



# GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another incredibly busy term at Guilsborough. Given the impact of the pandemic on education nationally, in particular the potential for organising educational visits off site, I am delighted to report that a number of fantastic trips have taken place over the past few weeks. A-level Media Studies students have visited Leavesden Studios near Watford, we have History trips for Year 11 taking place this week alongside a whole host of national and international opportunities being planned as we speak. At Guilsborough we believe passionately that learning is not something limited to the classroom so we're incredibly fortunate to have a body of staff willing to give up time to support these visits.

In addition to the above, 28 Year 11 students and 5 Year 13 students have successfully completed Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Gold expeditions. We're incredibly proud of the students involved in this scheme who have demonstrated a high level of resilience as well as proving they have problem solving, team working and communication skills which will stand them in good stead for life beyond Guilsborough.

The events in Ukraine have touched many of us. I am incredibly proud of the staff and students at Guilsborough who have shown themselves to be caring global citizens having organised cake sales and collections to raise money to support people in Ukraine. Events like this are important, not only for raising funds to support the people in Ukraine, but also in raising awareness across our community.

We cannot ignore the significant disruption to education students have faced nationally since the pandemic began, staff are working tirelessly to ensure the impact of this is minimised. To support with this and in order to ensure our students are

fully prepared for final examinations we have welcomed 'Elevate' into the academy to deliver sessions to Year 10 and Year 11 focused on the use of practice examination papers, high impact revision activities and techniques for managing examination stress. The feedback from the students involved was incredibly positive and as a consequence we are exploring similar sessions for years 7-9.

**Mr S Frazer**  
Principal



## Dates for your Diary:



### APRIL

- Fri 1st** - **School Closes**
- Mon 18th** - **Bank Holiday**
- Tue 19th** - **School Opens**
- Thu 28th** - **Yr 8 Parents Evening**

### MAY

- Mon 2nd** - **Bank Holiday**
- Fri 27th** - **School Closes**

### JUNE

- Mon 6th** - **School Opens**

### JULY

- Thu 21st** - **School Closes**

# Ukraine Collection



Staff at Guilsborough Academy joined forces to bring in donations for a collection heading for the Ukraine. Staff were very generous, some going shopping for certain requested items. The collection was being held in Hollowell village hall. 5 students from Guilsborough Academy gave up their Sunday to help sort through the donations.

Ebony Heap, Connie Chaplin, Phoebe Lancaster, Oscar Jobling and Orla Hand.

All items have now been received at the border in Poland.

Miss N Bagnell-Scott



# Sixth Form A Level Media Trip

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 30 Sixth Form A Level Media students headed to Leavesden Studios near Watford for a Harry Potter workshop and studio tour. Having watched all the Harry Potter films, I really enjoyed seeing all the film sets, 'behind the scenes' exhibits and costumes in real life – it was so interesting and really gave us an insight into all the work that goes into making such a huge production. The studios felt quite magical and really set the scene for the movies with the Harry Potter tune playing throughout the tour. Before the tour, the staff ran a workshop based on camera skills, which was really fun and exciting, and complemented the work we have been doing in class. We looked at a



range of camera angles, movement and shot types, and discussed the impact these have on an audience. The staff explained the importance of storyboarding and showed us props that aren't included in the tour, which was really cool and engaging. They also showed the dress/cape that Voldemort wore, explaining the significance of the colour of his costume (the green of his cape fades as the films progress to show his power diminishing) - which was very clever.



The tour itself took us through The Great Hall, showed us props and costumes galore, offered us Butter Beer, gave us the chance to ride a broomstick, opportunities for photos beside the Night Bus and a walk along Diagon Alley – to name but a few highlights!

The experience was very beneficial for our Media course and the workshop re-capped skills and information that we need to know for the course in a fun and easy way. The staff were very friendly and passionate about the studios and provided lots of extra information about the sets and costumes which was really fascinating to listen to.



Overall, the trip really opened my eyes to how much work, effort and time goes into making blockbusters like Harry Potter but also gave us plenty to think about in terms of the range of job opportunities within the film industry. I definitely recommend visiting!!

Thanks to Mrs Collinson, Miss Sprague and Mr Sutherland for making the trip possible.

