

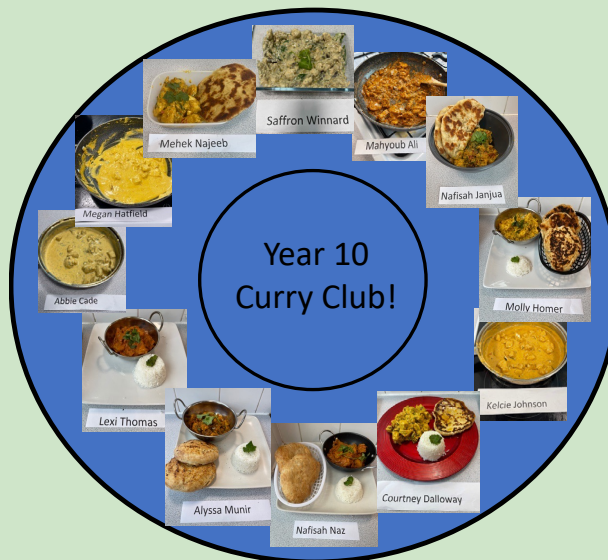


The Link Academy Newsletter October 2021



Year 10 Food and Nutrition

Curry is just one of a number of things the Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils have been making in their weekly practical lessons. It's great to be back in the school food room watching everyone work really hard to practice their skills. Thursday was curry club where everyone started with the same basic ingredients but made 12 delicious and very different curries by adding flavours of their choice. Homemade naan bread was also on the menu! Well done Year 10 a great start to the year!



Well-being week learners took part in lunchtime activities, enjoyed by all that took part. We want to make activities at lunch a regular occurrence, please complete the link to let us know what you'd like to do. Another update from the Kindness Army, they are still busy collecting empty crisp packets to support Mary Stevens Hospice. So please keep popping those empty packets in the box provided.

Well-being Wednesday



BINGO

Did you enjoy Bingo?
What other activities
would you like to see
on Wednesdays?

Follow this link &
let us know

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=AeSP1DmSIEa-wGGFZ-VaMeVKAAXKwLFNkQnQl3M5QRUQIRZ50rY-MIUNUEJVDQONUdEWDGz2MFlyRy4u>

**Our kindness Army
still need your empty
packets of crisps.**



Message from the Principal

Dear Learners, Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first half term back at The Link! I would like to thank all of our learners and staff for RESPECTING EACH OTHER AND OUR WORLD, by wearing face masks in classrooms and social spaces. We have bucked the recent national trend of Covid-19 cases and as a result our attendance is well above the national average! Well done TEAM LINK! We have been REWARDING EFFORT every week this half term with our LEARNER OF THE WEEK, well done to everyone that has been nominated.

Our Year 11 learners have been committed to their extra UPGRADE sessions and LEARNING THAT INSPIRES. This has focussed on extra English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Computer Science. After half term we start our PPE's for Y11 where they get their first full set of exams to show us their amazing progress this term.

As always, TEAM LINK are LEADING TOGETHER to ensure that we are the top of the DAT Leader board for Hegarty Maths and Bedrock Vocabulary - a huge well done to all year groups for their commitment to online learning. This half term has also seen the launch of our learner support groups including LGBTQ+, Anti-bullying, Anti-racism and Mental Health support for all. Next half term we are very much looking forward to DREAMING BIG by beginning our external visits for careers, starting with Year 7 learners visiting Thomas Dudley Ltd.

Thank you to our families for supporting us this half term. Have a safe, restful and happy half term holiday and we look forward to launching our new attendance competitions in the run up to Christmas!

Kind regards

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



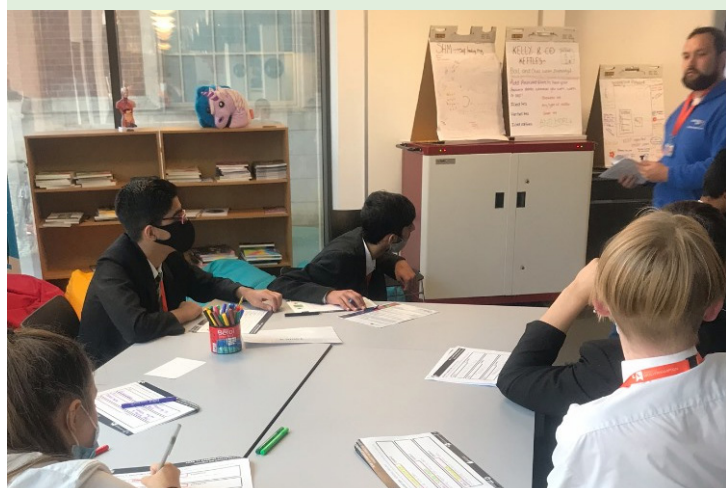
Extra - Curricular Timetable 2021 - 2022

