

The Bridge Newsletter

Autumn Term 24/25



Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for our new Post 16 provision, The Bridge. I can't believe we have completed a full term already! The learners have done amazingly well at adjusting to a new building, staff and curriculum, and I am proud of each and every one of them. The variety of off-site experiences they have been able to access has provided the opportunity to build confidence in the community and, coupled with a curriculum that is built around Preparation for Adulthood (PfA), has increased opportunities to develop independence.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and at times patience, this term and send best wishes on behalf of myself and The Bridge staff team.

Emma, Post 16 @The Bridge Lead

Maths/English

Learners at The Bridge have two timetabled lessons of maths and English each week. The focus is to develop functional skills that prepare them for employment and adulthood. Here are some of them taking their learning into the community and making use of Leeds City Library and the local shops.



Shop, Cook, Eat

In this lesson, learners have had real life experiences of preparing a meal, from finding a recipe, shopping for ingredients, preparing and cooking the meal and sitting down to enjoy it together. They have also learnt about the importance of healthy eating.



Vocational

Employability skills are taught through the vocational options: Hair & Beauty, Childcare and Enterprise. There is a blend of practical learning and the teaching of more generic theory-based lessons such as exploring job opportunities, health & safety and customer service.



College Links

Every Thursday, we send a group of young people off-site to complete a College Links Course. This term, pupils have been to Otley to learn how to sail and Temple Newsam to learn how to take care of animals.



Independence

Aside from developing independence in the community, and more broadly, learners have a dedicated lesson each week to cover all elements of independence. This term, the focus has been on the home: identifying and managing risks, first aid and cleaning.



Performing Arts

In performing arts, learners have chosen between an actor, dancer, musician or production role. We are currently in the middle of rehearsals for our college Pantomime that will be performed in February, to family and friends. The photos are of the dance group, enjoying the facilities at Leeds Dance Studio, Mabgate Mills.



Fitness

Learners have a choice of fitness options from Football, using the gym or attending a fitness class at Forum Leisure. Here are our footballers honing their skills.



Travel

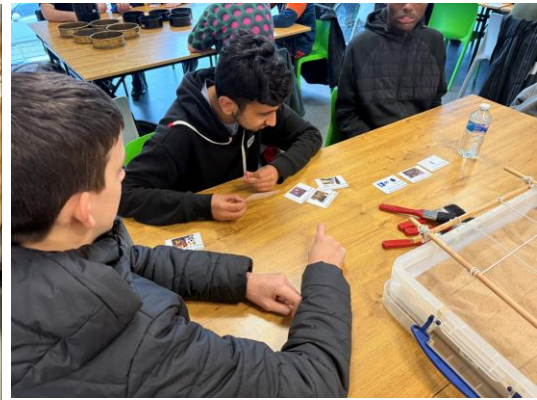
The location of The Bridge has been brilliant to get our learners out and about more. They have travelled on foot and by public transport to a variety of locations. Here are some of our learners at Middleton Park.

Careers and Employer Experiences

There have been numerous events that support our learners to have careers experiences that supplement the learning that takes place in college. This has included: NCS Music and Production workshops delivered by All Stars, Careers workshop delivered by High-Speed Training, Taster visit to Lighthouse Future Trust, Compass House project (Kirkgate Market stall), Digital Careers workshop 'Animation for Museums' delivered by Leeds City Museum, SEND Takeover Day and Career Fairs run by Leeds City Museum and Leeds Creative Skills Festival.

Some of our learners have also participated in work experience. This has included: ESOL Crèche, Lotherton Hall, The Bridge Cafe & the Co-op. Work is underway to get more of our learners valuable work experience.

Leeds City Museum Archeology



Creative Skills Festival Leeds



Lotherton Hall



Harewood House