**Sophie Green (Year 12 Media)**





# Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 28 Year 11 students and a few brave staff set off to the Peak District for the first Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition at Guilsborough Academy since 2018. This was a Silver Practice Expedition and was delayed a year by Covid lockdowns and restrictions, so the students were very keen to get away and to complete their challenge.

The weather was wet and windy but we persevered and completed some very valuable training using the scout hut at Tansley Wood Campsite and walking around the local area. Following a good self-cooked meal and a night's sleep in tents, teams were briefed, rucksacks weighed and then set off along their planned routes. Navigational errors were made, but that is why a Practice Expedition is done and the learning was very evident through the weekend. Some of the teams completed the route in the allotted 7 hours and the longest day was Team Sausage Roll who had a 10 hour walking day on the Saturday!



On Sunday, the campsite was extremely quiet and weary students gradually woke up, ate, hydrated and packed up for the final day. A much easier day was had, as lessons learned previously were put into practice. The sun came out as the teams finished one by one outside the beautiful Ilam Hall Youth Hostel. The coach journey back to Guilsborough was very peaceful!



Onto Gold and then Bronze and Silver again as the rest of the school year unfolds. We will have bumper numbers completing their Awards this year, as so much amazing work has gone on behind the scenes by our amazing students. Over 40 are awaiting Expeditions to complete their Awards and we look forward to further success.



Big thanks to Ms Daw and Mrs Stanger for their support during this Expedition.

**Mr S Flanagan**  
**Duke of Edinburgh's**  
**Award Centre**  
**Manager**



# Comic Relief & Ukraine Appeal



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March saw Guilsborough Academy raise money for both Red Nose Day and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. 1200 Donuts, 1600 sweets and 1400 student and staff helped raise an amazing **£2,439.92** for these two life changing causes!

Congratulations to the :

## Guess Sweets in the Jar' Winners

- Year 7 – Albert Forrester
- Year 8 – Israel Msonza
- Year 9- Dominic Ross & Cleo Parker
- Year 10 – Hazel Copping
- Year 11 – Holly Godley
- Staff – Miss McFall & Mr Sharp



Thank you to everyone who wore their own clothes; enjoyed a Krispy Kreme, put their guess in for the sweets or donated their coppers, please give yourself a pat on the back – let's see if next year we can make it bigger and better!



# Comic Relief & Ukraine Appeal



# Art Club

This term, the lunchtime art clubbers have been looking at the artists of the surrealism movement and creating mythical creatures using two different methods and materials. I introduced the club to using watercolours on the first batch of creatures, then oil pastels on the second. We love the results.

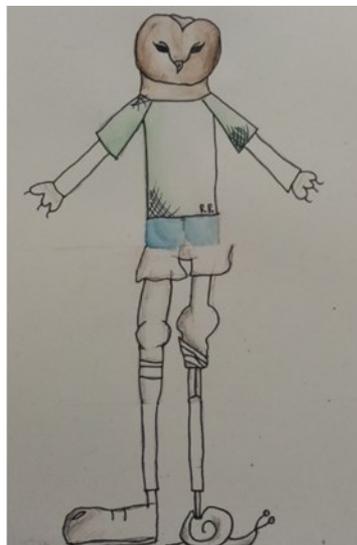
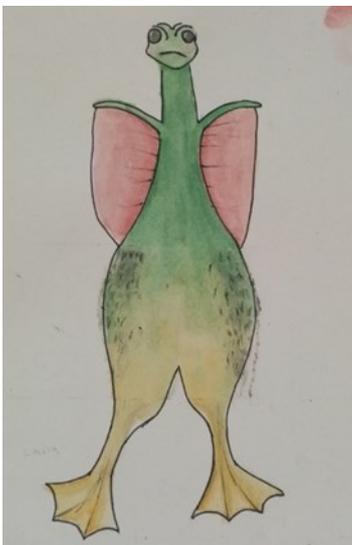
Miss K Page

Oil pastels



## Mythical Beasts

Watercolours



# Elevate Study Sessions

In order to support our students we invited Elevate Education to deliver some sessions on study skills to all students in Year 10 and Year 11.

