

# Bridge Learning Campus

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Welcome to our community



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“THE UK’S LEADING  
ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL  
INVESTING IN CHILDREN’S  
LIVES FOR THEIR GLOBAL  
FUTURES”



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Campus

WELCOME



# welcome

**Welcome to Bridge Learning Campus. The aim of this prospectus is to give you an insight into our school; who we are, what we believe and how we provide the best possible education for your child.**

Our campus is a rather unique place. As an all-through school, we care for pupils between the ages of 3-16 with many pupils joining us aged 11 from a number of local primary schools. We are a dynamic and forward-thinking school that dares to be creative in the decisions we take to make sure our pupils get the very best education possible. It is my belief that each Bridge Learning Campus pupil should be able to stand shoulder-to-shoulder alongside any other young person, confident in the knowledge and skills they have developed here.

This prospectus highlights some of the opportunities that pupils have here at BLC and some of the comments made by the Ofsted team that inspected our school in 2021. They judged our school to be “Good” in all areas; further confirmation of the strong community we have here,

underpinned by our exceptional staff who believe in our vision and regularly go the extra mile in support of our pupils.

However, there is no substitute for coming to see a school in person so please do take time to come and visit us to see the inspiring experiences we provide for our pupils as we prepare them for their global futures.



**Mr R Maule,  
Headteacher**





# OUR VALUES



Our school family is a community that educates and empowers, building confidence from first steps to next steps.

Our expectations of what children can achieve at BLC are deliberately and unapologetically high. Our values promote an inclusive approach to education where we seek to overcome social disadvantage and bring about social cohesion and equality. We believe these values are important and we celebrate and reward our pupils for demonstrating these values in everything they do.

We like to reward good behaviour and encourage others to follow a positive example. There are termly rewards and students with the best attendance and behaviour participate in special events within their House team. Praise is the most important strategy and we aim to recognise students who are performing well and those that contribute to our school community.

Our student Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have devised an Anti-Bullying Pledge and our whole school community signs up to it. "We, as members of the Bridge Learning Campus Community, pledge to be kind to each other. We will always endeavour to treat each other with a high level of respect. We will have the compassion not to bully and the courage not to be a bystander. It is our

responsibility to help those being bullied and to report bullying."

As partners in the education and development of your child we ask you to support the school fully. Whenever possible we will involve parents and child in the writing and agreeing of school rules.

### **Our House System**

Each child will be allocated one of our four Houses that they will remain in throughout their time at BLC.

The Houses are named after bridges in Bristol:

- **Clifton (Blue)**
- **Pero (Gold)**
- **Redcliffe (Red)**
- **Temple (Green)**

Achievement points are awarded to students for a range of reasons e.g. meeting and exceeding our academic expectations, representing the school in sporting fixtures, making a positive contribution to the school community. These are recorded on our system and,

alongside attendance, help determine which house wins the coveted House Cup!

### **Pastoral Support**

We operate a system whereby your child will be supported by a class tutor who will be your first point of contact if you have any issues or concerns. This team of tutors is supported by Pastoral Leaders.





“ The school is an environment in which pupils can thrive, both academically and personally. ”

**Ofsted**, Nov 2021

# primary education

“ The school environment is  
calm and settled. ”

**Ofsted,** Nov 2021





## Primary Education

The exciting journey of learning begins within our wonderful Nursery and continues right up to Year 6. Every child, no matter what stage of the learning journey they find themselves on, is valued as an individual, encouraged and appropriately challenged. Our ultimate aim is to give all children the opportunity to achieve the very best they can, within a culture that encourages ambition. This is achieved through the dedication of our highly skilled, qualified and caring staff.

All members of our school community embrace and live out our core values taught through the Bridge values. Children throughout the week are encouraged to have excellent manners, speak confidently, and show kindness to others. Responsibility is encouraged and modelled throughout the primary school. This is led by our head students from Year 6, deputies from Year 5 and a team of prefects from Year 4. Each class has an ambassador who will welcome visitors into their class and discuss their learning. The school council is represented by pupils from each year group. These roles are a vital part of our primary community, in which the student voice is highly valued.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS) covers the first two years of Nursery and Reception. Children within the Early Years are encouraged to explore and learn through play based activities. These activities, such as jigsaws, threading beads, matching games, recognition of their name and letters, songs, rhymes and stories provide the vital building blocks for formal learning.

Systematic phonics within Early Years and Key Stage One is supported by the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme, alongside exciting on-line software and a range of reading books.

