

# The Link Academy Newsletter February 2022



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Learners,

It's been another productive half term at The Link Academy. We've had a much-awaited visit from Ofsted and as soon as their report is available, we will send a copy out to you all. As always our learners have been a credit to us all.

We've seen amazing work happening in all subject areas including fantastic Year 11 work in 3D Design where learners have been using the laser cutter to produce work of an exceptional standard. Drama learners have faced their exam performances and our Year 7,8 and Year 9 learners are progressing well through their form time reading for pleasure programme! After half term Year 9 and 10 learners will begin a reading mentoring programme where they will read to Year 7 and 8 learners.

We've opened a new centre to support learners to access the mainstream curriculum and we continue to focus on ensuring that our well sequenced curriculum is delivered effectively in all subject areas. New staff appointments have been made in English and History and we look forward to welcoming colleagues to TEAM LINK in the Summer Term!

After Feb Half Term, Year 11 embark upon their second set of PPE examinations and we wish them well in showcasing their progress to exceptional GCSE results. Enjoy a restful holiday!

Kind regards

Mrs Edwards-Morgan  
**Principal**



## Eco Committee

Article by Mr White

This half term local MP Mike Wood visited the Academy to meet with our Eco-committee. The committee delivered a presentation detailing their actions taken to reduce the environmental impact of The Link Academy. After this the students had the chance to put the MP in the hotseat and ask some very well researched and difficult questions about the UK government's environmental promises and their performance in meeting them. The learners involved found it a good experience which served to improve confidence and prove that they can bring about change and be heard by our elected leaders.

This week the head of Dudley Academies Trust, Jo Higgins visited the school to visit the Eco-Committee and shared the Dudley Academies Trust commitment to work towards environmentally sound practices in its actions throughout all the schools of the trust. Again, our members conducted themselves superbly and shared their expectation of actions that match the environmental ambitions of the trust as a whole.

We are looking to showcase the environmental actions of our local community so if you wish to share anything you do to care for our environment, please email:  
[cwhite@thelinkacademy.org.uk](mailto:cwhite@thelinkacademy.org.uk).

**We value feedback from all learners, parents, carers, and staff.**

**Look out for regular emails from My School Wellbeing**

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## Fundraising

Article by Mrs Robbs

Learners raised money for children's mental health charity place2be alongside this our own school well-being projects. It's important to keep talking about our mental health. If there is anything we could do in school to promote well-being, please let us know.



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Remember that Year 11 mock exams start on Monday 28th February. Please see the updated timetable below:

## Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations February 2022

Updated 01 February 2022



Exam starts at 9.00am		Exam starts at 1.00pm	
Monday 28/02/22	English Language Paper 1 – 1hour 45mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	Maths Paper 1 - 1hour 30mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	
Tuesday 01/03/22	Science: Biology - <i>Sports Hall</i> Combined Trilogy - 1hour 15mins Triple - 1hour 45mins	Option C – <i>Sports Hall</i> Food - 1hour 45mins, Drama - 1hour 45mins, PE Paper 1 - 1hour 45mins <i>All other subjects in lesson</i>	
Wednesday 02/03/22	Science: Chemistry - <i>Sports Hall</i> Combined Trilogy - 1hour 15mins Triple - 1hour 45mins	Geography Paper 1 - 1hour 30mins Computer Science Paper 1 - 1hour 30mins History Paper 1 - 1hour <i>Sports Hall</i>	
Thursday 03/03/22	Science: Physics - <i>Sports Hall</i> Combined Trilogy - 1hour 15mins Triple - 1hour 45mins	Maths Paper 2 - 1hour 30mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	
Friday 04/03/22	English Language Paper 2 – 1hour 45mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	Option B – <i>Sports Hall</i> Food - 1hour 45mins, Drama - 1hour 45mins, PE Paper 1 - 1hour 45mins, Religious Studies Paper 1 - 1hour 45mins French: Listening & Reading – Foundation B203/ Higher B103 Foundation: 1hours 35mins/Higher: 2hours with additional 5 minutes reading time <i>All other subjects in lesson</i>	
Monday 07/03/22	History Paper 2 (Section A+B) - 2hours Computer Science Paper 2 - 1hour 30mins Geography Paper 2 - 1hour 15mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	English Literature Paper 1 - 50mins English Literature Paper 2 - 50mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	
Tuesday 08/03/22	Maths Paper 3 - 1hour 30mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	PE Paper 2 - 1hour 15mins Religious Studies Paper 2 - 1hour 45mins <i>Sports Hall</i>	