Year 10 had a **Study Sensei** seminar which covered the following:

- Utilising the syllabus to frame study
- Structuring and reviewing organised notes
- Conceptual learning to develop deep understanding
- Utilising practice exam papers
- Standing out through independent learning



Year 11 had an **Ace Your Exams** seminar which covered the following:

- Highest value exam preparation tasks
- Fixing mistakes to ensure constant improvement
- Time allocation during exam preparation
- Techniques for managing stress & time pressure in exams

The feedback from students on these sessions was extremely positive, with over 93% feeling it was time well spent in both year groups.

“I thought the presenter was really enthusiastic”

“I got some great ideas for how to start revising”

The presenters were really impressed with how engaged our students were and how willing they were to participate in the sessions.

We are looking forward to some similar sessions for Years 7-9 in June.

**Mr Drouet**  
Raising Aspirations Lead

## British Sign Language – Extra-Curricular Group

Every Wednesday lunchtime one of our Year 8 students, Nathan Hill, has been delivering British Sign Language lessons to his fellow students. Nathan has planned the sessions, designed PowerPoints for the lessons, and conducted assessments. Nathan was recognised for his achievement in setting this up and delivering it by Mr Frazer in Year 8 Assembly, who thanked Nathan for having done this and spoke of his pride in Nathan having achieved something so positive to help other students.

**Mr Drouet**  
Raising Aspirations Lead



**Year 8 Bake Sale**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March Ben Hardwick, Lucas Heron, Connor Keys, James Caddy, Autumn Baker, Nate Tilt, Hope Lines, Emily Britton, Cecile Burditt and Ellie Shearing held a bake sale for Year 7 and 8. Originally they intended to hold two sales, one at lunchtime and one at the end of school. However, they sold out of their substantial stock of cakes within 20 minutes at lunchtime, raising £218.82 for the Red Cross’s activities in The Ukraine. Well done to all of them on an incredibly successful event.

**Mr Drouet**  
Head of Year 8



**HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**



**CAMPS**



**Access fun, creative, and active holiday camps for FREE!**

**Week 1: 4th - 8th April | 9am - 3:30pm**  
**Week 2: 11th - 14th April | 9am - 3:30pm**

**THE PARKER E-ACT ACADEMY**  
**Ashby Rd, Daventry NN11 0QF**

**For children who are ‘Free School Meals’ eligible!**  
**(Will receive a FREE lunch)**

- Activities Include:**
- Physical Activity (Indoor & Outdoor)**
  - Outdoor Learning & Art**
  - PSHE & Well-being**
  - Easter Crafts**
  - Teambuilding**

Contact: [jamie.worrall@ntfc.co.uk](mailto:jamie.worrall@ntfc.co.uk)  
for more info



**SIGN UP**  
[www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/haf](http://www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/haf)

**Guilsborough Academy Prom Lounge**

**Have you something gorgeous to donate?**

Pre-loved ball gowns, formal dresses, suits, bags or accessories are being collected for Year 11 and 13 students to attend the prom and give them an opportunity to re-use and up-cycle and attend their magical milestone in style.

Please drop items to reception,  
all sizes and styles welcome.

**Drop off by 29 April**

**Polite Request—Parking**

We have received a number of complaints from residents regarding pedestrians being unable to gain right of way on foot-paths due to parked cars. Please could parents/ careers be mindful of our neighbours and not block drives and access paths when dropping or collecting students.



We have limited visitor parking, the road outside the Academy becomes very congested at the start and finish of our school day. Students are able to access site from 8.00am. To limit the impact on our local community parents/careers who bring their students to the Academy are encouraged to drop off, and pick up, before the busiest times in the morning, and after the busiest times in the afternoon. The traffic is much reduced if dropping off before 8.30am and picking up after 3.30pm.

# PE Bravo Board

Congratulations to all those students who made it on the PE Bravo Board this month. The pupils have adapted well to the new one hour lessons and for some a change in teaching staff too.

Don't forget to come and check the board each half term.

The criteria for nominations could include any one of the following:

- Being a good role model in PE
- Making excellent progress towards targets in PE
- Working with continued effort and enthusiasm in lessons.

Pupils can choose either an email, phone call or postcard home to let parents and guardians know how well they have been doing.