Outdoor learning takes place all day using our outdoor classroom in English and Mathematics as well as weekly forest school. Parents have access to their children's interactive learning diaries and are kept informed of their child's learning on a daily basis through emails. It is important that through the Early Years we build on the knowledge and skills that the children have, providing them with both indoor and outdoor opportunities. We ensure that learning matches our children's needs and most importantly provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

## Key Stage One and Two

When children progress into Key stage One and beyond, we develop a more formal focus on the vital subjects of English and Mathematics. We place great importance that 'every child is a reader'; there are many different approaches to teaching and supporting reading across all year groups. We use all the benefits of technology to engage every child as well as using traditional books on a daily basis in the classroom. Children can also access their reading books using online technology which allows them to build their own virtual reading library at home.

Mathematics requires having a solid foundation of the principles of arithmetic, and having the skills to apply this knowledge in order to solve mathematical problems. A range of resources are used to ensure all children become fluent with times tables and problem solving. This includes TT Rock Stars, and Hegarty Maths.

All children, as they progress through the primary phase attend sessions within our fantastically equipped and purpose built gym centre and all will experience regular swimming lessons at some stage. From Year 1, children are taught PE by a specialist P.E teacher with access to the purpose built PE block, astro and tennis and netball courts. Dark Angels Dance Academy staff visit weekly to coach and train pupils. Bristol City FC and Bristol Bears Rugby coaches also visit regularly throughout the year.

The learning journey does not of course end at school with all children expected to complete homework, and daily reading, to build upon their school based learning. IT programmes to support home learning include Phonics Bug, TT Rock Stars, and Hegarty Maths. Each term all children complete a home learning project which is linked to their class learning, but can be completed in any form that interests them ranging from art and design, cookery, written projects, or models. Children are assessed regularly across all areas in order to gauge progress and tailor support. Formal assessment takes place at the end of each Term 2, 4 and 6 to measure each child's progress and set future targets.

Parents' involvement is crucial across to the overall success of each child. Throughout the year there are a number of opportunities for parents to attend stay and plays, reward assemblies, and other events, which both the children and staff look forward to. We are proud to be able to offer a very wide range of thirty after-school clubs, as well as a breakfast club for early risers!





# secondary education

“ Staff have high aspirations  
for their pupils. ”

Ofsted, Nov 2021





**In Year 7 our children are joined by fellow students from our primary partners through an outstanding transition program. Through our student induction days and by visiting students in their primary schools, we build a detailed picture of the students who join us so that new starters are made to feel as much a part of BLC as our existing students.**

Through Years 7-9, our students are challenged to think and to build upon their independent learning skills; our students take massive steps in learning and development. We aim to make these years as enriching, safe and exciting as possible so that everybody is ready for their own next steps and can fulfil their potential. At BLC we've moved to a curriculum model where students get their daily diet of core subjects but alongside that they will have nine week blocks of specialist creative technology lessons. This means that students can really thrive and hone their subject skills in great depth before experiencing another subject.

At the end of Year 9 students start making the exciting choices that will shape their school lives and beyond.

Years 10-11 open up the gateway for our students to the rest of their lives; it is the culmination of learning, skills and endeavour that has been their foundation in earlier years.

We offer a broad curriculum which suits the needs and talents of our students whilst providing them with various opportunities to extend their wider curriculum. Most students study eight GCSE subjects (or equivalents) from a broad curriculum of academic, creative subjects. Students are supported to develop highly effective study skills including an extended school day in Year 11 to enable personalised support for GCSE exams.

We expect our students to be role models and expect them to be polite, well-mannered and business-like in their appearance and attitude to learning.

By rising to meet our high expectations, our students are fully equipped to access extensive opportunities available to them in post 16 education by the time they leave Bridge Learning Campus. Our students can be confident they can meet the needs of employers, colleges and universities as they move onto the next stage of their education and training.

“ Pupils’  
personal,  
social and  
health  
education  
is planned  
well. ”

**Ofsted**, Nov 2021



# curriculum

“ Our curriculum equips students for life in modern Britain, instilling **confidence**, **skills** and **knowledge**. This will enable them to build a successful future as respectful, resilient and responsible citizens. ”





It is hard to predict what a child in EYFS will need in the year 2040 or 2050. However, our curriculum will enable children to grow into confident and adaptable learners with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in whatever they choose to do in the future.

### **Our curriculum is founded on three core pillars:**

- **Reading** – a total commitment to ensuring every child is a fluent and skilled reader.
- **Oracy** – explicit opportunities to learn, develop and secure effective skills of oral communication.
- **Cultural Capital** – broadening and deepening students' knowledge and understanding of creativity and achievement within their local, national and international communities (and their place within these).

