

The Link Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to welcome your child as a new learner in September 2024 at The Link Academy, part of Dudley Academies Trust.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved at The Link Academy so far. Our amazing Ofsted report in 2022 raised us by two grades and rated us as 'Good' across the board. Our academy is above the national average for the progress made by learners during their time at school and above average for Dudley. In fact, The Link is the most improved secondary school in the Borough for Progress. Since 2019 when we joined Dudley Academies Trust, The Link has also increased the number of learners passing Maths and English at Grade 5 or above by 9%.

When I joined the academy as Principal five years ago, I said that it was a fantastic opportunity to change lives among the young people of Netherton and the surrounding area. Now I can say that we are truly giving our learners the education and opportunities that they deserve. Your child's move from Year 6 to Year 7 is a very exciting time. However, I recognise that it is a period of great change and that your child may understandably experience some anxiety. I can reassure you that our transition process is highly effective and places all new learners' wellbeing at the heart of all that we do.

You are likely to have questions about many aspects of the transition from primary school to secondary: for example, uniform and equipment, school lunches and learning support. I can confirm that all this information and much more will be provided by our Transition Lead in due course. In July, we will hold Induction days for our new learners to meet their Year 7 teachers and classmates, followed by an evening event for parents/carers. Information will also be available via our academy website and social media platforms.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact our Transition Lead, Mr Chater, Assistant Principal via emailing rchater@thelinkacademy.org.uk or telephoning 01384986550. In the meantime, please follow us on our social media platforms, where you will gain a great insight into the life of our learners at The Link Academy.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Edwards-Morgan
Principal

