

Bridge School Malvern



Newsletter – Summer 2020

Welcome to Bridge School Malvern's first edition of our newsletter. Packed with interesting features from school projects to fun trips out, it's great to see what our pupils have been up to...

We've changed our name!

You may have noticed that our school name has changed. We are no longer 'Bridge Training and Development', we are now 'Bridge School Malvern'. For more details, check out our new website @ www.bridgeschoolmalvern.org



KAB Festival - February 2020

KAB is an all-inclusive festival where the games are adaptive for able and disabled bodies. Pupils took part in a competition as part of the Worcester School Games. We achieved a Bronze Award for our additional PE activities.



March / June 2020 - Theo's Hoodie Project



Theo had the idea of the Bridge Hoodie, which he pitched to Sue - she agreed it was a great plan! Theo researched possibilities, presented them to the whole school at GMB, gathered opinions from the students, approached a local company for a quote to make them and organised a competition for the design on the back of the hoodie. Phew! Great work Theo, we really look forward to seeing the hoodies being worn next term.

Anyone for cricket?

Sports Leaders were nominated at the start of the year and have been a credit to the school by running all lunchtime activities.



Abberley Care Farm – June 2020

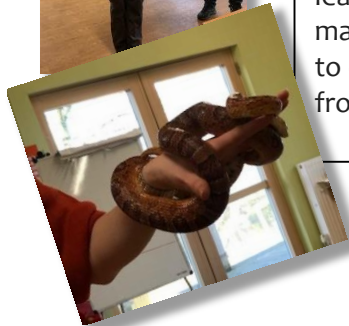
Kath (Deputy Headteacher) had the lovely opportunity to go out and meet some of our alternative providers to check their Covid-19 safety precautions. It was great to see the staff at the farms again and reassuring to know they are doing everything they can to keep our pupils safe. A highlight was meeting Scooby the horse - Kath says "He is gorgeous and really friendly". Also she met Rufus the VW which is Abberley's version of our calm space - very inventive!





Trip to West Midlands Safari Park Academy – February 2020

Pupils had the opportunity to visit the Safari Park Academy as part of their animal care studies. It was great to meet some familiar creatures and more exotic animals like the racoon dogs. The pupils learned about qualifications (Levels 1-3 including animal management) and what careers these could lead to if they decided to continue with their animal care studies when they move on from the Bridge.



Work Experience

Having secured a place at college to do motor vehicle studies, Karl did a week's work experience at a local garage called European Car Services.

He was able to see first-hand the type of work a mechanic does and also get his hands dirty. Karl was a little nervous at first but soon settled in and the employer was very positive about his attitude and behaviour – Karl was a great ambassador for the Bridge. Well done, Karl.



Work Experience

Molly worked as an assistant at a local care home in Malvern called Court Road where she assisted residents with taking part in activities such as Bingo, spa treatments and music sessions.

Molly sensitively met the residents needs and was caring and compassionate. The staff were so impressed they have asked her to return and help on a regular basis.

Well done, Molly. We are so proud of you.

Cows on a mission

It seems that curiosity got the better of the cows in the field next to our school. After a recent storm, they made some *cowculated* moves and trampled through a fence to have a nose around our premises. Staff and pupils worked together to herd them back where they belong. Good work, team.



Get a mooove on!



Important dates for your calendar:

- Wed 15th July – leavers ceremony 12.30 – 2pm
- Friday 17th July – Years 7-10 end of term games
- Friday 17th July – last day of term
- Thursday 3rd Sept – students first day back



Bridge Business Centre

Newsletter – Summer 2020 (Sixth Form)



Welcome to Bridge Business Centre's newsletter. Some of you from the Hanley site might not be aware that the Bridge Business Centre is our Sixth Form provision, based in Barnard's Green, Malvern. This newsletter will give you a better idea as to what we get up to. Take a closer look at what our students have been doing and who we are saying goodbye to:

The time has come for our Year 13 pupils to leave us. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.