## Miss Boyer

Ben Clarke – Working hard and helping others in lessons

Harry Chapman – Enthusiasm and consistent hard work

Cara Haynes – Making great progress in lessons

## Mr Mills/ Mr Hosking

Harrison Featherstone

Freya Carley

Sam Silk

## Mr Woolridge

Lily Dedman

Seb Crouch

Edie Hamblett and Laveen Pawar

## Miss Vickers

Nathan Hill - Enthusiasm and effort

Aaron Yeboah – Talented performance and outstanding effort

Faye Platt – Continued hard work every lesson

## Mr Jefferies

Lillia Bridges- Consistently excellent effort and application

Summer Connolly- Consistently going above and beyond to be helpful

Alfie Herschall- Much improved engagement

## Mrs Dean

Sophia Hartley – Great work ethic and commitment in lessons

Georgina Middleton – Working hard in lessons

Kobi Covill – Effort and Enthusiasm.

## Mrs Dean

Keira Davies – Great effort and teamwork

Megan Rowe- Great role model and leadership skills

Jack Moore – Enthusiasm and effort in lessons



## Current Interhouse Standings after Round 3

The round 3 competitions took place in the last week of term prior to the February half term. Years 7-10 competed in Basketball, football and a team endurance event scoring the following points;

Everdon – 1275

Rockingham- 1250

Salcey- 1300

Whittlebury- 1400

Meaning the total points for the year are as follows;

1 <sup>st</sup>	Everdon	3725
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whittlebury	3425
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Salcey	3275
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rockingham	3225

Mr A Jefferies

# Year 7 and 8 Street Dance Workshop

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 30 Year 7 and 8 students participated in a street dance workshop as part of increasing student opportunities and experiences. Students were taught the history of Street Dance and the main street dance moves. During the 2 hour session they were then encouraged to develop these moves as well as their own moves to create a group street dance routine. Some of the more advanced routines even involved some very complicated break dancing moves!

The students were incredibly enthusiastic and the standard of dance achieved was very high.

Well done to all students who took part and thank you to Laura O'Rourke for delivering it.

**Miss Vickers**  
**PE Department**



## Year 10 Football

On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> March Guilsborough played against Moulton school in a Year 10 football game. Most players were shocked to find out the game was still on after the torrential downpour of rain but we still played. As the game kicked off, most players were already cold and wet, yet Guilsborough opened on the score sheet when Tom Munnely scored a wonder goal from out of the box-Left foot over the keeper. Soon however, Moulton returned with a goal after an undeserved tap in. After half time, the score was 1:1. Did Guilsborough still have a chance? No, not really. Within minutes another goal was conceded, followed later by another, muddy knee slides being their preferred celebration. The whistle was eventually blown with a result of a 3:1 defeat for Guilsborough. With better weather, I'm sure the result would have been very different.

**Daniel Fox, Year 10 Team Captain**

## Netball Results v Moulton

A well fought fixture by Guilsborough as they played with depleted numbers. The Year 7's showed some excellent game play and at times you would never have known they were a player down, losing 6-10. The Year 9's came up against a very strong Moulton team losing 16-1 and the Year 11/10 team played in a mini round robin tournament against Moulton's Year 10's and 11's taking the lead early on, but sadly losing their league fixture 8-5.

There was some excellent play displayed by both schools across the fixtures.

Well done all.  
**Miss S Boyer**

# The Eco Committee

Who are we and what are we doing?

## What is the green flag award?

The green flag award is an international authorisation that has recognised and rewarded young people's environmental actions

The 12 main themes of eco schools are Biodiversity & Nature, Climate Change, Energy, Global Citizenship, Health & Well-being, Litter, Marine & Coast and School Grounds. An eco friendly school supports sustainability and includes a learning experience that will prepare students to lead the world toward a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable future. These are the main themes we are focusing on right now in our school:



## Bird box and bug hotel making

This will be run by Mr Spiller and is on a Tuesday lunchtime in D block.



## Allotment club

This will be run by Mrs Lauder and Mrs Commons on Thursday after school for an hour and could also contribute to DofE volunteering.



### Waste

We plan to reduce the amount of waste produced in our school such as paper.

