

Written and
edited by
Year 7
students!

Our Learning Journey

The Bridge Learning Ambassadors work with our specialist Bridge staff to continually assess and improve our provision. Ensuring that all students can engage, learn and succeed here at The Bridge. Our ambassadors play a vital, active role in shaping our learning environment by providing feedback and new ideas and take an active role in developing new practices to help themselves and their peers.

We compiled a series of questions for two of The Bridge Learning Ambassadors, Isobel/Izzy, 7STH and Edward/Ted, 7PNS. They were interviewed by me, Charlotte, a few days ago:

What is your overall goal?

"To help everybody learn in a better way"

What would you like to change/do personally?

"I would like to help everyone like learning more by going into classrooms often and assessing how everybody is getting on."

What changes do you hope to make?

"The way people learn, like moving the cogs page into exercise books so you can get to them more efficiently."

When will we start seeing you in lessons more?

"Hopefully we will be in action next term, in January."

And there you have it, this is what our Learning Ambassadors want for you.

(Interview and article by Charlotte)

Welcome



Welcome to our first ever Bridge Newsletter! This newsletter has been created by us, the Year 7 Market Ambassadors to share an insight into our magnificent Year 7 experience. Let's meet the team:

"Hello I am Henry and I am a Marketing Ambassador for The Bridge, bringing the Spotlight to you this term."

"Hello reader, I'm Noah and I hope you enjoy this publication of the first edition of Spotlight, I can assure you that you will want to read on!"

"Hello I am Isabella and I am helping bring The Bridge life to you! Thank you for reading."

"Hello my name is Charlotte and I have written the notices, clubs and part of the learning section. Hope you enjoy our first Bridge newsletter."

Sports News

This term students in The Bridge enjoyed Netball, Football and an inter-form Dodgeball competition!

Nearly 100 Year 7 students tried out for The Bridge football teams and there has been impressive attendance at every Netball training.

Alongside these year group teams, all students also had the opportunity to take part in an inter-form dodgeball competition, which saw 7HLL crowned the winners following an energetic final against strong opponents in 7MOI. After the competition, students were praised for their fair play, team work and determination.

It doesn't stop there, we are delighted to reveal that in January students will be able to enjoy an inter-form basketball competition!



(Article researched by Henry)

CELEBRATE

The End of a Magnificent Term



On Friday 10th December students and staff took part in an end of term Celebration Assembly in The Bridge. Recorded for parents and carers, the assembly saw students receive certificates, badges and sweet treats to celebrate their successful first term as Year 7 students.

Accolades students received included musical and sports participation certificates, achievement point awards, department certificates and PRIDE of Hinckley awards, as well as new PRIDE badges! Students are awarded a badge for each letter of PRIDE as they accumulate points. The ten students with the most PRIDE points can be seen on the right. This wonderful celebration of student achievement was a fantastic way to bring the term to a close and The Bridge Team would like to congratulate every Year 7 student for showing PRIDE this term and wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas!

(Article edited by The Bridge Marketing Ambassadors)

Top PRIDE Points -

Mia	7MOI	560
Ruben	7STH	509
Jack	7HLL	487
Maja	7HLL	460
Sanija	7HLL	431
Noah	7RLY	429
Ashton	7RLY	425
Rosa	7PNS	411
Emily	7RLY	411
Kellan	7HLL	407

300-499 PRIDE Points= 'P' Badge Awarded
500-699 PRIDE Points= 'R' Badge Awarded
700-899 PRIDE Points= 'I' Badge Awarded
900-1,099 PRIDE Points= 'D' Badge Awarded
1,100-1,299 PRIDE Points= 'E' Badge Awarded

Fundraising for Children in Need



On Friday 19th November students and staff at Hinckley Academy helped raise money for BBC Children in Need. The Bridge started the day with a Children in Need themed assembly, led by Mr Pallett and Year 7 Charity Ambassadors Sophie and Sam, who prepared a quiz and supporting PowerPoint to test students' knowledge of Children in Need. A great way to get everyone thinking about the reasons behind the fundraising events.

Students also embraced the event by wearing silly socks and Pudsey ears to show their support for the fantastic cause. Students planned stalls to fundraise during lunchtime in The Cube and enjoyed getting involved in a variety of activities, from keepy-uppy challenges, to bake sales and raffles. The Cube had a fantastic atmosphere!

Students contributed through both donations of loose change and through the time they dedicated to coming up with such thoughtful and creative fundraising activities. Thanks to the generosity of students, staff, parents and carers Year 7 raised £190.35 The tutor group who raised the most was.... 7RLY! Well done everyone! (Article edited by The Bridge Marketing Ambassadors)

Grease is The Word!

We spoke to Ms Radcliffe, Teacher of Dance to find out more about our next school musical Grease and how rehearsals are going...

What have you and the Grease team been working on?

"The production team and cast have been working hard this term rehearsing and creating our wonderful school production. The chorus have managed to learn the choreography for all their group routines and learn the singing parts also. The characters are developing and we are all enjoying exploring the iconic show that is Grease!"

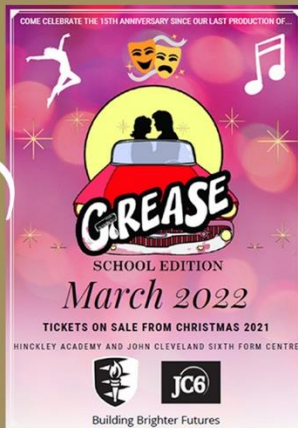
What's next?

