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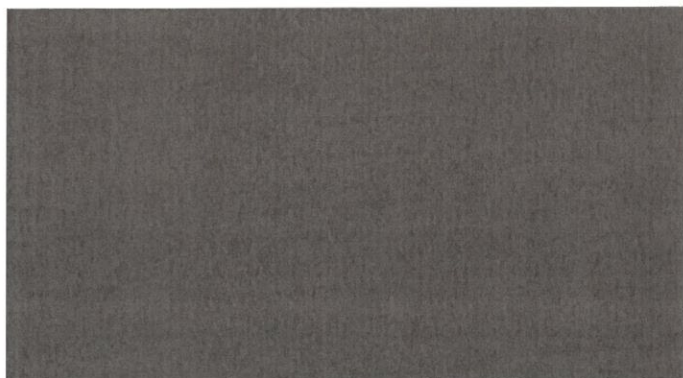
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REMINDER

**School reopens on the
Wednesday 3rd of September 2025
Please see the back of the
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As we reach the close of another amazing school year at the East SILC, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some successes this term.

This year marked the first time learners from Roger Cannon have taken GCSEs in mathematics and English Language, demonstrating not only exceptional progress but real grit and determination, often working very far out of their comfort zones to access and take the exams. We look forward to celebrating their results in August.

The East SILC hosted the Spectrum music festival, the first ever SEND friendly festival in Leeds in June 2025. There was an amazing line up of bands/artists, food vans and merchandise with a fantastic turn out of around 300 festival goers, including plenty of East SILC learners and families as well as other young people and adults with SEN. Spectrum would not have happened without the tireless work of East SILC staff and the generous sponsors. Inspired by the success of Spectrum the team are planning more events as well making Spectrum an annual event.

Another highlight was Prom, held at Thorpe Park Hotel. Seventy-five learners from years 11-14 attended and it was truly magnificent evening of sharp dressing, busting moves and above all togetherness.

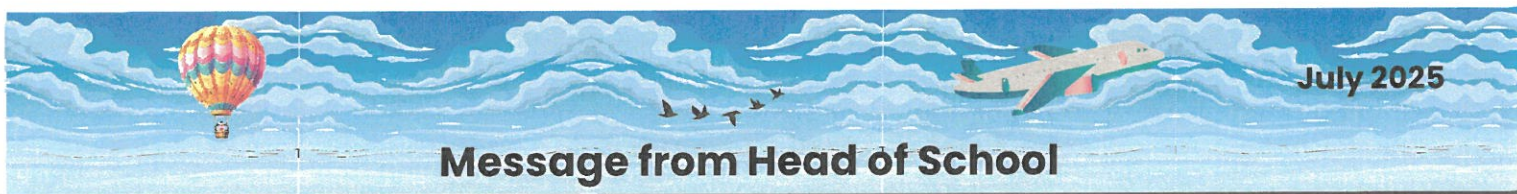
East SILC Employment Village at John Jamieson was officially opened on 27th June 2025 to provide learners with work experience opportunities in the café, shop and garden and for meaningful practical play and social skills development.

We have been overwhelmed by the support of the East SILC community, particularly the generosity of our parents/carers in our summer fairs which have raised over £2000! The money will go towards resources and equipment to benefit our learners.

Sadly, we lost a key member of our John Jamieson community, Ans Butt from 16+4. Ans was a loving young man who loved school and the people around him. His smile would light up any room and his love for WWE was known all around school. Our love goes to Ans' family and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Ans.



As we look forward to the summer break, I want to wish our learners, families and staff a safe, restful and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming learners back from 3rd September 2025, ready for another year of exceptional learning and experiences.



Message from Head of School

It's always good to read of the exceptional work our learners are doing at the Bridge. It's positive to see how many of our year 14s are leaving with good accreditation and to a wide range of next-step settings. I wish them all the best and am sure they will thrive in their new provision.

A couple of highlights from this term for me was seeing 'The Bridge Walkers' BCC band perform at two John Jamieson events, and also the Spectrum music festival on Friday 6th June, where I saw lots of BCC learners enjoying the live music. The logo, which is on a 1000 posters and 100 t shirts, was also designed by one of the BCC learners. The prom was also incredible! I am also overwhelmed with the success of our independent travel training model and the achievements the learners have attained so far with this. I am confident the team will train even more next year.

I know that the staff team down at the Bridge have worked hard this year to make the provision the success we promised it would be and deserve a good break. A big thank you also to parents and carers for supporting your young people and the SILC.

Jamie Darby

Post 16 Lead comment...

Wow, what a year. The time has flown by, and BCC really does feel like our home. I have been so impressed with the learners who have risen to the challenge of a new site, staff team and curriculum. The most impressive outcome of this year is how much the learners have grown in terms of their independence and confidence. We have seen a real growth in maturity, and they have done you proud in terms of attitude and behaviour. This has meant that we could take great strides forward in terms of accessing the community. I look forward to welcoming them back in September and continuing to build on our achievements so far. That brings me to our leavers. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know them all and they will be sorely missed. However, I know that they are ready for their next steps and wish them all the best for the future.

