

Newsletter

7th March 2025

Welcome back to Term 4, especially to a few new pupils and their parents/carers who have joined our Bridge Learning Campus community recently.

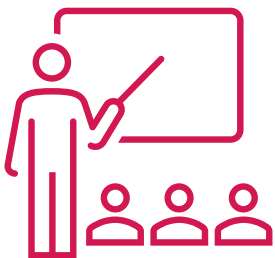


A new member of staff has also joined the school this term.

Mr. El Fadl is our new Deputy Head of Year 7. He is incredibly excited to be joining our school community and working closely with our young people and their families. He brings a wealth of experience from his previous roles in Bristol schools and is particularly looking forward to:

- * Building strong relationships with our Year 7 students and their families.
- * Continuing to support our students' transition from Year 7 into Year 8 and beyond.
- * Fostering a sense of belonging and community within the year group.
- * Working collaboratively with you to ensure your child's success.

I know you will join me in warmly welcoming Mr. El Fadl to our school community.



It was great to see so many pupils returning to school after the holidays – especially in our primary phase as they set new attendance records at the beginning of the week with

attendance in primary hitting a peak of **96.7%**. My challenge to all pupils is to keep up these high standards - the support of all parents and carers is needed to achieve this. Please avoid taking your child out of school (e.g. for holidays or appointments) as every

day in school really does matter in every year group. We also know that attendance is the most important factor in a child's success at KS2 SATs and that less than 1 in 10 pupils with attendance less than 90% gain both their maths and English GCSEs to a good standard. With exams and assessments in May and June, I hope this gives additional motivation for our Year 6 and Year 11 pupils.

Competitive Lego (report from Mrs Hodson and Mr Ogawa)



Last week we took a team of 10 students to GKN to compete in our first Lego competition.

The aim of the competition is to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning through hands-on robotics challenges, teamwork, and innovation.



In preparation for our debut, we have been working hard after school to learn to build and programme a robot which can complete a series of missions on a themed board. We were also tasked with presenting to a panel of judges an innovative solution to solve a real-world problem related to ocean exploration. The judges then evaluated each team based on values, teamwork and robot performance.



For our first event we did BLC proud - our robot successfully completed multiple missions, and we were able to get a good score on the board. Our presentation was a success, and the judges really enjoyed listening about how we planned to feed a crew of researchers who would be living at sea for a month. They were particularly impressed with how we have made sustainability a key priority. A huge shout out to the team you should be super proud of yourselves!

Finally, a thank you to all those parents/carers of Year 9 pupils that attended our Options evening and parent/carer conversations yesterday. It was a well-attended event and we look forward to supporting your children to make their GCSE choices over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Mr Maule