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THE BLC BUGLE

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Message from Interim Headteacher

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As I come to the end of almost a year as Interim Headteacher of Bridge Learning Campus, I want to take the opportunity to thank all readers of The Bugle for the support and encouragement you have shown me and all the staff of Bridge over the past year.

I have really enjoyed leading Bridge. It is a school with warm relationships and a real sense of community. Every day I have seen the good-humour and potential of the students, the dedication of staff and the unwavering commitment of families who want the very best for your children.

Over the past year, school staff have worked hard together to strengthen the foundations that make a good school including higher expectations, improved teaching and learning, better behaviour and a culture where every child feels known, valued and safe. Whilst there is always more to do, I am proud of the progress that has been made. The school feels calm and settled; expectations are more consistent and there is a renewed sense of confidence about what Bridge can achieve!

I wish you and your family a terrific summer and a great year in 2026-27!

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

Star Awards 2026



On the evening of 8 July, Bridge Learning Campus proudly celebrated the end of another successful school year with our annual BLC Star Awards. It was a wonderful evening, bringing together students, families, staff and special guests to recognise the outstanding achievements, commitment and character of our young people.

Students were nominated by teachers, Heads of Year and senior leaders across a wide range of award categories, celebrating academic success, personal growth, resilience, leadership, kindness and contribution to school life. Every nomination reflected the hard work and dedication shown by our students throughout the year.

The evening was made even more special by inspiring musical performances from both our primary and secondary students, whose talent and enthusiasm delighted the audience.

We were also honoured to welcome Mr Blundell, CEO of Amplify Education Trust, and Matthew Steer, Chair of the School Performance Board, who joined us as our VIP guests and helped celebrate the achievements of our award winners.



Sports Fest 2026



*Clear expectations from the
PE Department on PE
uniform in lessons in
September*

PE Kit Expectations



If you are taking part in PE:

- Wear correct **Bridge Learning Campus (BLC) PE kit** - School-branded PE shirt or polo (alternatively students can wear a plain unbranded sports top - more information below)
- Shorts, Joggers, Skort or sports leggings.
- Sports socks (black or navy)
- Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor use
- Water bottle - No sanction if forgotten
- If you are cold, wear a jumper (no hood) or jacket (no hood) that is navy blue or black on top of your BLC PE top. You may also wear undersleeve top under your BLC PE top.
- **No Jewellery** of any kind, including all piercings (bring your own tape to cover these if they cannot be removed).
- **Long hair must be tied back** for the whole lesson
- If you need to **borrow kit**, speak to your PE teacher at the **start** of the lesson.

If you are asking to be excused from PE:

- Parents must e-mail the PE department before 8.15am the morning of your lesson at PE@BLC.School
- Sometimes there are things you can do in the lesson and some element's that wouldn't be possible. Your teacher will be understanding to this.
- Always, always, always bring your PE kit and get changed as you would normally do (unless there is circumstances where this is not possible). There will be a role that you can do in the lesson even if not performing and that way if it is raining you will be able to change after the lesson rather than getting your school uniform wet if we are outside.

SportsFest 2026, held on Monday 13 July, was a fantastic celebration of sport, teamwork and determination. Students from every year group took part with enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent effort, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The standard of competition was exceptional, with an incredible 22 school records broken across the various events. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to those who achieved these outstanding new records.

The day also celebrated individual sporting excellence through our Sports Personality of the Year award. Congratulations to our shortlisted nominees: Jacob (Year 9), Max (Year 8) and Anna (Year 9). Following a whole-school vote, Max (Year 8) was named BLC Sports Personality 2026. This award is richly deserved, recognising Max's outstanding commitment to sport since joining Bridge Learning Campus, as well as the hard work, respect and positivity consistently demonstrated both on and off the field

The summer holidays are here! It time to entertain the kids for 6 weeks here are some amazing opportunities available to them.

Great British Summer Savings (25 June – 1 September 2026)

The Government is reducing VAT from 20% to 5% on:

- Children's meals in restaurants
- Family and children's tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions
- Entry to many visitor attractions

Free Bus Travel for Children (18 July – 6 September)

- Free travel on most local buses for children aged 5–15
- Applies to primary and secondary school-aged children
- No fare-paying adult required, allowing older children to travel independently

Sparks Filmmaking Summer Camps- A week-long filmmaking experience at Cotham School, Bristol, where young people work together to create their own short films while developing creativity, confidence and teamwork skills.

Key details:

- 20th July – 7th August
- 9am–3pm daily (extended hours available until 5pm)
- Cotham School, Bristol
- Ages 11–14
- Ofsted registered – Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare accepted.

Free Pet Advice and Pet Food sessions

- UoB Hartcliffe and Withywood Microcampus in the Gatehouse Centre, BS13

Free Haircuts for children and young people

- Monday 24th August
- 2:30pm–8:00pm
- 224 Zone, Hartcliffe Way, BS4 1GQ



FILM & ANIMATION SUMMER COURSES

"My daughter had the BEST time at Sparks. Massive thank you to the whole team for making this so enjoyable and teaching them valuable skills." K Rasmussen



Don't just watch movies: make them. Join Sparks for a five day action packed film or animation course. Master digital skills, make friends and create your own production.

Filmmaking ages 7-9, 9-11 & 11-14
Animation ages 7-11
at Cotham School, Bristol



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BLC Summer Concerts

Our primary students put on 2 wonderful concerts this week for the parents and carers. They performed a collection of songs and some classes even showed off their skills on the Glockenspiel. We are so proud of our students hard work to ensure that these concerts were a success.

The concerts managed to raise over £300 for the Kawasaki Disease charity in honour of Hudson.

Primary Concert



Secondary Concert

Our Summer Concert was a fantastic evening and a real celebration of the talent we have at BLC. With over ten performances across a variety of musical styles and genres, students showcased their confidence, creativity and hard work. It is great to see these events continue to grow, giving more students the opportunity to perform and develop their confidence on stage. Thank you to all families and friends who attended and supported the event, helping to create such a brilliant atmosphere.

A special thank you goes to all of our performers, as well as Mr Davine and Mr McCrindle for all of their hard work in making the evening happen.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and one that everyone involved should be very proud of themselves.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 classes hosted a wonderful leavers assembly to bid a final farewell to their time at primary school. We want to wish them luck for their time at secondary school.



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.



Staff Star of the Week

Nominated by Jodie Marchant

I would like to nominate **Marie Hazel** for Star of the Week because she consistently puts others before herself and is an incredible source of support for both staff and students. She is always there whenever anyone needs her—whether that's someone to rant to, cry with, or simply help them through a difficult moment. She remains calm under pressure, no matter how challenging the situation, and her approachable, caring nature makes her someone everyone can rely on.

Throughout the Year 11 exam season and all the events that followed, she has provided unwavering support to both the pupils and the staff. Her dedication was perfectly reflected at Prom, where she was the first member of staff to arrive and the last to leave, ensuring everything ran smoothly and that every student had a memorable evening. Her kindness, commitment, and selflessness never go unnoticed, and she truly deserves to be recognised as Star of the Week.

Important Dates or Events

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



Students in Year 1-Year 6 return on Monday 7th September at normal time

Nursery Home Visits - Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September. Nursery returners start on Wednesday 9th September

Reception Home Visits - Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and 9th September

Monday 7th September- Year 7 & Year 11 Back to school (then in full time)

Tuesday 8th | September - Year 8-Year 10 Back to school