Jake has been with us since day one when the Business Centre opened and has stood out in showing consistent dedication, progress and reliability. He has completed numerous work experience placements (here he is at a butchers) and had excellent feedback. Lately he has moved into full time employment which is a great outcome.



Will's also been with us since the beginning. He had a bumpy first few months, however he has also made some notable changes in terms of personal progress and overcoming challenges; it's been so great to see him complete a couple of work experience placements throughout his time here. Will has applied for college for next year and we think he'll be great with the new found confidence he has gained since being at the Business Centre.



Callum joined us in September 2019 and had some barriers to overcome, but the progress and growth he demonstrated in the first couple of terms was astounding. He made excellent progress towards work experience and since lockdown, Callum has been working exceptionally hard and gained extensive experience in a trade. Great to see all those skills being put to use.

Meg joined us a few weeks after opening in 2018 and didn't take long to start coming out of her shell! Overcoming some initial difficulties, she has completed some work experience placements in this academic year. Meg has a great personality and has built some good friendships here. Her next steps include researching supported living options to gain some independence and exploring further work experience placements. We'll think she'll do brilliantly. This is Meg at the Three Counties Show where we had a stand selling products made by the students. Adam Henson from Countryfile dropped in to chat and was very impressed by all he saw.



What else has been going on at the Business Centre?

Manufacturing Option

This is Gareth building our latest Toylander – a toy Land Rover which is one third real life size. This Series 1 model is powered by batteries and two electric motors and was built by trainees at the BBC. They constructed the body kit, steering and brake mechanisms, and electrics. Gareth said, “The experience has given me confidence to work through tasks by myself”. A finished Toylander, built to BBC standards can sell for nearly £3000, so students are aware that quality is really important at every stage. They love the satisfaction of a finished product that’s going to be appreciated in its new home. We think you’ll agree that it’s an impressive project.



Retail Option



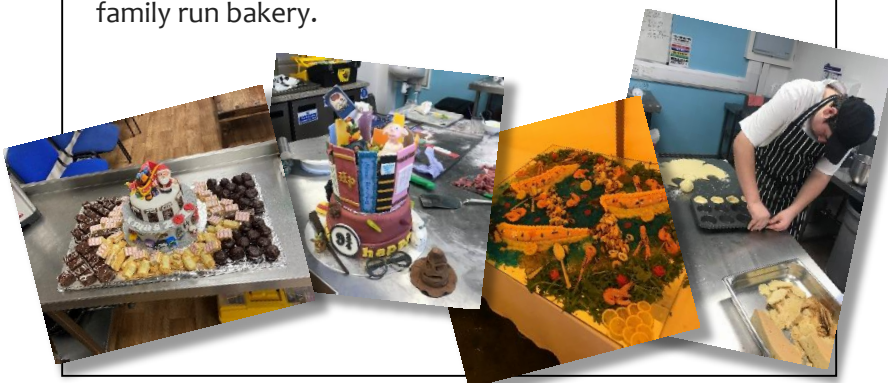
Our Trainees assess donated books for quality, postage cost and potential sales price before listing them on Amazon. Since starting we've sold over 790 books and are currently having a boom as lockdown gave more people a chance to read.

Catering Option

We have had our catering operation open for just over two years. Gary comes from a military catering background and is used to feeding thousands! He has also owned businesses in the catering profession.

Over the past two years, the team at the BBC have been extremely busy catering for two weddings, the June show at the Worcestershire showground, weekly food for a local rugby club and a local tennis club where they have also produced food for top table functions.

They have also had members of the team out on work experience which included butchers, hotels and a family run bakery.



Careers Fair



Students visited the Careers Fair at the Three Counties show in January and at the Chateau Impney in February. Both visits were highly successful and the students didn't hesitate to get involved in the activities on offer and explore their potential options for the future.



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- Thurs 16th July – leavers lunch (details to follow)
- Friday 17th July – last day of term
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