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THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



Message from Interim Headteacher

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I hope all readers of The Bugle are enjoying the Summer Term. It seems hard to believe that we have only two weeks left until the end of Term 6!

Since the last edition the The Bugle was published, England has experienced a heatwave which closed over 1000 schools across the south of the country. Although we are always reluctant to close Bridge for any reason, it was good to see Bristol schools working together to keep our staff members and students safe during the exceptionally hot weather.

I know that many readers of The Bugle would like to see a change in the school day to take into account the England game at 1:00am on Monday morning. Sadly, along with other Bristol schools, we are starting school at the usual time on Monday. We do feel sympathy for those staff members and students who will have stayed up to watch the match (myself included), but, we can only recommend that they get to bed early on Monday to catch up on lost sleep.

I hope that all members of the Bridge community are looking forward to 'Sportsfest'. Early Years have theirs on Tuesday 7th July, Primary will be competing on Wednesday 8th July and Secondary Sportsfest will be on Monday 13th July. On the day of their Sportsfest, students should arrive to school in PE kit and bring a full refillable water bottle and sunscreen if appropriate.

The Bridge Primary Summer Concert and Secondary Summer Concert will be taking place at Wednesday 15th July. Please come along and support students taking part in these enjoyable events!

The Bridge Value of the Week is...**Build!**



What does it mean to **build**?

To **build** means putting effort into improving yourself and your learning, so you can become stronger, more confident, and more successful.

Questions to take into your week...

How can I help build a positive learning atmosphere for others today?
What am I doing outside the classroom that helps me build good habits or positive relationships?



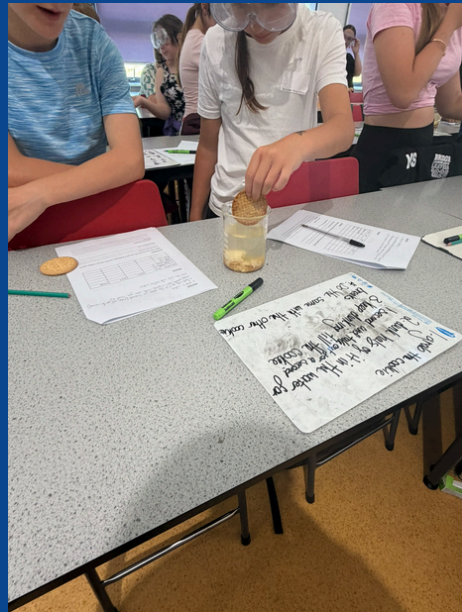
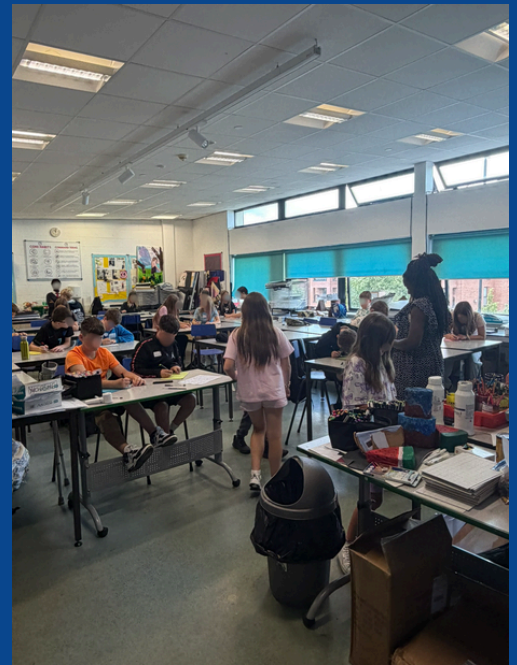
Mr Butler
Interim Headteacher

Transition Day

It has been a busy and exciting week at Bridge Learning Campus as Transition Days took place across the school.

In secondary, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students, who had the opportunity to experience life at BLC ahead of joining us in September. During their visit, they enjoyed a range of engaging activities, including making healthy smoothies in Food, developing their creative skills in Art, and carrying out exciting experiments in Science.

The enthusiasm, curiosity and positivity shown by our new students made for a fantastic two days. We are looking forward to welcoming them back in September as they begin the next stage of their learning journey at Bridge Learning Campus.



Primary Transition

This week, our primary pupils enjoyed meeting their teachers for the next academic year and spending time in their new classrooms. The transition days gave them the opportunity to experience what school life will be like in September, helping to build confidence and excitement for the year ahead. It was wonderful to see the children working hard, embracing new routines and getting to know their new learning environments. They left with smiles on their faces and are already looking forward to returning in September.

Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 students showed great resilience as they celebrated the end of their time at Bridge Learning Campus during an exceptionally hot evening. Thankfully, the air-conditioned venue at Ashton Gate provided a welcome escape from the heat, allowing everyone to enjoy the occasion in comfort.

The students looked incredibly smart and embraced the evening with enthusiasm, making it a fitting celebration of their achievements and the friendships they have built during their time at BLC. It was wonderful to see them marking this important milestone together before embarking on the next stage of their education.

A huge thank you goes to the team at Ashton Gate, whose professionalism, organisation and warm hospitality helped make the evening such a memorable success. We wish all of our Year 11 students every success and happiness for the future.



Year 7 making cheese toaties in their catering lessons - they look yummy!


BLC Secondary Summer Concert

On Wednesday 15th July we are hosting our BLC Summer Concert featuring performance from students and the BLC Band Club.

It is an event open to students and their families.





Come check it out!

Reserve your seats [HERE](#)




BLC Summer CONCERT
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2026

An evening of music, showcasing the incredible talents of our students and the **BLC Band Club**.

 WHAT IS IT? An evening concert featuring around 15 performances by our students and the BLC Band Club.	 WHEN? Wednesday 15th July 2026 5:00pm – 6:15pm (Doors open 4:30pm)	 WHERE? BLC Main Hall	 WHO IS IT FOR? All students and their families.
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RESERVE YOUR SEAT!
Scan the QR code to reserve your seats for the BLC Summer Concert 2026.
Please reserve seats for all attending (adults and students).



Spaces are limited – reserve early to avoid missing out!

Let's celebrate the sound of BLC!

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Attendance Rewards



Congratulations to the more than 250 children who achieved 100% attendance during Term 5 and earned a well-deserved reward trip to the gym centre.

Organised by our Attendance Team, the session was packed with fun, energy and excitement. The children threw themselves into every activity, and by the end of the hour there were plenty of happy – and very tired – faces! It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the reward and celebrating their excellent attendance.

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. Every day in the classroom counts, helping children build confidence, develop friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. A huge well done to every pupil who achieved this fantastic milestone.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Kerry and the Attendance Team for organising such a successful event. The smiles on the children's faces were a wonderful reminder of the positive impact that recognising and celebrating excellent attendance can have.



Staff Stars of the Week

Last day of Term 6 - Friday 17th July

On the last day of term our Reception - Year 10 Students will be leaving at 12.00pm and offered the usual packed lunch or grab bag option.

Please make a note of this in your diary and ensure you collect your child/ren at noon on this day.

Nursery children will finish on Thursday 16th July at their usual time.



Ray Cockram

Ray's quiet dedication makes an extraordinary difference to the lives of our pupils. Ray works tirelessly with some of our most vulnerable students, building strong, trusting relationships that help them feel safe, valued and supported.

Recently, when one of our pupils was facing an exceptionally difficult time, Ray instinctively knew exactly what to say and do. That response was only possible because of the years he has invested in developing trust, understanding and genuine care.

Ray embodies our commitment to inclusion and belonging. He is a trusted adult who consistently goes above and beyond to ensure every young person feels seen, heard and supported. His calm presence, unwavering compassion and commitment to our pupils make him an invaluable member of the Bridge Learning Campus community.

Thank you, Ray, for everything you do. Your impact on the lives of our students is immeasurable.

Jodie Marchant

Some people can only be described as a force of nature, and that perfectly captures Jodie Marchant.

Jodie has an extraordinary ability to see the potential in every young person, especially those who are hardest to reach. She instinctively looks beyond behaviour or circumstance to find the individual beneath, building genuine relationships based on trust, respect and unwavering belief. As a result, she consistently wins over students who may have struggled to connect with others.

What makes Jodie truly exceptional is her ability to maintain the highest expectations while leading with compassion. She holds firm boundaries and clear standards, but always with such warmth and care that students want to succeed—not because they have to, but because they know she believes in them.

One of the highlights of this exam season has been watching students rush to find Jodie after their exams to share how they had done, knowing they would be met with her genuine enthusiasm, encouragement and pride in their achievements. Those moments speak volumes about the relationships she has built and the difference she makes every single day.

Jodie is an exceptional colleague whose commitment, kindness and belief in young people embody the very best of Bridge Learning Campus. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our team.



Important Dates or Events

Star Awards - Wednesday 8th July - 5.00-6.15pm

EYFS Sports Day - Wednesday 8th July AM

Primary Sports Day - Thursday 9th July AM

Secondary Sports Day - Monday 13th July

Year 6 Camp - Monday 13th to Friday 17th July, back by 12pm

Last Day of Term - Friday 17th July, early finish at 12pm