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### School grounds

We will be cultivating and re-establishing the schools allotment and using the produce.

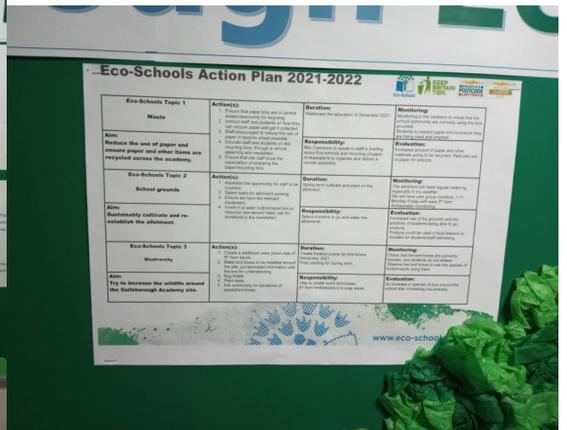
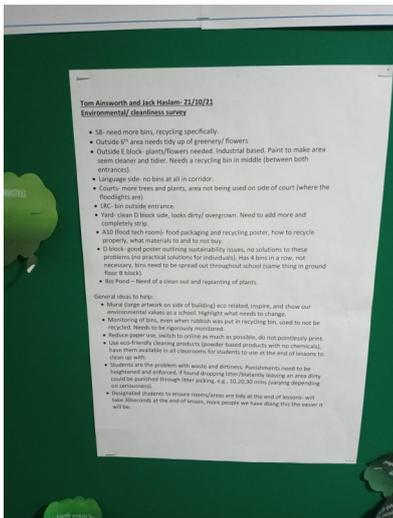
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### Biodiversity

We aim to promote biodiversity across the school accommodating wildlife.

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Look out for our notice board for more updates.



# Science Educake Homework

All students are set Science Homework through [www.educake.co.uk](http://www.educake.co.uk) .

Year 7 and 8 have a piece set every week on a Monday, to be completed by a Sunday.

Years 9,10 and 11 are set Biology, Chemistry and Physics on a Monday of week 1, to be completed for the Sunday of week 2.

Students were sent instructions of how to link their educake account to their school Microsoft account before the February half term, these are included in this newsletter. We would really like to encourage students to do this , as Science teachers receive daily requests for password resets and username reminders!

By linking the Microsoft account and Educake account this should help all students to be able to access their homework easily every week.

Students are encouraged to look up what they are unsure of on any homework as they are consolidation tasks, not assessment tasks. They work can also be retaken as many times as a student would like to in order to achieve work for them to be proud of.

**Mrs Stanger**



## Guilsborough Tennis Club

at Guilsborough Academy ●●●●

**Welcomes new and existing members for the 2022 season!**

Friendly club playing social tennis

Free coaching sessions, mixed doubles

**Annual membership**

£30 juniors, £50 individuals, £90 families

**Try before you buy**

Come along to a club night on a Tuesday evening 7pm, or a

Sunday club morning 10am.



Contact Sarah Dalzell on 07917 608238 or  
Graham Metcalfe on 07894 424328 for details





## How to Set up Microsoft Single Sign-on

1. Students need to log into their Educake account using their username and password

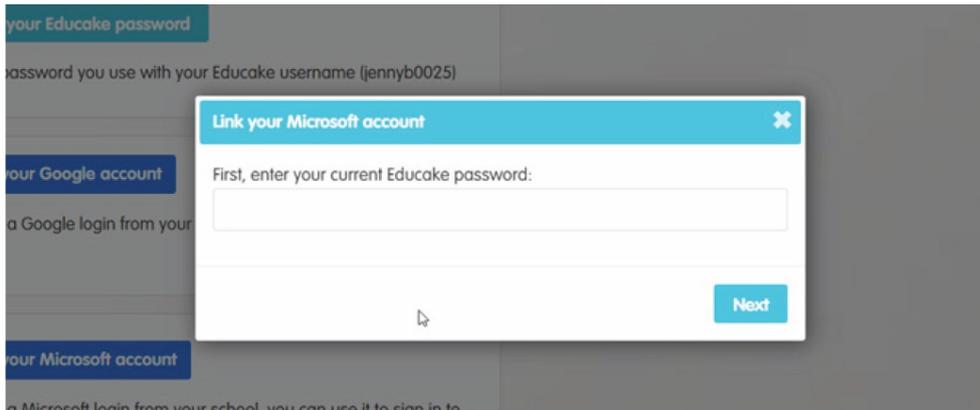
2. Click on 'My account'

