

# NEWSLETTER

## Winners at Warrington Wheels!

The last week in May held the Warrington Wheels under 18s bike building competition. The competition has been running for 9 years and young teams, from all over the north west, take along bikes they have built or customised. The bikes don't have to be runners, but the teams do need to take along a portfolio showing how they have modified their vehicle.

Key stage 3 children built two entries and five students went along to talk to the judges and show their work. The team won 3 trophies!

This is the third time that The Bridge School have entered the competition and hopefully next year we'll be entering the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Warrington Wheels competition.

At the end of June, we then took the 2 books, with a small group of students, to the National Youthbike finals in Lincolnshire. This was a camping weekend with students competing against teams from all over the country. Once again our learners returned victorious bringing back a number of trophies!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *GCSE Results Day on 22nd August.*

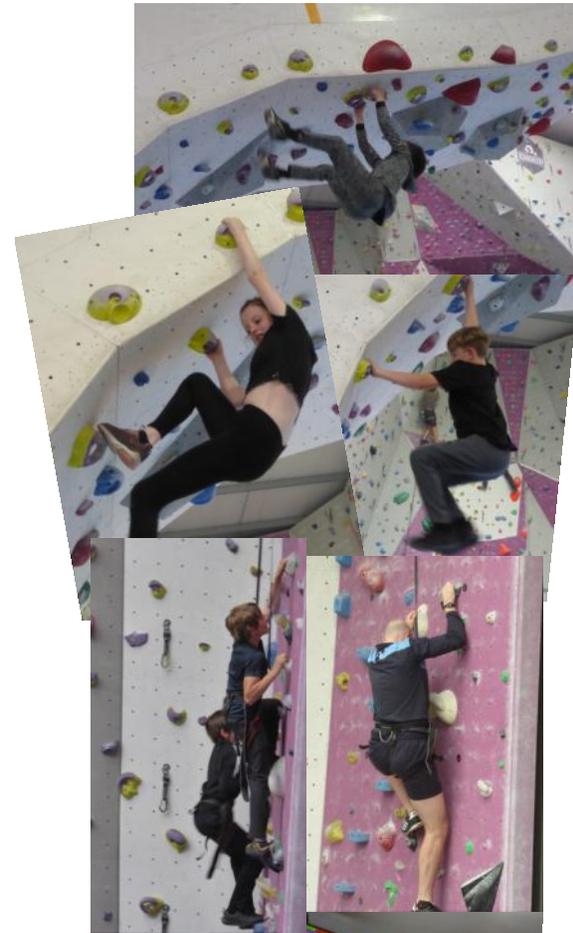
### SUMMER TERM DATES:

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR ON 04/09/19

## KS3 Residential Trip to Cheshire Oaks

Last month we took both our Nurture classes away for an over night residential and fitted in lots of exciting activities. Over the two days we took part in rock climbing, bouldering, foot golf, bowling, low ropes and archery tag as well as lots of social time sports in our down time! All of our students were fantastic over the two days and demonstrated exemplary behaviour, even after such a tiring couple of days. We had some students improve their physical skills during the rock climbing sessions and were able to demonstrate these in front of their class teachers and key workers who would not usually be able to see the students outside of the classroom.

At the foot golf, we didn't let the rain stop us. We played nine holes and had most of the students even beating the staff on some of the course. After a great meal cooked by our chef, Mrs Squire (Head of Student Welfare) which went down a treat, we were off to the bowling alley. Again everyone's competitive side came out as 3 teams battled it out over 2 games to get the highest score which once again went to our students. An incredible achievement based on how hard some of the staff were actually trying!



## KS3 Residential Trip to Cheshire Oaks (Continued...)

Day two brought even more exciting activities before we brought our adventure to a close. We started with a couple of games of football to burn off a hearty breakfast before we packed up the vans and moved on to our first activity. The low ropes challenged our students to a number of different obstacles from rope bridges, balance beams and cargo nets.

After this we walked to our next activity which up until this point had been a secret from our students, the big finale. **ARCHERY TAG!** This was a team based game where the goal was to take out the other team using your bows and arrows as well as score 5 points on the scoreboard by knocking out 5 disks from the opposing teams scoreboard. After a couple of challenging rounds of scoring back and forth the final game was staff verses students. After a couple of minutes of absolute mayhem and hysteria it was all over with big smiles on everyone's faces.

The journey home was a quiet one after a long and thrilling two days the over excitement and lack of sleep had caught up with everyone. This posed as a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on a fantastic two days and how much we had actually managed to fit in our short adventure.



## Greenlight for Gardening

The gloves are on this term, with both our nurture classes getting stuck into their gardening over the last few months. Our green-fingered learners have been planting and growing their own range of plants, fruit and veg including: chillies, beans, strawberries and even some wildflowers.



**GROW WILD**  
FLOWERS TO THE PEOPLE

## Visit from the Catalyst Museum

On 24th April we were visited by staff from the Catalyst Museum who provided an explosive afternoon of fun for both nurture classes. They delivered a Glorious Gases interactive workshop with each class. The session consisted of four mini hands-on practicals allowing learners to experiment with gases to prove that air is really there! Included in the experiments were exploding marshmallows, using straws to test gas pressure and learners being able to work together to make a fire extinguisher using CO<sub>2</sub>.



## KS3 Break the Mould

Nurture have been busy! Recently they have been experimenting with making their own bath bombs using a formula of bicarbonate of soda and citric acid mixed with a dash of cooking oil, colouring and water. They then packed them into rounded moulds and left them to set ready for use. Students were able to scent them using a variety of oils from sandalwood and rose to bubble-gum!!



## Year 11—School's out for the Summer

It's that time of the year again where the holiday is just on the horizon...only a few days away!

