12 noon
Beauty - Clay Face Masks	Pamper yourself with a deep cleansing face pack	29 June	Tue	10am - 12 noon
Self-care for Worry and Anxiety	Learn how to care for mind and body	your 30 June	Wed	1 - 3pm
Weaving	Create items for the home and garden	6 July	Tue	10am - 12 noon
Eye for Architecture	Sketching outdoors	6 July	Tue	2 - 3pm
Eye for Architecture	Sketching outdoors	13 July	Tue	2 - 3pm

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The Link Leisure Centre

Monday - Friday from 5.00pm

Sports Hall

Floodlit 5-a-side synthetic area

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or visit www.thelinkacademy.org.uk
for more information



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Involving Parents in our School Life

Article by Mrs Worsley

Triple P parenting programme

To strengthen parenting skills and support the parent/child relationship. We continue to work with our parents/carers and offer support by delivering Triple P sessions. This can be with telephone consultations, Microsoft TEAMS or online Triple P. We offer online groups to complete the Teen Group sessions in place of the face to face course. Dates for the sessions will be available after half term.

What is Triple P?

The three Ps in 'Triple P' stand for 'Positive Parenting Programme'.

Triple P is a parenting programme that does not tell you what to do or how to be a parent. It is more like a toolbox of ideas, where you choose the strategies you need and the way you want to use them. It is all about making Triple P work for you.

How do you do Triple P?

You can do Triple P anywhere, anytime—24/7 with the online programmes. Triple P Online is for parents of toddlers to tweens (under 12 years), and Teen Triple P Online is for parents of pre-teens and teenagers (10-16 years). Additional telephone support can be provided with modules or strategies if

parents require. Parents can complete Triple P online using mobiles or laptops, to access an online code go to:

www.dudleyparents.co.uk

For more information go to:

www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/children-and-family-care/early-help-for-children-and-families/dudley-parenting-service/

www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/triple-p/

Early Help - What is Early Help?

Early help for children and families. Early Help is taking action early to provide support where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families, support may be provided at any point in a child or young person's life. If you are struggling or need help and advice you can speak to someone at your child's school or, contact one of the Family Centres. Check out Early Help and Family Information Service for more information at: www3.dudley.gov.uk/Synergy/FSD/

Dudley Adult and Learning Community Courses

Dudley Adult and Learning Team are planning to deliver sessions across the borough, details of courses are below. These courses are FREE and online.

- Introduction to British Sign Language
- Online Deaf Awareness Session

- Design your own life
- A Taste of Wellbeing
- Emotional Wellbeing - Introductory Online Workshop
- Mental Health First Approach
- An Introduction to Resilience
- Creative Well Being Journal
- Introduction to Digital Photography
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Safer Online
- Introduction to Safeguarding
- Introduction to becoming a Volunteer.

For activities, services and events across the Dudley Borough go to:

Dudley Community Information Directory - <https://dudleyci.co.uk/>

For more information contact Glen Ostins email Glen.Ostins@dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 816496.

For more information on any of the above contact: Mrs P Worsley, Parent Link Worker on 01384 814998 or pworsley@thelinkacademy.org.uk

Summer Term Dates 2021

Half term: Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021
 Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021



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