



Strength Through Support, Success Through Respect

Welcome from the Headteacher



Welcome to the first edition of our new school newsletter. I am delighted to share this space with you as we celebrate the achievements of our students, highlight the hard work of our staff, and keep you informed about the exciting developments happening across our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure every young person in our care feels valued, inspired, and equipped to thrive. I hope you enjoy reading this issue and look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

Attendance Winners

10B	68.9%
KS3 Class 2	68.6%
Centre 37	65.3%

Well done to our top three forms!

Class Dojo Rewards



KS3	KS4
Joseph M	Darren R
Reid F	Lily B
Skye J	Abbie K

Well done to our top three students from KS3 and KS4!

Outdoor Education

November has been a busy month for Outdoor Education! There have been so many activities that have taken place. From bowling to ice skating, to forest school and the gym – with lots of others in between. A particular highlight has been KS3 learning to whittle using a sheath knife as well as the high levels of skill demonstrated by learners when bouldering. The Year 10 and 11 BTEC Sport students have also started their work to support Mission Christmas by collecting donated gifts from local B&M stores and delivering these to headquarters in Birkenhead. If anyone would like to support the Mission Christmas appeal, you can send gifts into the school's main reception, and our students will deliver them to headquarters. If you feel you need support this Christmas, Keyworkers can make applications on your behalf. We look forward to a December of fun and challenge.



Riverside College Interviews

Currently there are 39 Year 11 students that we are providing careers advice and guidance for, so they can identify what they would like to do when they leave Year 11. Riverside College is always a popular choice for Bridge students due to its location and excellent reputation.

Many students have already made applications, and a process is underway to support Riverside to identify students who are displaying the appropriate levels of attendance, engagement and behaviour that suggests they would be successful in that setting. All students in Year 11 have been made aware of college open events and over 20 students have taken up this opportunity and subsequently applied. We also have a cohort of students who have been exploring colleges and learning centres further afield in neighbouring towns and cities.

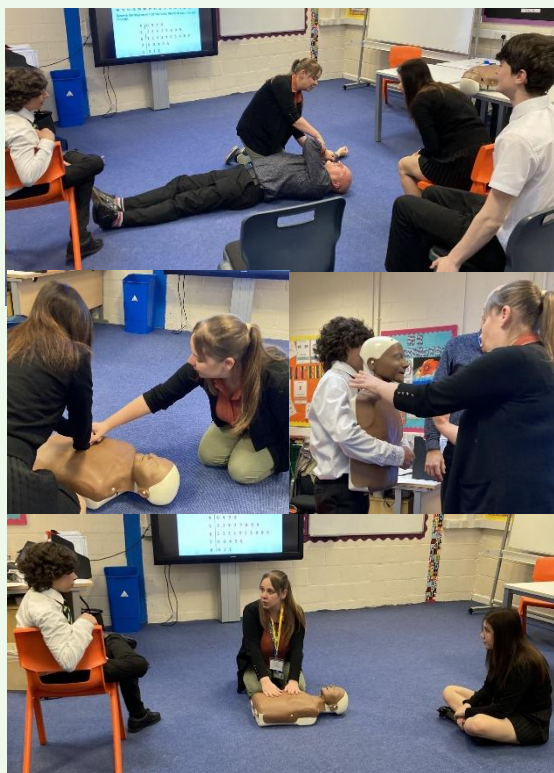
Please get in contact with our **Careers Lead, Graham Dodd**, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the support available to students: graham.dodd@thebridge.halton.sch.uk / 01928565456.

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Drop-in

My name is Claire, and I am the School Nurse for The Bridge. One of the services I offer for students to access is a weekly confidential drop-in where they can speak about emotional, mental, physical or sexual health, or I can support them to manage any medical conditions. I can also refer onto specialist services if this is required. If students would like to access the drop-in, they can come and see me in school on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or they can speak to a member of school staff/Keyworker to express their interest.

School Nurse



CPR

On Monday 24th November, School Nurses attended school to complete a Health Education session about CPR and the recovery position with a group of Year 11 students. Discussions were had around the importance of knowing how to perform CPR and how to put someone in the recovery position and how this can be vital in preserving someone's life whilst awaiting emergency services. All students practiced their CPR skills on the resuscitation dolls, and practiced putting each other, and even the teachers, in the recovery position.

Sexual Health

During November we completed a session with a group of Year 11 students around the importance of sexual health. Discussions were had around the importance of safe sex, consent, STI's and contraception. Students were also provided with information on how to access Sexual Health clinics if needed.

Mon 1st Dec – KS3 trip to Activity for All in Bootle
Tue 2nd Dec – Y10 & Murdishaw trip to Activity for All in Bootle
Wed 3rd Dec – Y11 trip to Activity for All in Bootle
Mon 8th Dec – Y11 Mental Health session with School Nurse
Tue 9th Dec – Y10 Personal Hygiene session with School Nurse
Wed 10th Dec – Macmillan Coffee Morning (1-2pm). Parents/carers all welcome
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 19th Dec – School closes at lunch time for Christmas break

UPCOMING