



The Link Academy Newsletter Summer 2022



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Learners,

As the end of this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our learners and staff for their hard work. I'd also like to acknowledge the supportive role that our parents and carers make and how vital our effective working relationship is with you all.

September brings a new exciting time for The Link Academy. Our learners will have access to the biggest range of Extra Curricular Activities that we have ever offered. It is our ambition that these opportunities will enhance the curriculum and we expect all learners to attend a minimum of one extracurricular club in 2022-2023.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer break. Please stay safe over the holidays and we look forward to seeing our learners on 6th September 2022!

Kind regards

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



Creative Arts News

Article by Mrs Jones

We're so happy at The Link Academy that covid is no longer holding us back from doing what we love in Creative Arts. This term alone we have had our choir perform 'You will be found' from Dear Evan Hansen in a Year 7 assembly as part of our mental health week, Year 7 and 8 learners thoroughly enjoyed a trip to London to see Wicked at The West End, pupils from various year groups had the pleasure of visiting Ingestre Hall as part of our Creative Arts Residential and rehearsals for our school production of Shakespeare's Hamlet have begun. Watch this space for tickets in the autumn term!



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PE Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn Half Term 1 (Sept-Oct 2022)



What time?
All clubs are
2:45-3:45pm

Football Club
(years 7&8)
Astro

Tuesday
Netball Club
(years 7&8)
Sports Hall

Dodgeball Club
Gym changing rooms

Wednesday

Dodgeball Club
Gym changing rooms

Dance Club
Dance Studios

Fitness Circuits
Gym Changing Rooms

Thursday

Football Club
(years 9&10)
Astro

Table Tennis
(years 9&10)
Astro

Girls Football
Astro

Netball Club
(years 9&10)
Sports Hall

Unihock Club
Gym changing rooms

Friday

Basketball
Years 9,10 & 11
Sports Hall/Gym

Badminton
Sports Hall/Gym



The Link Academy Extra Curricular

After School Opportunities 2022-2023

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Express Yourself - RE club Mrs Slater 2:45-3:30pm Room A305	STEM Gliders Every week 2 Mr Walker Room C008 2:45-3:45pm	Keyboard and Drumming Club Mr Morgan Room D002/Music Practice 2:45-3:45pm	Club de jeux - French club Mrs Morris and Mrs McIlverath Room A102 2:45-3:45pm
Masterchef First Tuesday every month 2:45-3:45pm Mrs Haywood and Mr Parsons Room C007	Y9 Jewellery Resin Club Every week 1 Mrs S Reynolds Room C008 2:45-3:45pm	Choir Mrs Jones Room D103 2:45-3:45pm	Home Learning Club In LSU 2:45-3:45pm all years welcome!
Hamlet Rehearsals Various staff D003 2:45-3:45pm	KS3 Art/Photography Club Miss Bates Room C108 2:45-3:45pm	Hamlet Rehearsals Various staff D003 2:45-3:45pm	
Rock School Bands Mr Morgan Room D102/Music Practice 2:45-3:45pm	Sparks Maths Club Mrs Homer Room A101 2:45-3:45pm	KS3 Art/Photography Club Mrs Davies Room C109 2:45-3:45pm	
KS3 Drama Club (Jan 2023 onwards) Miss Stanford Room D004 2:45-3:45pm	Barclays Money Matters Mr Gardner Room B102 2:45-3:45pm	KS3 Film Club (Jan 2023 onwards) Mr Lewis Room D003 2:45-3:45pm	
Eco Club Mr White/Mrs Dunne Room A301/302 2:45-3:45pm	Maths KS3 Topic Help! Mrs Basil Room B004 2:45-3:45pm	Journal Writing KS3 Every week 2 Miss Rose Room A201 2:45-3:45pm	
Newspaper/Journalist Club KS3/4 Mrs Allen Room A204 2:45-3:45pm	Reading Club KS4 Miss Merrick Room B201 2:45-3:45pm	Science Club Y7 Mrs Soykowski in C105 2:45-3:45pm	
Creative Writing KS3 Every week 1 Mr Russon Room B203 2:45-3:45pm	Guardians of the Galaxy - Science Miss Sivodia in C104 2:45-3:45pm	Gardening Club All welcome. In the house with Miss Hill 2:45-3:45pm	
KS3 Retro Gaming Club Mr Atton Room C001 2:45-3:45pm	Dance Club Mrs Rutter in D001 2:45-3:45pm	Home Learning Club In LSU 2:45-3:45pm all years welcome!	
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History Club Various staff 2:45-3:30pm Room C111 2:45-3:45pm	Climbing Gym (offsite, 12 places, sign up Sept) Every week 2 Mr Woodhall - times will be shared by letter		

The Link Academy Extra Curricular

Breakfast and Lunchtime Opportunities 2022-2023

DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Food will be provided for breakfast club!	LSU Breakfast Club LSU Kitchen All years welcome! 8:10am-8:40am	LSU Breakfast Club LSU Kitchen All years welcome! 8:10am-8:40am	LSU Breakfast Club LSU Kitchen All years welcome! 8:10am-8:40am	Maths Breakfast Club - A101 All years welcome! 8:20am-8:40am	LSU Breakfast Club LSU Kitchen All years welcome! 8:10am-8:40am
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Lunch Time	Year 8 Drama Club Ms Stanford / Mr Lewis	Year 9 Music Club - Mr Morgan / Mrs Jones	Year 8 Music Club - Mr Morgan / Mrs Jones	Year 9 Drama Club - Mr Lewis	Year 7 Drama Club - Ms Stanford / Mr Lewis
				Year 7 Music Club - Mr Morgan / Mrs Jones	





Spirited Arts Competition

Article by Mrs Slater

Pupils across the year groups have entered NATRE's Spirited Arts RE competition this half term. They have worked hard on creating art work and poems around themes such as "Searching for God" and "We have far more in common with each other than that which divides us." (Jo Cox MP). We will find out if we have any winning entries over the coming weeks and wish all of our learners the very best of luck!

