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THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



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Message from Interim Headteacher

I hope all members of the BLC community had a good Christmas holiday and a good start to Term 3. It has certainly been an eventful first two weeks of term at Bridge!

On the first day of term, we received a call from Ofsted announcing an inspection which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week. I am pleased to report that staff and students stepped up and were absolutely amazing during the two days of the inspection. As a result, inspectors saw the school at its absolute best. We know that BLC is on an improvement journey, but I am confident that, when it is published, our Ofsted report will praise the school for the progress we are making on that journey.

If this was not excitement enough for the school, during the second week of term, the school held interviews for the permanent headteacher who will lead the school from September. At the time of writing, I can reveal only that an excellent appointment has been made, but I hope that an announcement will be made later in the week giving full details.

I am really looking forward to leading BLC until the end of the Summer Term. It is a really special place where our wonderful students are truly well-cared for by our fantastic staff. I am very confident that the school has a very bright future ahead of it!

The Bridge Value of the Week is...



How can I speak up,
share an idea, or ask a
question that helps me
learn, even if it feels a bit
scary?



Mr Butler
Interim Headteacher

Visit from Daniel Sobel Author

Bridge Learning Campus News: Welcoming a Global Leader in Inclusion

At Bridge Learning Campus, we are committed to ensuring that every single one of our students feels seen, supported, and empowered to succeed. To further this mission, we were recently privileged to welcome Daniel Sobel to our campus last Tuesday.

For those who may not be familiar with his work, Daniel Sobel is a world-renowned author and a leading global authority on Inclusion and Pastoral Care. As the founder of Inclusion Expert, he has advised schools and governments worldwide on how to create environments where every child—regardless of their background or challenges—can thrive.

Empowering Our Staff, Supporting Your Children

A Special Focus: Kinship Care

"Inclusion is not a project; it is a mindset. It is about making sure every child feels they belong in the room, not just that they are allowed to be there." – Daniel Sobel



Learning to Lead with Year 6 to the BMX track!



Take a look at the fabulous commentary from Christine – Huge fun was had by all!

“Mostly I want to say what super stars they all were and a few specific mentions you should be aware of”:

Hudson – *amazing resilience, a couple of falls but each time got back on the bike and kept trying – this seems like progress to me as I know once upset sometimes its hard to get past that for Hudson.*

Rowan – *very anxious as a non cyclist, kept trying and though he didn't learn to ride he gave it everything he had and was so keen to learn*

Mayzie, Esmae and Layla – *girl power!!! How fabulous to watch them all smash the course and keep going to the very last possible minute making the most of the opportunity. I expect they will sleep well tonight!!!*

Zaidh, Harvey, AJ – *all amazing as you'd expect! Really enjoyed themselves and really showed off their skills.*

Joshua – *a bit worried at the start but goodness nothing was going to stop him trying and he smashed it.*

Tutor Positives

Y7 Tutor Positive Points - Update

Most positive points - Mohak, Maddie, Matthews, Lois, Haziq, , James
Most Inspire value points - Oscar, Maddie, Kelsie-Fay, Lois, Myla, Phoebe

Y8 Tutor Positive Points - Update

Most positive points - Millie-Ann, Harry, Nana, Lola, Olivia
Most Inspire value points - Millie-Ann, Lola-Marie, Kryraya, Dlyan, Wesley

Y9 Tutor Positive Points - Update

Most positive points - Layla, Bakery, Jacob, Lacey, Tyson
Most Inspire value points - Daniel, George, Cheyenne, Sean, Tyson

Y10 Tutor Positive Points - Update

Most positive points - Adeoluwa, Safa, Nikola, Cater, Finnley, Cayden
Most Inspire value points - Adeoluwa, Riley, Casey, Katie. Lyla, Sam

Y11 Tutor Positive Points - Update

Most positive points - Maddie, Archie, Neve, Naomi, Alfie
Most Inspire value points - Dylan, Archie, Lily, Max, Alfie

Year 8 Unlocking Potential

Year 8 Unlocking Potential went on a trip to Arnos Vale on Thursday! They were so engaged, extremely polite and respectful towards both each other and the staff at Arnos Vale who also commented on how amazing they had been!

They asked insightful questions and produced brilliant presentations which they then delivered in front of each other. It was lovely to see their confidence growing.



Primary Values Culture and Ethos

As part of developing our inclusive values and raising awareness, we are delighted that the following posters are now up in our corridors. Please do spend some time with the children next week having a look at these and giving them time to talk about them. They are positioned in both KS1 and KS2.



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

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Hello



FILM PREMIERE

Bridge Learning Campus Year 9 students who are considering opting for BTEC performing arts in Years 10 and 11 are currently working with local theatre, TV and film professionals to create a short film that will premiere at Bridge Learning Campus in 2026.

Most of the students have chosen to take behind-the-scenes jobs on the film: writing scripts, designing costumes and creating lighting effects.

In winter 2025 the students found out about many backstage jobs in theatre, TV and film from trips to Bristol Hippodrome and the Bottleyard TV and film studios in Whitchurch, Bristol, and now it's their turn to try their hand at doing those jobs for themselves.

The BTEC performing arts course has many options for students who are interested in technical and backstage roles, as well as options for those into performance.

At the film premiere, students and family will also have the opportunity to ask industry professionals more about how having a grounding in technical and backstage work at school has supported them to now enjoy a fulfilling, steady and well-paid career.

Date of premiere will be announced very soon.

More information about this from scanning the code or at www.bravebolddrama.co.uk/community/young-people

To contact the person leading the project, email gill@bravebolddrama.co.uk



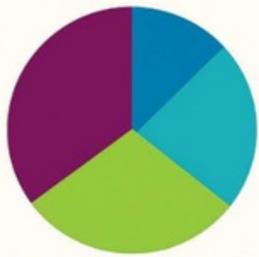
Staff Stars of the week this Term



- **Miss Readings** - Leah and the whole SEND team are amazing! Leah is kind and patient and is a great support to all our SEND children especially dual class. I have never seen her in a bad mood, she is so positive it helps build the spirit of everyone in school.
- **Miss Hackling** - I choose this person because they are hardworking, kind and thoughtful. They always put the students at the forefront of everything they do ensuring the students feel safe and valued. As a Teaching Assistant I always feel appreciated after their lessons.
- **Mrs Hodson** - her lessons are always brilliant, and you can feel the learning happening. She does so much for enrichment, but everything is done, quietly with no fuss. Her House spirit is also amazing. Thank you for all you do.
- **Miss Donald** - For always getting on quietly in the background, always with a smile.



School Percentage Absent Data Explained For Parents



0-5%

0 to 9.5 days missed

5-10%

10 to 19 days missed

10-15%

19.5 to 28.5 days missed

15% or more

28.5 or more days missed



Nursery Places



at Bridge Learning Campus

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your 3 year old starting in September 2026?

Please contact Primary Reception on 0117 3534472 or email Nursery@blc.school for an Application Form.



Important Date or Events

Thursday 12th February - 3.15-6.00pm - Year 11 Mock Results and Parents Evening

Friday 13th February - Last Day of Term 3

Monday 23rd February - Inset Day - school closed to all students

Tuesday 24th February - First day of Term 4 - all students return at normal time.

Thursday 26th February - 3.15-6.00pm - Year 9 Options Choices and Parents Evening