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday
Breakfast Club - 8am LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Breakfast Club - 8am LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Breakfast Club - 8am LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Choir (Year 7, 8 & 9) Mrs Jones D103	Breakfast Club - 8am LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)
Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Dodgeball Gym changing room	Football Club (Year 9 & 10) Astro	Duke of Edinburgh Award (Year 9 & existing DofE Year 10) Week 1 only C105	Basketball (Year 9, 10 & 11) Sports Hall/ Gym
LSU Homework Club (C111) Year 7, 8, & 9 (C110) Year 10 & 11	Fitness Club Gym changing room	Girls Football Astro	Felt Sew Crafty (KBA) Week 1 only 3PM - 4PM A102 ALREADY FULLY BOOKED	Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)
Tuesday	Creating Writing	Netball Club	Hegarty Heroes' Club	3D Design
Breakfast Club - 8am LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Drama Club D004 Mrs Marshall	Unihock Club Gym changing rooms	Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	CALM Club C101 Miss Matteo
Football Club (Year 7 & 8) Astro	Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Reading Club English A303	Art & Photography C019 (Year 10) C108 (Year 7, 8, & 9)	Badminton Sports Hall
Benchball Gym changing room	Gardening Club (COMING SOON) Mrs Hill	Newspaper Club English A302		LSU Homework Club (C111) Year 7, 8, & 9
Eco Club A205 (Mr White)	Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)		
Logistical Games B002 (Miss Cross/ Mr Gardner)	What time? 2.45 – 3.45pm (unless stated)			
Homework Club LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)				



Year 11 University Wolverhampton Trip

Year 11 having a brilliant day yesterday with Aspire to HE at University of Wolverhampton all about making informed decisions about their futures. Well done everyone you were amazing!



Over the next few weeks we are working in partnership with West Midlands Police. If you see them about say hello.

Calling all Year 11 learners!

Destress before each exam and join us for a Mindful Meditation session from 8.30am and 12.45pm in B004. See Miss Hill or contact her to let her know you would like to attend.





**The Link
Leisure
Centre**

**Call us on 01384 986549
or visit www.thelinkacademy.org.uk
for more information**

Monday - Friday from 5.00pm



Sports Hall



**Floodlit 5-a-side
synthetic area**

Involving Parents in our School Life - October 2021

Working with parents of the children in our care at the Link Academy encompasses many things on a daily basis and it is always a pleasure to support in any way. We offer Triple P Parenting Support to support the parent and child relationship as well as Early Help, please contact me if you are interested.

Mrs Paulette Worsley
Parent Link Worker

Parent Support Sessions– Dudley Parenting Service

The Parenting Team have developed a series of workshops in partnership with Here4Youth and First Class Foundation youth charity. All sessions are on Zoom or Teams. Sessions available on many topics including the ones mentioned below:

Social Media – What do you know?

Reducing Family conflict. Getting teenagers to cooperate.

Looking after yourself – Parental mental health & well-being

Parent Advice Line - If you want to discuss your concerns or need support call 07827873377. Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm and Friday 10:00am-11:30am.

For more information contact Sharon Williams Supporting families and Parenting Coordinator. To register go to parenting@dudley.gov.uk

Dudley Adult and Learning Team Course

Dudley Adult and Learning Team are offering sessions across the local area classroom led and online sessions. Details of courses are below.

Caring for Children Award – This course is suitable for parents and carers who wish to progress onto a certificate in Caring for

Children. Course will be at Dudley Wood Learning Centre (DY2 0DB).

Self-Care for Worry and Anxiety - To consider generalised anxiety disorder, recognise what causes individuals to feel anxious and explore a variety of self-coping options to relax and restore balance.

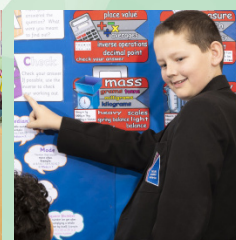
Deaf Awareness – online (Via Moodle)

Introduction to British Sign Language Beginners (VIRTUAL)

Essential Digital Skills Entry Level 3 - Course will be at Dudley Wood Learning Centre (DY2 0DB).

Contact Glen Ostins on 01384 816471 or 07824598894.

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



Autumn Term Dates 2021

**Half term: Monday 25th October 2021 -
Friday 29th October 2021**
Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021



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