

# Bridge School Malvern

## Newsletter - Summer 2 2020-2021



The end of our school year is here! And what a year it has been. We've made it through the pandemic together and are very much looking forward to some well-deserved celebrations. The weather is hot, hot, hot and is perfect for our festival and commemorating the achievements of our year 11 leavers. We hope you enjoy the final newsletter of the year and wish you a wonderful summer break.



### Hello and welcome to...

**Jonathan**, our new chef. Jonathan has worked in various kitchens including Claridges' in London and has already impressed us with his delicious lunches. The most unusual dish he's ever made? Camel steaks with mustard sauce!



Our new maths Coach, **Lauren**, who joins us in September. She enjoys playing board games, crocheting and baking cakes. She also really like solving puzzles and particularly enjoys Escape Rooms. She's a first rate mathematician too!



**Jenny**, our new Animal and Land Coach. Jenny joins us in September and is excited to meet lots of new pupils and animals. She has worked with many different species of animal and penguins are her favourite! Any questions about animals, feel free to ask Jenny.



### And a huge thank you to...

**Beth**, who joined us as a temporary member of staff doing lunches and baking with pupils. She then transferred as a temporary TA to support pupils in the outside area and she will be continuing with us until October half term.

### Cathedral trip KS3

Our KS3 pupils had a great tour of Worcester cathedral. They met a master stone mason and looked at how the arches supported the massive structures. They were very impressed with the machinery used to work the stone and made them reflect upon the difficulty of building over 900 years ago! Pupils asked some very interesting questions and had a go at making their own gargoyles. What a fantastic day.



### Cathedral trip KS4

Our KS4 pupils had their visit to the cathedral and gained insight into some very interesting things, such as the ancient family tree of our royal family to the daily lives of the resident monks all those centuries ago. Then our pupils had a go at making their own personal symbols that they would feature on a shield, just like the kings of old had done.



The cathedral staff emailed us to say how well pupils conducted themselves during their visit. Well done, all.

## Work experience

Three of our KS4 pupils undertook some work experience recently at the Hanbury Hall and Malvern Spa. Harvey undertook a range of tasks from receiving visitors upon arrival to the impressive Hanbury Hall to serving in their bustling café.

Brad and Theo gained experience from working at the prodigious Malvern Spa, and honed their skills in their busy kitchens.

All three did amazingly well and we have no doubt they will be successful when they leave us at the end of the term to embark on their future endeavours. Well done, chaps.



## Virtual athletics



As part of The National School Sports week (21<sup>st</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> June) pupils took part in virtual athletics where we had some running relay races, speed bounce, ball throwing and obstacle courses. Our pupils came 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 335 other competing pupils!

We focused on the values of the Olympics (Excellence, Friendship and Respect) and took part in some virtual Paralympic adapted sports. These included wheelchair basketball, goal ball, wheelchair tennis and football.

## Qualification achievements

An enormous 'well done' to our year 11 pupils who have taken the last of their Functional Skills courses in Maths and English and successfully gained their qualifications. Here are a few of our students proudly showing off their well-deserved achievements.



## Gobble, gobble

We have some more cute fluffies to add to our poultry collection – turkey chicks! We have ten in total and pupils care for them as part of their Land-based and Animal Care studies. Pupils are educated in where our food comes from and how good quality, high welfare poultry are raised.



## BridgeFest

We are all super excited for our last day of term and first ever end of year festival: BridgeFest. Against the backdrop of marquees, bunting and hay bales there'll be an array of stalls and fun activities to enjoy. Staff and pupils alike can try their luck at hook a duck, the coconut shy and splat the rat whilst enjoying some good music, and ice cream from Mr Whippy. We can't wait to be entertained by circus skills performers and have a good laugh and sing-along on the karaoke. Pupils have been hard at work preparing signs and stalls for the event. We just can't wait! We'll report on this in our next newsletter instalment.



## Important dates and information for your diary:

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** last day of term and BridgeFest!

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** TED day (pupils not in school)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** TED day (pupils not in school)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** pupils' first day back





# Bridge Business Centre

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### Online event

Well done to Reece who was brave enough to take part in the Virtual School Engagement Event, by creating a voice recording answering some questions posed by the virtual school. The virtual school was really pleased that young people's voices can be heard during this online event.



### Work experience = employment

Jesse had been attending a work experience placement with local company Smartbox Assistive Technologies which was unfortunately disrupted by the pandemic. However, when restrictions began to ease, they approached us with a proposal of an employment contract, so he carried out the rest of his work placement and is now has a full time contract! A brilliant outcome and one that is very well deserved.



### ASPIE House

Harri attended a fantastic meeting at ASPIE recently, learning about the support they offer and helping to build links to external organisations. ASPIE House in Worcester is a drop in house for those with Autism or Asperger's. Harri was made very welcome by Julie the main organiser. The house itself is full of warm, welcoming and peaceful rooms where those with similar lifestyles can play games, chat or just chill after a hard day's shopping in Worcester. Open to adults only, it's a low cost friendly club with a great range of activities for the attendees.



### Student ID

We have recently registered ourselves to be an eligible centre for student identification and can support our 16+s with getting a student card, giving them student discount at a variety of retail outlets. Any other interested parties that are 16 and over, please get in touch.

## Time to celebrate

To celebrate our 2021 leavers, we had an exciting day out outdoor go karting and then rifle shooting. This was followed by a leavers service where certificates and achievement folders will be given out. At the end of the day the staff went head to head in a teachers' go karting race... super exciting for everyone! Our leavers have worked hard this year and we wish them all the best in their future adventures.



## Transitions to the Business Centre

After a disrupted year thanks to Covid, it's been great to see our year 11 pupils finally make their transitions over to the Business Centre. They have settled in superbly and are a credit to themselves and school.

Harvey is always there with a cheerful call to Gary asking what's for lunch, then cracks straight on with the orders and gets everything ready for despatch. He has excellent attention to detail needed to ensure everything goes where it should. Staff are already sorting out where his skills will fit into the world of work and we are certain some amazing opportunities will shortly be coming his way.

After attending for a short transitional period, Theo has always shown great competency in the kitchen and Gary is delighted he will be joining the catering team at the Business Centre. He is an excellent addition to the team and staff are anticipating he will continue his successes in the kitchen in September. Well done Harvey and Theo.

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