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THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



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Message from Interim Headteacher

Happy Christmas all members of the Bridge Learning Campus community!

I am delighted to be writing the first Headteacher's message for the new BLC Bugle newsletter for good news stories. Every two weeks, the BLC Bugle will be published to celebrate the terrific events, trips and achievements which are taking place in BLC primary and secondary.

Firstly, I would like to say 'thank you' to all parents, carers, governors, staff members and students for making me feel so welcome as Interim Headteacher of BLC. Most of my previous experience of leading schools has been in South London, so South Bristol is quite new to me. I have been very impressed by how warm and friendly people are here and by how how much they care about each other and look after one another..

Although I only started my time as Interim Headteacher a few weeks ago, I already know that BLC is a really fantastic school where students feel safe and well-cared for, thanks to the highly skilled staff who love working with them.

BLC provides students with many impressive enrichment activities to broaden their horizons and make their time in school enjoyable. For example, last Friday, a large group of secondary students travelled to Bath for a rewards ice skating trip. Also, yesterday, along with many parents, I greatly enjoyed watching the joyful and enthusiastic primary school Nativity play.

I very much hope you enjoy reading the stories in this first edition of The BLC Bugle.

Nick Butler



Mr Butler
Interim Headteacher

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinners



On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December Primary and Secondary had their Christmas dinners and also celebrated wearing their Christmas Jumpers, Thank you Aspens for providing a lovely meal.



Year 3 Singing at the Hartcliffe City Farm

Yesterday Purple Class visited the Hartcliffe City Farm to do some carol singing.

Message from Hartcliffe City Farm:

“Thank you so much for bringing your delightful Year 3 pupils to sing for our group today. The children were wonderful and so engaged and well behaved.

All our clients loved the performance and were very taken with how enthusiastic and talented the pupils were - it was like a glittery ray of Christmas sunshine!”



EYFS Festivities

This week has been full of the thrills of Christmas in EYFS. We had a very festive Nursery sing-a-long where the children shared their enthusiasm and passion for the new songs they have learnt.

We have also been delighted by Reception twice this week with their nativity. They sung their hearts out and we are very proud of them as both the audiences were very large!

Thank you to all those who attended.



Years 9, 10 and 11 BLC Careers Fair!

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Careers Fair, which gave students in Years 9, 10 and 11 the chance to explore exciting future opportunities and connect with a wide range of employers, training providers, and educational institutions.

The event featured over 20 organisations, including:



Royal Air Force, Skanska, Access Creative, City of Bristol College, Boomsatsuma, St Brendan's, Ecologist, Robins Foundation, Onsite Into Apprenticeships, WEX UHBW, Swatpro/BEMA, Bath College, Next Level Training, Pro Apprenticeships, Yunex Traffic, Kier, Arup, The Hill Group, Stepnell, Babcock, Bray and Slaughter, UWE, Ashton Park School, MOD/Navy, Bristol Post 16, MOD, Knowle West Media Centre, SGS, and DWP.

Students had the chance to:

- Explore career pathways in sectors such as construction, engineering, healthcare, creative industries, and the armed forces;
- Engage directly with employers to learn about apprenticeships, training programs, and future job opportunities;
- Discover local colleges and universities offering courses to support their ambitions.

The atmosphere was buzzing with enthusiasm as students asked insightful questions and networked with professionals. Feedback from both students and exhibitors was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the event for its real-world relevance and inspiring conversations.

A huge thank you to all our partners for making this event possible and to our students for embracing the opportunity to plan for their future. Stay tuned for details of our next Careers Fair – we can't wait to see you there!

BBC Outreach Programme

This November, Bristol WORKS partnered with BBC Studios to coordinate two outreach weeks in schools across the city. 31 volunteers from the BBC Studios natural history and factual entertainment units took part, collaborating with WORKS to design and deliver engaging careers sessions. 15 workshops were delivered across 8 schools, reaching 250 students from year 7 to 11.



Behind the Scenes: Skills and Careers

The professionals from BBC Studios offered insights into technical and creative aspects of broadcasting. They introduced students to the wide variety of roles available in the industry—from production and editing to sound engineering and wildlife filmmaking—helping them see beyond the camera to the many career paths in media.