In their first years at Bridge Learning Campus our children are taught the National Curriculum in innovative ways, using programmes that accelerate learning such as Maths Makes Sense.

We adopt an enquiry approach across the rest of our primary curriculum called “Curious Cities”. This encourages students to adopt different “states of being” in their learning, taking on roles such as artists, historians, scientists and designers as they investigate big questions. It enables us to create a bespoke and locally-focused curriculum that suits and engages our pupils at Bridge Learning Campus. It creates learning opportunities that inspire our learners with local people, places and stories.

This, combined with a wider Campus curriculum designed to nurture curiosity and potential, helps foster **a love of learning**. As we move through the years, students continue to experience a wealth of practical activities that boost independence, resilience and confidence and help them apply their skills to real life problems.

As they approach the secondary school years, students begin their transition into a more specialised curriculum, are taught practical science in laboratories and are taught by specialist teachers in Modern Foreign Languages, Art, PE and Design Technology. We believe that the right level of challenge and support will help promote creativity, enjoyment and most importantly a wealth of memorable experiences. (cultural capital)

At this stage, the core curriculum (English, Maths, Science and PE) is taught as discreet subjects. Humanities subjects, languages, art, music, drama and design technology all form the creative offer for students.

All subjects are united with a core base of **literacy, communication and numeracy skills**, ensuring that our students are meeting and exceeding targets in these essential areas.

**“I really had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal grew out of the fact that I read a lot.”**

**Bill Gates** *Founder of Microsoft.*

To develop fluent and skilled readers, every child will be read to by their tutor for 20-25 minutes as part of our “Daily Read” and many will independently read for 20 minutes at other times of each day.

In the GCSE Years, we aim to build on the skills set that students have gained, whilst giving them the freedom to choose options that will motivate and engage them as they begin to consider their future careers. As always we have a good balance of essentials mixed with subjects like Computing, Engineering, Business, Textiles, Photography and Performing Arts. This gives the opportunity for students to be as creative or scientific as they like, or to continue with something from each area.

The curriculum throughout all years is as personalised as it can be, giving the support and challenge needed for all students to develop at their own pace. As a result we grow successful learners, confident in their abilities and celebrated in their achievements.



“ The school’s curriculum places an emphasis on pupils’ well-being. ”

# enrichment

“ The ‘BLC Charter’ reinforces the values of the school. ”

Ofsted, Nov 2021





**At Bridge Learning Campus we believe that students' experiences outside of the classroom are as important as those in lessons. There are many clubs to join, run by our enthusiastic teachers, including a wide range of sports (rugby, netball, football, tennis, athletics and many more). We strive to build confidence and self-esteem through sport as our students get to participate in regular inter-house and inter-school fixtures and competitions. These experiences build students pride when representing the school, highlighted by the huge success of the Y11 Varsity Cup at the end of the academic year, which has large numbers of students involved in a range of roles.**

Working with local clubs and partnerships we also host a range of competitions including the South Bristol Rugby festivals and Athletics. We are lucky enough to host Bristol Bears Rugby Academy on site at Bridge Learning Campus, with training sessions led by RFU coaches.

We run a number of trips which provide students outstanding opportunities, these range from 6 Nations Rugby fixtures at Twickenham to local opportunities at Ashton Gate and Bath University allowing students to observe and enjoy professional sport.

## **Partnership Work at Bridge Learning Campus**

At Bridge we pride ourselves in helping students achieve their aspirations, both in and outside the classroom.

As a Campus we work with a number of organisations to deliver programmes that help young people to reach their potential in work and in life, by building the skills, knowledge and confidence to better understand the pathways available to them so that they can make informed choices about the future and what is right for them. Using businesses, charities and universities we are able to offer real life experiences so our students really get a taste of what is out there. Their staff then mentor and support students to ensure they are on track to get there.

In addition to career work we have a wealth of educational visits and residentials that students can take part in. These are designed to develop their character, resilience and grit – be it theatre workshops or Duke of Edinburgh, designing rockets or climbing cranes at Bristol docks. There's something that will challenge all of our students.



“ My daughter started in Year 3 after we moved across the country. She was helped by all her teachers to settle well, make new friends and she is learning faster than ever before. It really put our minds at rest. ”



# post-16

**The step after Year 11 is one of the most exciting for any student. We work extremely hard with students, their families, and the local Post-16 providers to ensure the right decision is made for each young person.**

City of Bristol College is one of our Academy Sponsors and, as such, provides us with unique opportunities and access to their courses. Our students are entitled to automatic entry to a whole range of Post-16 courses at the City of Bristol College.