Subject	Quiz name	Assigned by	Due
Maths	Factorising quadratic expressions 1 (10 Qs)	T Harris	14-01-2022

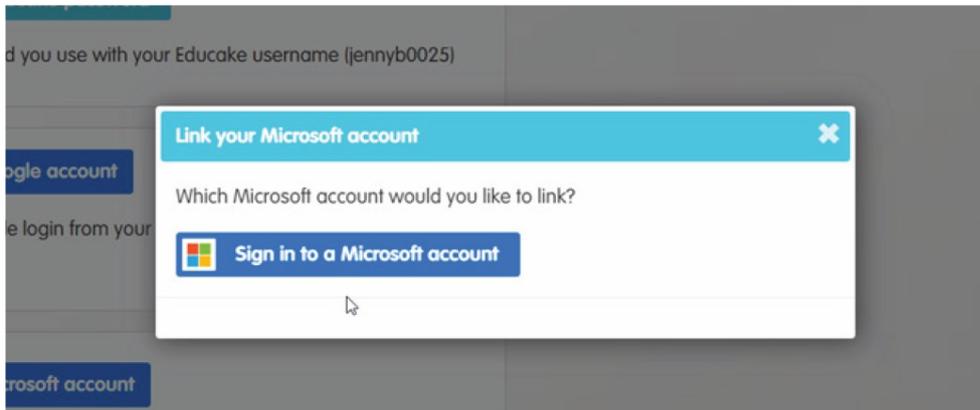
Study and Quiz Yourself	KS3	GCSE
GCSE Science - AQA		0%
Biology		0%
Chemistry		0%

