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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support during this academic year. As we approach the end of term, I felt it was important to share with you some tips for ensuring that your child stays safe over the summer and for reiterating our return to school plans for the Autumn Term.

On Friday 19th July 2024, we have our end of term rewards assemblies. After this, learners will begin to be **dismissed from 12:30pm onwards.**

We of course wish all of our learners a very happy and restful Summer. We also want them to stay safe! One of our biggest challenges in school is managing issues that arise from social media. Please do take time to talk to your child about appropriate social media use and appropriate contact and dialogue with others over the multiple platforms that they access. There is obviously a wealth of accessibility which internet access brings for our young people, but this can also pose dangers. We encourage all parents to maintain a healthy caution with regards to social media accounts, ensuring that you regularly check your child's devices and have in place parental controls. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this as it really helps to eliminate social issues and exposure to inappropriate web material.

Please also remind your children of basic road safety and water safety. During hot weather it can be tempting for children to swim in rivers, lakes, quarries and reservoirs, but this can pose a very significant danger to them. We want every one of our learners healthy, well and back safely for the Autumn Term. As always, we are here to provide support remotely, our support email address will be checked periodically by the safeguarding team. If you or your child have any concerns about wellbeing or need to reach out, please email support@thelinkacademy.org.uk. Learners can also access wellbeing mental health support via www.kooth.com and they can download the app onto their device to access support.

In the Autumn Term, **learners will all return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.** Year 7 learners will return at 8:40am, with all other years returning at 10am. All learners will report to their form tutor room.

When learners return in September, it is vital that they arrive in the correct **Academy uniform**. Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from **Crested School Wear**, Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY2 7BL. Year 11 learners can arrive in their black Link Academy tie, and they will be given their new Y11 tie in the assembly on 3rd September 2024. Year 7 learners will receive their first blazer and tie, free of charge. To collect the blazer, you must take ID to Crested School Wear to prove the identity of your child. Ties were given out on the Induction Evening, however, if you have not yet collected your child's tie, this can be collected on their first day in September or collect from reception before we finish for the summer break.

Uniform expectations are outlined below, **trainers/boots and canvas shoes or high tops are not allowed**, only black polishable or patent shoes with **no logos/Nike ticks etc.** Learners are also expected to bring a school bag, large enough to fit their books. If your child chooses to wear a **black school skirt, this must be knee length** when walking.



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Learners are expected to bring the following **basic equipment** to school with them:

Black pens, red pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, calculator, and PE Kit. Failure to bring the correct equipment to school results in a learner losing a line in their planner. Failure to bring PE Kit leads to a 2-hour SLT detention. Please ensure that your child **does not get facial piercings that can't be removed** in September. Our policy is very clear, only **one single plain stud** is allowed in each ear. Please also ensure that your child **does not dye their hair in permanent hair dyes which are unnatural** or bright hair tones. This includes braids and hair extensions.

When we return in September, we will continue to expand our extracurricular clubs! We aim for every learner to be attending a minimum of one extracurricular club (hopefully more) and our staff are committed to ensuring that we provide the best opportunities to enhance our curriculum.

At The Link Academy, we have the highest of expectations of every single learner, because we want the best for them. Thank you for supporting us in this expectation.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming our learners back in September!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Emma Edwards-Morgan
Principal