# Link Academy Ski Trip 2023

Zillertal, Austria. 31st March - 8th April. £895



For more details speak to Mr Roe or Miss Sweet



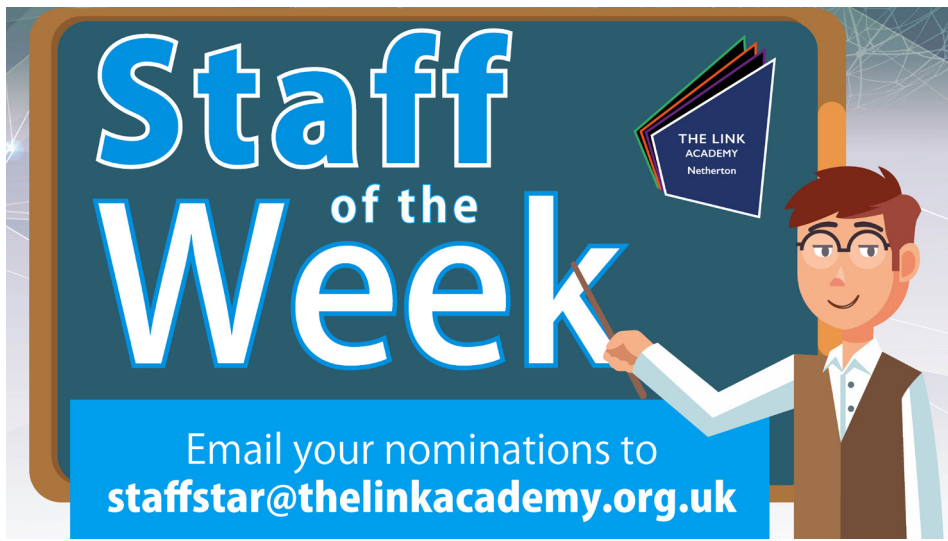
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## Year 9 Options

Article by Mr Clarke

Year 9 is the time for all learners to choose the subjects that they will study during the next two years.

At The Link Academy we are committed to raising achievement and ensuring that our learners dream big, have high aspirations and make the right choices. Our curriculum is designed so that all learners, regardless of background, have the opportunity to make progress across a broad choice of subjects and study programmes.

The Year 9 Options information booklet is now available on our website. This will allow you to make informed decisions



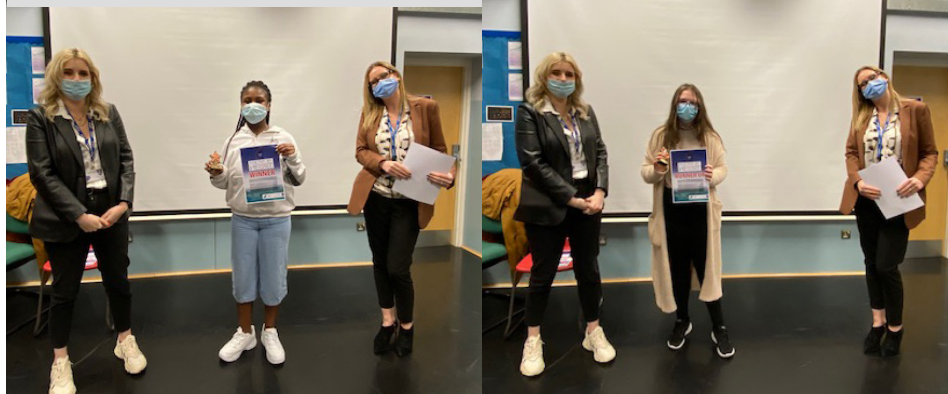
## Poetry at Heart Competition

Article by Miss Stanford

This month saw some of our Year 7-10 learners take part in our Poetry By Heart competition!

They had been learning their poems since a launch in lessons before Christmas, and these lucky participants had won their in class competition to get through to The Link final. All learners were amazing and were all winners in Team English's! Yet one pupil from each Year group have gone through to the March final across the trust, where they have to learn a second poem!

They really are a credit to The Link Academy. Well done all!





# Extra - Curricular Timetable 2021 - 2022

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday		
<b>Breakfast Club - 8am</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Breakfast Club - 8am</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Breakfast Club - 8am</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Choir</b> (Year 7, 8 & 9) Mrs Jones D103	<b>Breakfast Club - 8am</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)		
<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Dodgeball</b> Gym changing room	<b>Football Club</b> (Year 9 & 10) Astro	<b>Duke of Edinburgh Award</b> (Year 9 & existing DofE Year 10) Week 1 only C105	<b>Basketball</b> (Year 9, 10 & 11) Sports Hall/ Gym		
<b>LSU Homework Club</b> (C111) Year 7, 8, & 9 (C110) Year 10 & 11	<b>Fitness Club</b> Gym changing room	<b>Girls Football</b> Astro	<b>Felt Sew Crafty (KBA)</b> Week 1 only 3PM - 4PM A102 <b>ALREADY FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)		
Tuesday	<b>Creating Writing</b> English B203	<b>Netball Club</b> (Year 9 & 10) Sports Hall	<b>Hegarty Heroes' Club</b> (Year 7, 8, 9, & 10)	<b>3D Design</b> (Year 11 Only) Mr Walker		
<b>Breakfast Club - 8am</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Drama Club</b> D004 Mrs Marshall	<b>Unihock Club</b> Gym changing rooms	<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>CALM Club</b> C101 Miss Mattoo		
<b>Football Club</b> (Year 7 & 8) Astro	<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Reading Club</b> English A303	<b>Art &amp; Photography</b> C019 (Year 10) C108 (Year 7, 8, & 9)	<b>Badminton</b> Sports Hall		
<b>Benchball</b> Gym changing room	<b>Gardening Club</b> <b>(COMING SOON)</b> Mrs Hill	<b>Newspaper Club</b> English A302		<b>LSU Homework Club</b> (C111) Year 7, 8, & 9		
<b>Eco Club</b> A205 (Mr White)	<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)	 			
<b>Logistical Games</b> B002 (Miss Cross/ Mr Gardner)	<b>What time? 2.45 – 3.45pm (unless stated)</b>					
<b>Homework Club</b> LSU (Year 9 & 10) C111 (Year 7 & 8)						



**The Link Leisure Centre**

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for more information

**Monday - Friday from 5.00pm**



**Sports Hall**



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

## Spring Term Dates

Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Term ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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