With summer fast approaching, Year 11 recently went on study-leave after the May half-term break, in preparation for their GCSE exams. These exams are standard practice for all secondary school students throughout the country. There have recently been some changes to the GCSE grading, moving from the alphabetical system of A\*- G grades to the number 9-1 system.

Exams have taken place for the core subjects of English, maths and biology for our Year 11 learners.

However, Year 11 weren't the only ones sitting exams in June, as they were joined by learners from across Year 10, who were entered to sit their Maths GCSE.

We would like to congratulate all our students on completing their exams this year!

### Key Dates for Year 11

**GCSE Results Day** will be on Thursday 22nd August 2019. Learners can arrive from 10am until 12pm to collect their results from school.

### Next Steps:

As part of their next steps some of our learners have already secured themselves places with further education providers such as Riverside College or have signed up to one of a range of apprenticeships.

For any learners still undecided about what to do next year it would be worth taking a look at the wide range of apprenticeships available covering all subjects and areas from: Autocare to Business Administration and Retail to Childcare and Early Years.

Through undertaking an apprenticeship students are able to gain plenty of hands-on experience working as part of a team in a range of career paths. These opportunities are available to people of all ages and walks of life with nationally recognised qualifications that are equivalent to A-level, Undergraduate Degree and Masters Degree level.

For further information on apprenticeships that are available to students please visit: <https://www.apprenticeshiphub.org.uk/>

Or for a full list of available apprenticeships/ to search for an apprenticeship please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

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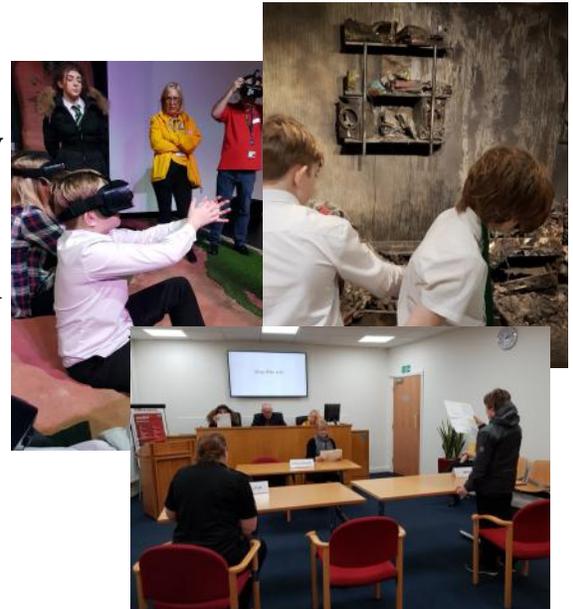
## Aboriginal Art at Murdishaw

Students at our Murdishaw Centre have been researching Aboriginal art. They looked at where Aboriginal art originates from, the marks the artist makes and the different symbols created for different meanings. The children each created a boomerang with their own design using symbols and animals that relate to the country it originates. The students then came together to make a giant boomerang. As you can see they have created a brilliant masterpiece which is currently on display!



## Safety Central Visit

Earlier this year, students from our KS3 nurture classes visited Safety Central in Cheshire. During the day they followed the inspiring Lessons4Life programme designed to prepare students for young adulthood. This focuses on personal safety, wellbeing and citizenship. Learners participated in and witnessed a number of scenarios such as a household fire, being locked in the cells and the action of the courtroom. They even had the chance to experience a virtual reality simulation of a car crash.



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PAINTS

## Thank you to Tile Giant and Crown Paints

We would like to thank both Tile Giant and Crown Paints for their very generous donation of equipment and resources to our vocational centre, The Bridge School @37. The equipment included a large selection of tiles and paint which have already been put to good use by some of our KS4 learners as part of their Painting and Decorating course. Thank you!



## Time to get Creative!

A date for your diary next year is Friday 15th May 2020 when staff from the Bridge's Hair and Beauty department @37 will be hosting a creative show. Set in our very own Hidden Gems Hair and Beauty Boutique, learners will be invited to create their own look in either a Bridal/Prom (natural ideas) or Avant Guard (experimental ideas) style. Included in the created look will be nails, hair and make-up.

A photoshoot will be available for all of the completed entries as part of celebrating and advertising learners' work. Students will also

be required to create their own mood board as part of their entry.

For more information please contact either Catherine or Ashley based at our Vocational Centre, The Bridge @37.



## Staff Announcements

This term we have some exciting staff announcements to make.

### All the best of luck to:

Eve Worthington who worked as our Admin and Data Receptionist for the past few months, has left and given birth to two healthy girls.

Miss Bennett, our science teacher will be going on maternity leave in September. Mrs Wolton has been appointed to cover Miss Bennett's Maternity Leave. Both teachers will work together for the first couple of weeks of term.

### Congratulations to the following staff:

Mr Jowett, nurture teacher, for his successful secondment to Halton Borough Council. Mr Jowett will be working as the ASC outreach teacher for one academic year. He'll still be linked to The Bridge School though!

Mr Wood has been appointed to cover Mr Jowett's nurture class for the next academic year whilst Mr Jowett undertakes his secondment.

Mr Rennox has been appointed as support staff. His job will include planning and delivering lessons to KS3 and KS4 learners.

Mr Codd has been appointed as a permanent Teaching Assistant, following his work with KS3 and KS4 this year.

### A warm welcome to:

Bethany Finch has recently started her new role as a KS3 Keyworker. Bethany has already been working closely with our learners and parents in the past few weeks.

Nicola Gardner has been appointed as our new Admin and Data Receptionist. Nicola joins the school in September, from Liverpool JMU where she has worked for many years.

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