Emma Orme

Maths & English

This term in maths and English, the focus has been on assessing the learners numeracy and literacy skills for accreditation. For our Yr 12 & 13 learners, this has led to mock examinations. A special shout out to our leavers who have completed these examination for real. They have all done really well and I look forward to receiving their results.

Dance

In dance this term, we have been focusing on dance for music videos. We have learnt the choreography from 'Bye, Bye, Bye' by NSYNC and Britney's 'One More Time'. They have also choreographed some music video worthy dances to a song of their choice.

(Photos added as attachments)



Hair & Beauty

This term in Hair & Beauty, our theory lesson has focused on tackling problems at work. Learners have considered what they would do in a variety of situations and followed set procedures. In our practical lesson, we have moved on to the beauty side of the course and learners have worked on how to give a spa worthy manicure.



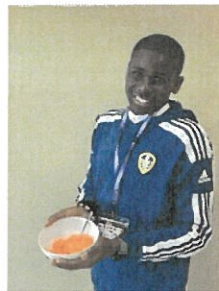
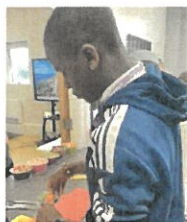
Enterprise

Learners in enterprise focused on coming up with ideas, designing and making games for the JJ summer fayre. The games included 'spin the wheel'; 'mystery box'; and 'hole in one'.



Making Baby Food

As part of their Vocational Childcare classes, the learners made baby food this term. They discovered what babies can and can't eat and why the food must be blended or mashed.



Group 3

Group 3 (The Bridge) presented their design ideas at the Marks & Spencer's archive in June. Each Learner spoke publicly and explained the ideas and inspiration behind their designs. They did themselves, and the Bridge, proud.



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DofE Bronze Expedition



Nine learners took part in this year's expedition which ran over the 17/18th June. Learners camped overnight at Wike Scout Camp where they pitched their own tents and cooked meals on a camping stove. They completed two walks – day 1 Eccup . circular, day 2 Yeadon Tarn – Otley Chevin. On both days the weather was very hot and sunny and learners showed great resilience, humour and comradeship. Well done to all.

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Middleton Equestrian Centre

A group of our learners have recently embarked on a unique work experience placement at the Middleton Equestrian centre. This is a registered charity and purpose-built Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) Centre providing amazing experience for children, young people and adults. The time at the centre has enabled our learners a hands-on opportunity to understand the workings of a local business while gaining valuable skills and insight into the daily operations of a working stable. Some of the duties our learners have been focusing on have included feeding, grooming to cleaning out the stables. They have been fully immersed in the responsibilities involved within the centre.



Music

The BBC band (The Bridge Walkers) have been practicing every Friday afternoon to be ready to perform at both the John Jamieson careers village opening and the summer fair.

The songs they performed were "keep on running" by The Spencer Davis Group, "Billionaire" by Travie McCoy and "Drag Me Down" by One Direction.

The performance was a success and the learners have received positive and strong feedback building both their confidence and passion for music



Film Production

Thanks to the generous grant from IntoFilm, we have started to make a film here at The Bridge. The students have practiced key skills such as filming, editing, scripting and directing. The masterpiece "A Bridge Mystery" should be premiering before the end of term.

Independence

The learners have been learning about "A home of Your Own" and why budgeting matters. They have researched different housing options, renting, buying, budgeting and household bills, furnishing a home and planning a holiday. Groups 3 and 4 have also been learning about credit and debt, banking and savings. The purpose of the learning is to show that mastering a budget can help them plan for their short and long-term plans, whether that's new clothes, a car or something else in the future.

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Football

The footballers travelled up to South SILC's Future Steps Hub to play in matches against their 16+ and Broomfield year 11's. The players all acquitted themselves brilliantly, and won against the 16+ team. I am so proud of them and all their efforts this year in football.



Mocktail Making with Crowne Plaza

This term we continued our partnership with Crown Plaza hotels and took part in a Mocktail making masterclass. The students were highly engaged in the process and enjoyed sampling their creations.



Summer Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Please make sure to check the East SILC website for key dates and upcoming events
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Monday 1st September Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September..... Training Day

Wednesday 3rd September..... Return to school - Group 1 (Stuart's class) & 2 (Susan's class) ONLY

Thursday 4th September..... Return to school - Group 3 (Tom's class) & 4 (Adam's class) ONLY

Friday 5th September.....All learners return to school

Friday 24th October Breaking for half term

Monday 3rd November Reopen after half term

Monday 1st December..... Training Day

Friday 19th December Close for Holiday

Monday 21st July Training Day

Tuesday 22nd July..... Training Day

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