The volunteers said that they “loved telling them [students] about jobs they didn't know existed.” and encouraged others to “just go for it—it's so fun!”. They also shared that it was a “great chance to talk about the variety of roles and opportunities out there, and it was lovely to meet the students.” Another volunteer said: “We really enjoyed it, and it was brilliant to see so many engaged and excited young people – lots of budding filmmakers in their midst!”



🎄🎄🎄 Santa's Helpers! 🎄🎄🎄

We had a lovely afternoon wrapping almost 400 books for the children at Bridge Learning Campus. 🧑🏻‍🎄 🎄 📖 ✨

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to join in today - it is very much appreciated!

We will be giving the children their beautifully wrapped book. 📖 📖

The feedback from the parents was really positive and all were impressed with the quality of the books 📖 we will be sending home 🏠.

It was so lovely to have an opportunity to come together and work as a team - thank you again!

We hope you will all enjoy reading your child's book over the festive period. 🧑🏻‍🎄 🎄 📖

Do you have a child who speaks a language other than English?

Come and find out more about our school and how to support your child's learning and language development.

Coffee morning

Thursday 22nd January

9:00 - 10:30am

Bridge Learning Campus Primary hall



Year 11 Reward Trip to Bath On Ice

On Friday 12th December in the afternoon, 110 Year 11 students enjoyed a well-deserved reward trip to Bath On Ice, making the most of the beautiful sunshine and festive atmosphere. Students got their skates on and took to the ice, enjoying an afternoon of skating, laughter and warming hot chocolates.

The trip was a great success, with all students behaving impeccably and fully embracing the experience. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their hard work and commitment in the run-up to exams.

A big thank you goes to the staff who gave up their time to support the trip. We hope that when we plan our next large reward trip, we will be able to offer this experience to even more students.



Sam in Year 10 completed this fund raising run for Children's Hospice South West on 7th December.

He raised a whopping £360 for charity with £82.50 gift aid added on top of that. Totally smashed his's target of £100!

We done Sam!

BLC Christmas Concert



This year's Bridge Learning Campus Secondary Christmas Concert was a wonderful celebration of talent, teamwork, and festive spirit. Held in Curie Hall filled with families, friends, and staff, the evening showcased the hard work and creativity of our students in KS3 and KS4.

The concert opened with a vibrant ensemble performance from the school choir, setting a warm and joyful tone for the night. Throughout the event, students impressed the audience with a mix of contemporary Christmas songs and Pop songs. Soloists and small groups demonstrated exceptional confidence, and the dedication behind each performance was clear.

Staff and students worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the evening ran smoothly. The entire event reflected the supportive, inclusive, and creative spirit of Bridge Learning Campus. The school extends a huge thank-you to everyone who attended and supported the event. The concert was not only a celebration of the holiday season, but also a testament to the incredible talent and enthusiasm of our students.



Cherry in Magenta Class, Year 3, took part in an international cheer competition in Paris this week. Cherry and her team have been training so hard for this event and they came 1st! Amazing!!!

Staff Stars of the week this Term

- **Mr Dorney:** (Head of PE) for stepping up to lead PE so well!
- **Ms Burgoyne:** (Spanish teacher) for making a fantastic start to her second year of teaching at BLC!
- **Mr Kelleher:** (Humanities teacher) for being a positive role model to staff and students!
- **Mr Ogawa:** (Science teacher) for outstanding enthusiasm in Science and in House tasks!
- **Ms Lee:** (Head of Year 7) for being committed to her Year 7 students and helping them to develop strong characters!
- Mrs Readings for being kind, patient and a great support



Student Stars of the Term

Cherry in Magenta Class

Sam in Year 10



Cassie Hogg, one of our Ex Students, has received the news that she had been admitted to Denison University in Ohio. As a 'Sutton Trust US Scholar, she has been awarded just under half a million dollars in scholarship funds!

Well done Cassie, we wish you all the best on your time at University, and look forward to hearing how you are getting on the future!

FREE

BLC Bridge Learning Campus

Breakfast

JOIN US · 8AM - 8:25AM

Bagels

Toast

Beans on Toast

Fruit

Yoghurt and Granola

STARTING JANUARY 5TH 2026

FREE

Important Date or Events

Last Day of Term 2 - Friday 19th December, students finish at 11.30am

All students return to school for the start of Term 3 on Monday 5th January 2026 at normal time.

Year 8 Parents Evening Thursday 8th January 2025 3.30-6pm