"When we return after Christmas, we will begin working on the stage in the hall to bring all the work together to prepare for an audience."

What are the times, dates and locations of the performances?

"The show takes place on the 9th, 10th and 11th of March at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale after Christmas!"

(Interview conducted by Noah)



Clubs

Here at the Bridge, we have lots of after school clubs, we have:

- **The Eco Team:** Who look after the environment
- **Sports Teams:** Find out more in our sports article!
- **Chess Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Scratch/ Coding Club**

And even more!

If you have a hobby, we have you covered, so consider coming to a club today! Speak to Mr Pallett, Ms French or Miss Bull to find out more.

(Written by Charlotte)

SPOTLIGHT

The Bridge Council

The Bridge Student Council has done very good this year so far. In our few meetings we've discussed vital things to improve The Bridge and even the school itself. Every councillor holds a 'surgery' on a Monday at form time along with their deputies and attend meetings to share feedback with the leadership teams. The Diversity Club is a club based around anti-discrimination. We help to protect people from all discrimination and work closely with other Diversity Ambassadors; SEAB (Sixth Form) and the LGBTQ+ club (Main School).

We strive for equal treatment to all, by all, so we can all live together in harmony.

(Written by Noah)

PRIDE

Mr Pallett's First Year at The Bridge

// I have been a PE Teacher for 12 years and have experience as a Year 7 tutor, but this year has been my first year as the Year 7 Year Leader and I have enjoyed every second of it. I am able to help our 180 students in Year 7 show PRIDE everyday. One of the highlights of my week is celebrating attendance, achievement and generally how awesome The Bridge is. I pride myself on making sure that Year 7 are the best year group in the school!

(Interview conducted by Isabella)

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English in The Spotlight

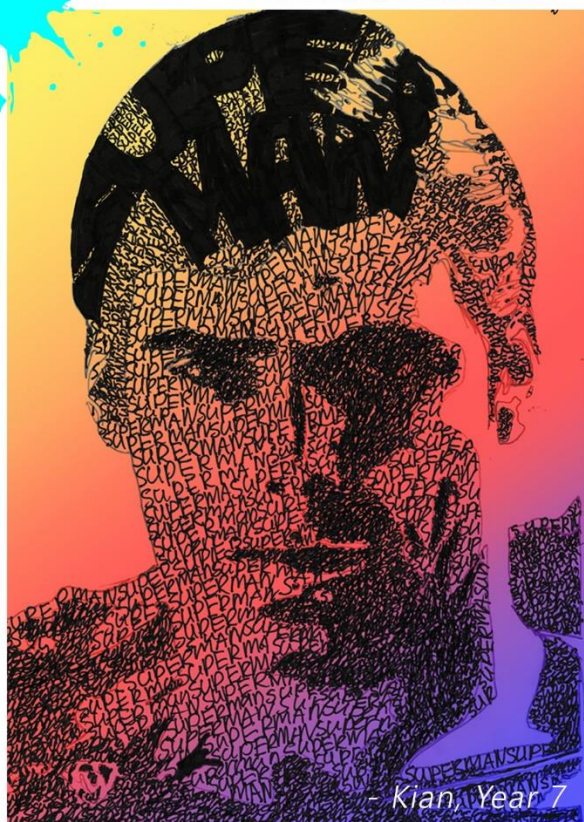
In this issue we wanted to share an insight into... **ENGLISH!**

Mrs Cave, Literacy Lead said, "Our Year 7s have made an exciting start to their English learning journey during this first term. Every Tuesday and Thursday students have had an opportunity to explore the ancient civilisations of Greece and Rome. Students have come face to face with the inhabitants of ancient Pompei and are on first name terms with Caecilius and his family. All students have learnt the Latin for dog (canis) and the name of the family's pet Cerberus. He has certainly proved a favourite and the story of Cerberus creeping into the kitchen to steal food was enjoyed by all! English lessons have been spent thinking about family and identity and students have read the novel 'A Monster Calls', this often moving story has given students the opportunity to explore ideas about identity, loss and bullying. During lessons students have been able to improve their communication skills by responding to 'talking points'. This has led to lessons where everyone gets involved and contributes their ideas. The English department have enjoyed this first term in The Bridge and are looking forward to finding out more about Caecilius and his household, as well as beginning the new topic 'Magic and Dreams'." Miss Palmer Wilson, Teacher of English added, "Next term, we will be looking at power and status in Classics lessons. In English, we will be studying Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and looking at the themes of magic and dreams!"

(Interview conducted by Charlotte)

Art in The Spotlight

Students in The Bridge have been learning about proportions and experimenting with different ways to create tone. Year 7 started out by drawing pictures of their favourite celebrities then applying different text to create highlights, mid-tones and shade. When completed, the students scanned in their drawings and added colour using image editing software. - *Mr Moore, Head of Art*



- Kian, Year 7



- Maisey, Year 7



- Lots, Year 7



- Isla, Year 7

Wordsearch

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Can you find all the words listed below in the grid?

PRIDE
RESILIENCE
INDEPENDENCE
DISCIPLINE
ENGAGEMENT
ORACY
BRIDGE
ENGLISH
SCIENCE
MATHS
HUMANITIES

(Created by Henry)

Notices

Stay up to date with the latest Bridge notices!



Half day on last day of term! (Non-uniform)



7HLL form has won Tutor dogeball!

(Written by Charlotte)