



The Link November 2023 News



A Message From The Principal

It's been a very busy half term, with Year 11 walking talking mocks, Halloween disco, Year 7 settling in and much more!

Our learners have been set a challenge to achieve 96%+ attendance for all of our rewards this half term and it's been amazing to have hundreds of learners achieving this fantastic benchmark!

After half term we have our much-anticipated Year 11 PPE exams to showcase their progress since Year 10 and we also have a curriculum bursting with wonderful subjects to inspire our learners to achieve.

Finally, we had the news this month that The Link Academy has yet again achieved positive progress for 2023! Wonderful news to reward all of the hard work. Have a great half term!

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



School Library Launch

What a fantastic half term it has been for reading. We have had lots going on and some fantastic prizes up for grabs! (For both staff and pupils!)

Staff were introduced to the space via a breakfast meeting and loaned books of their choice. Aside from this, we have had lots of competitions running to celebrate Black History Month and National School Library Month. A huge shout out to members of the Anti-Racism Working Party who created a wonderful display in the library and organising two competitions.

Winners for these two competitions will be selected after half term so keep an eye out on our socials! We have also been rewarding our reader of the week winners with their books to take home and enjoy! Congratulations also goes to 7KT who took loaned a whopping 50 books in one week and to 7MH who visited the library 32 times between them in one week. Keep a look out for more events and prizes to be won!



Snowdome Trip

Pupils on Ski Italy 2024 have enjoyed a visit to the SnowDome in the run up to main trip in Easter. Intermediate skiers enjoyed showing off their skiing skills that they have honed from previous trips to Mr Woodall and Mr Fellows, who we welcome to the staff ski team this year. A big well done to our learners who took to the snow for the first time. Why though, are so many pupils buzzing more about the McDonald's at the end of the trip?! There are plans for another SnowDome trip, details to follow.

Eco-Committee News

Our Eco Committee were very proud to win the prestigious Eco Schools Award for The Link last in the 2022-23 academic year. This year we plan to retain the award and further reduce the environmental impact of our school. In the next few weeks, we will be planting over 200 trees on the school site as well as planting our own wildflower meadow to try and improve the visual aspect of school. We have implemented Eco Monitors in school and will continue working to improve our school's environmental performance.

Student Leadership Update

It has been a busy start to the year for our student leadership team. Our new Student presidents have begun to implement their action plans and got to practice their public speaking skills during the school open evening. Student leaders have been involved in the Open Evening event as well as helping to recruit a record number of Year 7's to become Student Leaders. They cannot wait to get started making a real difference.

One event next term will be our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December, which aims to raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance. Our student leaders are busy planning for this event but if you have anything you could donate as Tombola or Raffle prizes then please ask your son/daughter to bring into Mr White in A303.



Eton College Visit

We had the privilege of visiting The Link Academy in Netherton, Dudley, and it was very informative and solidified our relationship. Our visit provided us with the opportunity to connect with some outstanding leaders in the education sector and foster great discussions with our EtonX team.

Principal, Emma Edwards-Morgan and Assistant Principal, Simon Roe graciously hosted us for a comprehensive tour of the school. Their commitment to the students and their vision for the future is truly inspiring.

But the highlight of our visit was undoubtedly meeting the remarkable students at The Link Academy who are using the EtonX platform.

We engaged in insightful discussions about their experiences with our courses and how we can make the EtonX learning journey even better for them. Their feedback was invaluable!

We also had the pleasure of sitting down with Jo Higgins, the CEO of Dudley Academies Trust, and discussing our partnership across the DAT schools. The potential for collaboration is immense, and we're excited to explore the possibilities together.

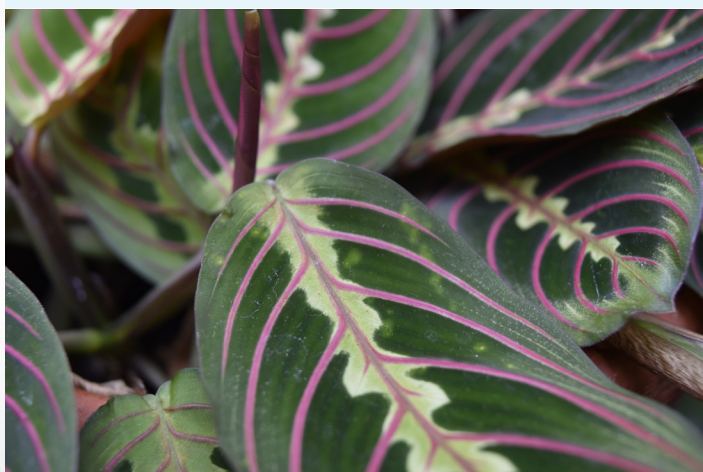
As we embark on the journey to establish 'Eton Star Dudley,' it's vital for us to work in close collaboration with outstanding Multi-Academy Trusts like DAT. We're enthusiastic about visiting more schools within the trust, building strong relationships, and creating meaningful impacts together.

The future of education is bright, and we're thrilled to be a part of it. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to connect, inspire, and innovate with our partners in Dudley and beyond.



Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 18 October, our Year 10 Art and Photography students visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to begin their research and practise their practical skills ready for their GCSE coursework. A little light rain did not put them off from collecting some fantastic photographs, give or take a few lost Lego men!



House Competition Winners

The house competition has commenced here in our academy. The form time quizzes have helped contribute to our house scores.

This week, each form tutor nominated two learners to represent their house in activities competing against other houses, showing skill, problem-solving and teamwork. It was great to see everyone out of each year working together as a house! The joint winners of this event were Brecon and Kinver!



Black History Month at The Link Academy

As we come to the end of Black History Month, we share some examples of work that has been undertaken in lessons, form time and through assemblies.

Most importantly, at The Link Academy, we recognise that we can't just focus on the contributions to society of black people during this month but that we educate all of our learners on the contributions to society of black people and other ethnicities that make up the **global majority** throughout the year by ensuring our curriculum is diverse.





Clubs highlighted in **RED**, you must collect a pass at the start of the day.

KS4 Catch Up

12:40 – 1:05 Years 8, 10 & 11

1:40 – 2:05

WELL DONE ALL!

