

The Link News



A Message From Mrs Edwards-Morgan

We've had a really exciting and engaging term at The Link! Our year 11 learners are now dreaming big and showing significant improvements in their GCSE grades approaching their final summer exams. Still a lot of hard work to go but we are proud of their progress so far.

We've had a huge focus on extra curricular and enrichment opportunities and I write this as we prepare to depart for the Austria 2023 Ski Trip. Many opportunities have included a visit to Bletchley Park for Y8, a mathematics escape room for Y7, a trip to see Six The Musical, to name just a few! Next term we would like to see every learner ensuring that they are involved in at least one club or visit. As we look forward to next term we are planning our next Cultural Celebration Day, on 24th April to follow Eid celebrations.

In the meantime, we wish all of our families, a peaceful and restful Easter break. Take care and we will see you all back on Monday 17th April.

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal

Ski Trip 2023 Update

For the first time since 2020, the Ski Trip returns to The Link Academy in our joint trip with Pegasus Academy. 28 learners depart to Austria for a week long ski holiday. It is safe to say that the buzz amongst learners and staff leading up to this trip is energetic!



I am also very excited to announce that Ski Trip 2024 has been launched to all learners in Years 7 to 10 via WEDUC and school assemblies. If you are interested in your child being part of this excellent opportunity, please look out for the WEDUC message for Ski Trip 2024.



Eco-Committee News

Our Eco-committee have been busily working towards improving the environmental performance of the Academy. Some of our work includes:

- An energy audit and helping pupils and staff to understand their energy usage, its impacts and how to reduce energy reduce
- Litter picks on school site and in the community
- Communicating with local politicians and businesses to campaign for change
- Planting trees and wildflowers

You can help make a difference at home by following the following basic changes:

- turn your home thermostat down by one degree will not only save energy but also save you money.
- Think about the three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Close curtains in the evening to keep heat trapped in your home

Perhaps go meat free, try making at least one day a week a 'veggie day' and reduce consumption of meat products.



Student Leadership Update

Our student leaders are continuing to increase in number and influence within the academy. Student leaders have helped with school events and staff recruitment, provided feedback on changes to the Canteen and school menu and contributed to the schools work to eliminate racism in all forms.

In addition our Student presidents met with Trust CEO Jo Higgins last week to provide feedback and opinion upon the new Dudley Academy Trust Strategic Plan.

It is fantastic seeing our learners making a difference and helping to shape the future of The Link Academy and Dudley Academies Trust

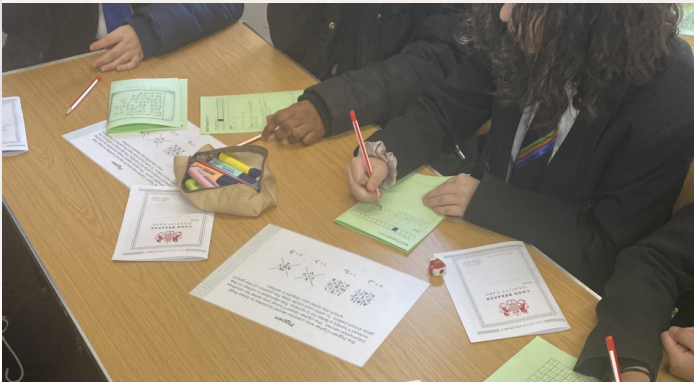


Poetry By Heart

Poetry By Heart competitions have been running in school and across the trust. These involved pupils learning poems by heart and performing them. We had 4 winners go through to the DAT trust final, and all 4 of them won! They were fantastic and a credit to The Link. Well done all!

Maths News - Enrichment

Maths have provided some enrichment activities to support their curriculum this term. Year 8 learners went to visit Bletchley Park and learnt all about coding and the enigma machine and how this was used to support the efforts in World War 2.



Year 7 learners had a go at some mathematical problem solving to try and crack the codes and clues needed to escape the box!



We also took a team from Year 10 to compete in a Maths challenge they were put through their paces applying the maths they have learnt in lessons to some real-life challenging problems.



Science News - NHS Guided Tour

Fifteen of our Year 9 and 10 learners had a fabulous opportunity to visit Russells Hall Hospital alongside our other 3 academies.

There were 2 tours and the opportunity to meet experts to find out about careers in a range of medical fields.

Theatres and anesthesia - In this tour learners met with experienced medical staff including Anaesthetics and doctors and gained practical experience of Intubation, Resuscitation and had a fun activity playing a lifestyle Operation game.

Therapies (physio/gym/hydrotherapy pool/speech/podiatry) - In this tour the learners used raising hoists, tested reflexes and practiced physiotherapy techniques on real life models.

English News - An Inspector Calls

Year 10 had a great time on their educational trip to see An Inspector Calls; a GCSE English text adapted and performed by Mrs Homer's son!

