

1 March 2024

Dear Parent and Carer of a future Year 7 student,

### **Welcome to Bridge Learning Campus**

I am delighted that your child has been offered a place at Bridge Learning Campus for September 2024. Our school community continues to grow, more students will be joining BLC in September than at any time in the last eight years and we are very excited that you and your child will be part of our school community next year.

Your child will be joining a school that has improved rapidly and continues to be ambitious for all of its pupils. Our progress was recognised during by OFSTED in their full inspection report of November 2021. They judged our school to be "Good" in all areas, citing

- *"[The school] is an environment in which pupils can thrive, both academically and personally"*
- *"Staff have high aspirations for their pupils"*
- *"Pupils have confidence in the way that staff manage behaviour"*
- *"...the school environment is calm and settled."*
- *"Pupils say that bullying is not something they particularly worry about. When it does occur, they are confident that they can report it and that it will be dealt with."*

The full report and letter to parents from this OFSTED monitoring inspections are available on our website ([www.bridgelearningcampus.org.uk](http://www.bridgelearningcampus.org.uk)) and you can also get a flavour of life as a student at BLC via Instagram (bridgelearningcampus), facebook (@BristolBLC) and twitter (@Bristol\_BLC).

As a parent myself, I fully understand that choosing the right secondary school for your child is an important decision and appreciate that, for some parents/carers, Bridge Learning Campus may not have been the first choice.

Here at BLC, we aim to empower our pupils with the knowledge and confidence they need to have a successful, global future. Academic standards are an important part of this, of course, but it is not everything. This is why there is such a high profile for activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, residential trips and a variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs. If you would like to find out more about our school, please see our virtual tour on our website [bridgelearningcampus.org.uk/about/testimonials/](http://bridgelearningcampus.org.uk/about/testimonials/).

If you would like to visit the school in person, this will be possible from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact my PA, Mrs McAfee, to make an appointment either by phone or email via [enquiries@blc.school](mailto:enquiries@blc.school). These tours will be led by me or one of the school's senior or pastoral leaders. I do

encourage you to come and visit, especially those parents who may not have named us as first-choice school in your application - I am confident you will be impressed with what you see around our school.

We are already working hard to prepare for a successful start to your child's secondary school years with us. We will hold a two-day Transition programme for all pupils on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** and hold a meeting for all parents & carers of next year's Year 7 pupils on the first of these days. We will keep you informed every step of the way, as and when we are able to confirm further details. For this reason, it is essential we have up to date contact details for you and we will shortly be sending you an admissions form to complete. This will be sent to you via the email you supplied on the Bristol City Council application form. Please complete and submit this form as soon as you possibly can to help us plan for your child's start. Please feel free to contact the school if any assistance is required and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Maule', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Maule  
Headteacher