Work by: Hafsa (Year 10),
Sharifa (Year 8), Kamil (Year 10)



Equality

Just beneath the surface,
Our cells all look the same.
There is no race or pronouns,
So why call us hurtful names.
We have seen the painful history,
But why is it pulling you back.
Equality is what we need,
So, we can all finally succeed.
Everyone has a heart,
So why are we all pulled apart.
Everyone cries,
And soon everyone will die.
Beyond duality,
We were all created equally.
With love and light,
And everyone is so bright.
We have seen the painful history,
But why is it pulling you back.
Equality is what we need,
So, we can all finally succeed.



Year 9 Maths Challenge

Article by Miss Cross

On the 5th July we took two teams of students to take part in a Year 9 Maths Challenge at Oldbury Academy. Both teams did really well and enjoyed the event. The teams had to compete against a number of other schools, from Dudley and Birmingham, on a series of different tasks and challenges set to test their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. Well done to both of our teams, with one winning the event overall!



Developing a Mind to be Kind



Learners have been busy throughout the summer term, filling our container with spare change. This will be donated to a charity of their choice.

Small change makes a BIG difference

Show kindness

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Learners have also taken part in our 200 acts of kindness, filling in their card when showing kindness in school and around the community.



Looking after our well-being is an important aspect of our Academy's ethos. Learners got involved in activities in and outside of lessons to encourage them to reflect on their own well-being, teaching peers, exercising, working together and having fun together, all to improve and raise awareness of learner well-being.

Developing a Mind to be Kind



After donating our usual Christmas donation, some of the kindness acts asked staff at the BCSB what other times in the year does the foodbank run on. We decided to ask staff and learners to donate for May.

We always emphasize the importance of 'give what you can', some learners sorted, some gave their time helping organize and deliver food. As always staff and learners stood up to the challenge!



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The Link Academy Student Leadership Update

Article by Mr White

At the Link Academy we have recently appointed new student presidents who will help move the Student leadership programme forwards from September. In the last few months much has happened. Our student leaders produced an exhibition for representatives from the Department for Education showcasing the good work done in the Academy. This included presentations by individual interest groups such as the School Eco-Committee and the Anti Racism Working party.

Our Student Leadership team have adapted well to the extra responsibilities of being a Leader including completing Break duties, Charitable Fundraising, organising and responding to the opinions of our learners as part of the Student Voice process.

Next year we look forward to growing our student leadership campaign and offering more opportunities for learners to show leadership and gain valuable life skills.

Ingestre Hall Trip

Article by Miss Bates

What a week, after a short break and nerves being high, Ingestre Hall Arts Residential went off with a bang. Students from both Pegasus and The Link mashed both drama and music live performances, and the Art set up their own exhibition of work. All three were set to high standards. This can also be said for the quiz night and disco to round off the week. It good have not gone any better, so all there is to say is the dates are set for May 2023, so start saving and get your names down in September to be able to join in the fun!



Art & Design Aspire Trip

Article by Miss Davis

On Tuesday 21st June 2022, selected Year 9 pupils took part in an Aspire workshop at Wolverhampton University. With the theme of Fantastic Beasts, pupils worked in teams to design, create and present their beast to panel of judges and directors for an upcoming film. Well done to all who took part and especially the winning team from The Link Academy with their beast 'The Intestinal Money Leech'.



The Eco-Committee Achieves National Awards

Article by Mr White

The Eco-Committee at The Link Academy was formed in September 2021 and have worked hard this year to bring about real change within the Academy to reduce it's Environmental Impact.

- Some of the activities include:
- Regular litter picks
- Becoming a Recycling hub for the community
- Including Environmental issues in the curriculum
- Communicating and protesting to government and big brands to hold them to account for their environmental performance.
- Meeting with our local MP Mike Wood, Our Chief Executive Jo Higgins and others to communicate our environmental action and demand change from Government and leaders.

In recognition of our work the school has been awarded two prestigious national awards:

The Plastic Free Schools Award recognises the efforts of our Learners to remove unnecessary single use plastics from the school entirely.

The Eco Schools Award recognises the progress the Academy has made in tackling it's own Environmental performance including Litter, energy and the school environment.

The Eco-Committee has big plans for the future and have met with the leadership of Dudley Academies Trust to help play a role in shaping trust policies and plans moving forward.

Our Eco-committee meet weekly and have worked incredibly hard to gain these Awards for the Academy. We are very proud of them.

Autumn Term Dates

Term starts: Tuesday 6th September
Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
Term ends: Friday 16th December



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