City of Bristol College is not the only Post-16 provider we work with and we encourage and ensure all students have the opportunity to visit other institutions as well, including apprenticeship providers and Sixth Form Colleges such as St Brendan's and St Mary Redcliffe and Temple. We guide students through the application and interview process, also keeping parents/carers involved and ensuring the very best outcomes for all.





“ Pupils  
receive timely  
advice about  
their next  
steps in  
education,  
employment  
or training. ”

**Ofsted**, Nov 2021

# safeguarding

**We have Designated Safeguarding Leads in school to ensure that we work closely with other professionals. This allows us to provide the best support possible for families.**

BLC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils; our governors and staff all share this commitment. The Campus has policies and procedures in place for safeguarding all our pupils. All of our Heads of Key Stage are Level 3 DSL trained and all members of SLT hold at least the level 2 qualification.

The Safeguarding Policy is available on our website. The school also adheres to Safer Recruitment guidelines. We also work in close partnership with other agencies like the Health Authority and Social Services, who share our commitment to protecting children and young adults. The people in these agencies can include health visitors, the school doctor and nurse and the social care team.

Our first concern is your child's welfare, and therefore there may be occasions when we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you. Should this be necessary, we want to reassure you that any concerns we have about your child will always be fully discussed with you after we have talked with the other agency. All staff are trained in Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Young People. Inclusion at BLC

We are fortunate enough to have a dedicated Inclusion Space for pupils from Year 6 upwards who may find transition hard, or struggle during unstructured times of the day. We have personalised small-class provision for pupils working significantly below age related expectations and who may also have additional learning needs and require a longer transition to Secondary school. It provides a nurturing environment, structured activities with our Speech and Language therapist where necessary and a focus on core skills whilst offering the same access to specialist facilities and resources as their peers. The duration of time spent in this class is tailored to the individual pupil.



“ I love this school and I wouldn't want to go anywhere else. ”



### **Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion Support**

Bridge Learning Campus is a fully inclusive school. The following information outlines what we offer for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

#### **How will my child be supported during the school day?**

At BLC we endeavour to develop independence in all pupils. However, there are times when your child may need adult support. This may be access to Teaching Assistant (TA) support in-class, group or individual withdrawal, access to specialist support or simply a quiet place to go at lunch time. The inclusion department liaises closely with the pastoral team to ensure that pupils' needs are met.

“ Subject leaders have designed the curriculum to support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). ”

Ofsted, Nov 2021



### **How is progress towards outcomes measured?**

All pupils who are identified as having a Special Educational Need are monitored by a SENCo. Academic data is entered termly by class teachers and this allows the Inclusion Department to check progress towards Expected Minimum Levels and Grades and offer extra support where needed.

If a pupil has an Education Health Care Plan, a pupil profile will be issued to all staff and targets will be monitored on a Personal Learning Plan (PLP). In addition, an Annual Review meeting is carried out yearly with the SENCo, parents, the pupil and any relevant professionals working with the pupil.

### **What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?**

As well as offering learning support, the inclusion team work closely with the Pastoral Team (Behaviour Lead, Pastoral Leaders, their Deputies and Learning Mentors) to ensure that pupils' social, emotional and behavioural needs are met. BLC also have a counselling service, Butterfly, who work on site to deliver individual

therapy, group sessions and art therapy. BLC also has links to outside agencies who work with pupils and parents on a wide variety of issues.

### **What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by BLC?**

BLC have teams of counsellors (Butterfly) and Speech and Language Therapists (Sirona) on site. We also have a variety of professionals who visit to support with pupils' needs when appropriate. These include Educational Psychologists, Autistic Spectrum Disorder Outreach Team, Learning Partnership West, CAMHS, Sensory Support Service and Occupational Therapists. We are also very lucky to have New Fosseway, a special school, on the same campus, who are more than willing to share their expertise with mainstream teachers.

### **How are BLC's resources allocated and matched to pupils' special educational needs?**

Our first responsibility is to pupils who receive additional funding for their Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. After this, support is allocated on the basis of need. A 'Provision Map' is kept by the Inclusion Department which lists all of the support and interventions offered within BLC and this is updated regularly to reflect the needs of pupils

on the SEN register. All interventions are regularly evaluated to ensure that resources are being used to maximise pupil progress.