3. Choose Microsoft

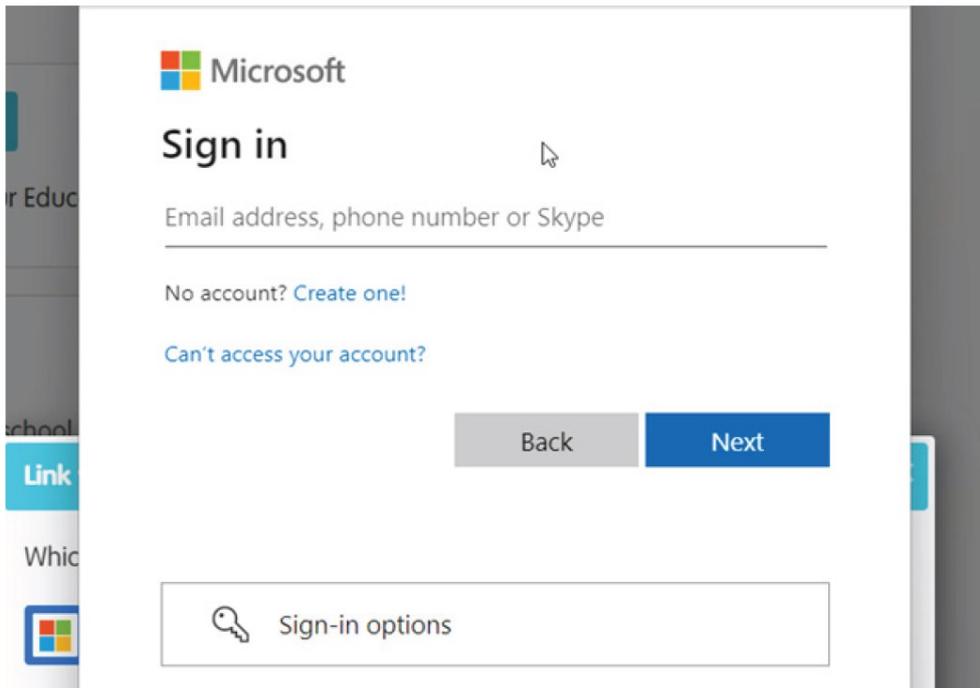
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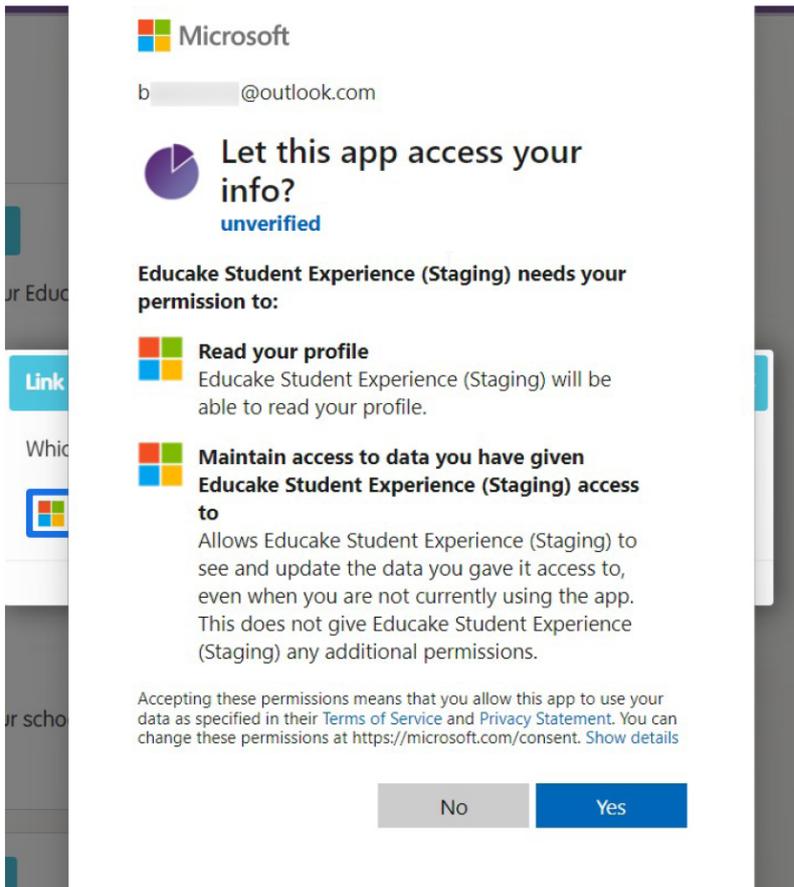
5. Confirm your chosen account



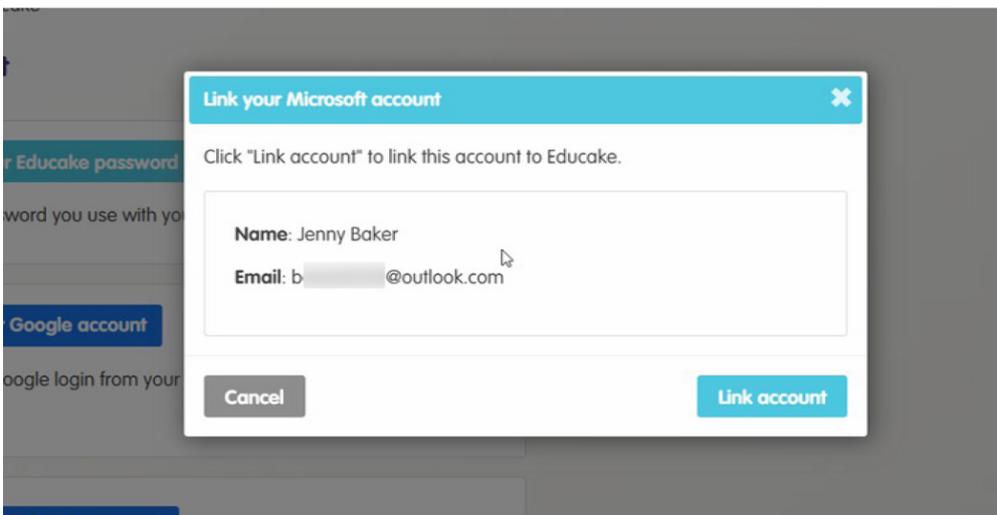
6. Enter your school email address and then password on the next page



Permission needs to be granted to enable the chosen link to use your log in information (email address and password for the link).



7. Click 'Link account'



The link has been established and you're back to the My account page on Educake.

**Congratulations, you have linked your Educake account with Microsoft single sign on.**

# MENTAL HEALTH DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

If you find yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need.



Book an appointment by calling the numbers provided or drop in during our opening times.



## Monday & Friday 4pm - 8pm

the lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street,  
Northampton, NN1 1PP  
01604 634385

## Tuesday 4pm - 8pm

Youth Works at Corby Mind,  
18 Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU  
01536 518339

## Wednesday 4pm - 8pm

CHAT Youth Counselling,  
Souster Youth Building,  
30 Market Road, Thrapston,  
NN14 4JU  
01832 274422

## Thursday 4pm - 8pm

Youth Works, 97 Rockingham Rd,  
Kettering, NN16 9HX  
01536 518339

## Saturday 10am - 2pm

Service Six, 15 Sassoon Mews  
Wellingborough NN8 3LT  
01933 277520

## Saturday 12pm - 4pm

Time 2 Talk, The Abbey,  
Market Square, Daventry,  
NN11 4XG  
01327 706706



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# County lines: what you need to know

Children of all ages and backgrounds are at risk of being exploited by criminal gangs who'll use them to transport drugs and money around the country. This is 'county lines' in a nutshell. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, gangs have continued to exploit children, so it's important you know what it is and what signs to look out for.

## What is county lines?

- A child is 'groomed' by a criminal gang, then exploited to transport drugs and money from one area (county) to another – usually from an urban location to a rural or coastal one. Grooming can happen in person, or online on social media apps like Snapchat
- The child may be trafficked to the gang's 'trap houses' or 'bandos' miles away from home, to find 'customers', deal with rival gangs and sell drugs
- To the gang, the child is an expendable commodity. They're likely to face violence and sexual exploitation
- The 'line' refers to the phone line that the gang uses for selling drugs

## Should I be worried?

Hopefully not. However, **any child is vulnerable to exploitation.**

Criminal gangs are known to target:

- **Children with vulnerabilities**, such as poverty, family breakdown, exclusion from school – because they're susceptible to manipulation and coercion
- **Children from stable or affluent families** – because they're less likely to be known to the police and may blend in better in the town the gang sends them to
- **Girls and young children** as well as boys and teenagers – children as young as 7 are being groomed by gangs, and girls are often groomed into relationships with gang members or used to transport drugs as they're less likely to be stopped by the police

## What are the signs I should be looking out for?

If your child is affected by county lines exploitation, there may be some signs. Here are some **key indicators** that you should look out for.

Is your child:

Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing?	Receiving unexplained money, phone(s), clothes or jewellery?
Being found in areas away from home?	Increasingly disruptive or aggressive?
Increasing their drug use, or being found to have large amounts of drugs on them?	Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know?
Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going?	Coming home with injuries or looking particularly dishevelled?
Having unexplained absences from school or college?	Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places?

Answering yes to any of these questions does not mean your child is being exploited through county lines. However, you should talk to them about any one of these signs.

## What should I do if I suspect my child is being exploited?

Try to stay calm and seek help straight away - there are organisations that can help you. You could do any of the following depending on your circumstances, **but you must tell someone**:

- Report your concerns to children's social care <https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council>. A social worker will be able to listen to your concerns and help you to protect your child
- Contact our school. Ask to speak to the **designated safeguarding lead** and explain your concerns to them. They will be able to advise you where to go next
- Contact your local police station or call 101. If your child is missing, remember you don't have to wait 24 hours before making a report
- Contact organisations such as:
  - Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
  - The NSPCC 0808 800 5000
  - Family Lives 0808 800 2222

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, or a threat is made against you or another family member, **call 999 immediately**

### Sources

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](#):  
[www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding](http://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding)

- [What is county lines? The Children's Society](#)
- [Keeping children safe in education, GOV.UK – Department for Education](#)
- [County lines, Fearless](#)
- [Rescue and response pan-London county lines service, Greater London Authority](#)
- [County lines drug supply, vulnerability and harm 2018, National Crime Agency](#)