### **Who can I contact for further information?**

The Inclusion Department can be contacted through school reception who will pass on your query to the appropriate member of staff, or at [SEN@blc.school](mailto:SEN@blc.school)

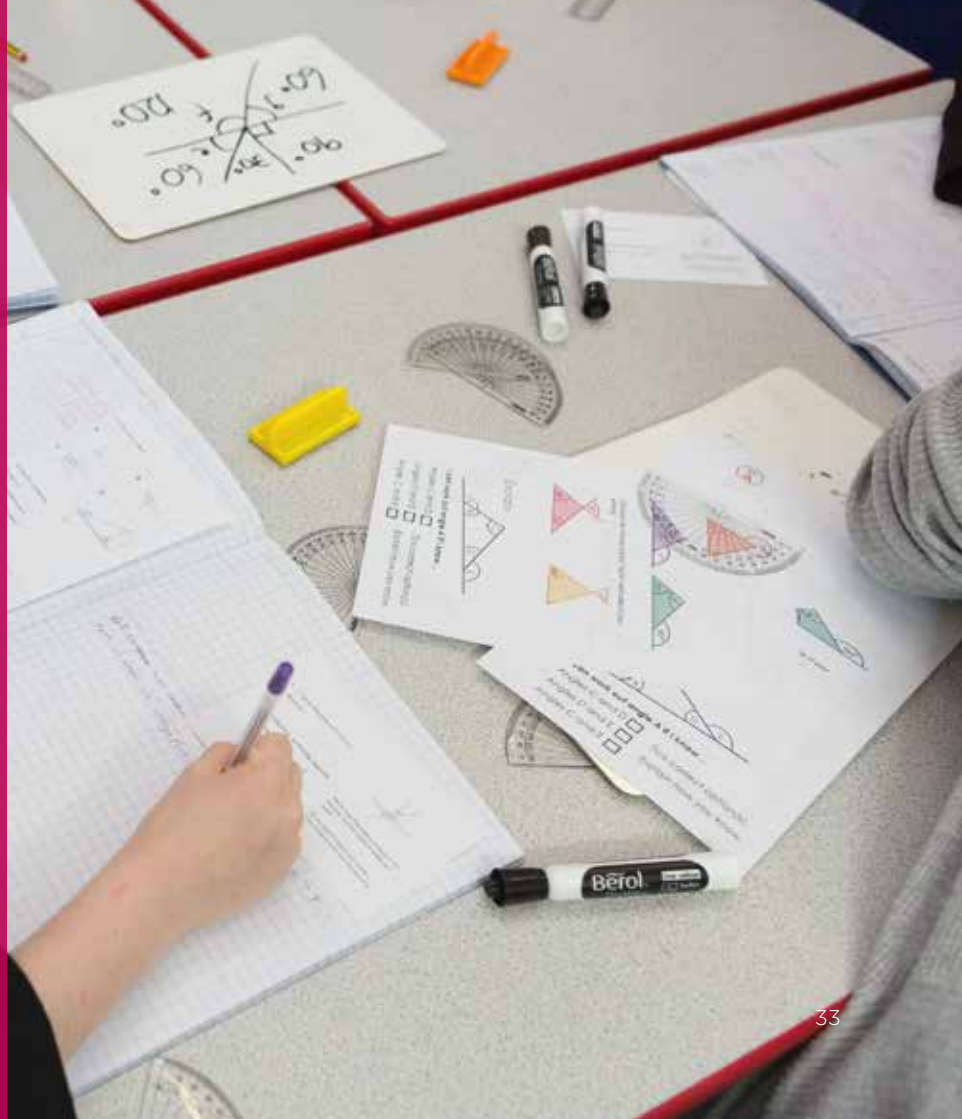
# admissions

**The Academy Trust (Trust in Learning) is responsible for setting its own admission arrangements.**

An Admission Policy is available to potential applicants and this explains in detail our arrangements and can be found on the Bridge Learning Campus website ([www.bridgelearningcampus.org.uk](http://www.bridgelearningcampus.org.uk)) or paper copies are available at either Jenner or Curie Reception.

For more information on admissions: [join@blc.school](mailto:join@blc.school)

“ I like the teachers here because they're kind and caring. I've learned so much, such as how to use Pythagoras and using the laser cutter in DT. ”



**Trust in Learning**

**Trust in Success**





# get in touch

**We are aware that this brochure can only be a brief introduction to our school community and encourage you to make an appointment for a personal visit during the school day to get a true feel for the positive learning environment we provide here at BLC. The students and staff of Bridge Learning Campus extend a warm welcome to you and an invitation to visit us at any time which is convenient to you.**

## **Get in touch today...**

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