



# Bridge Business Centre

Sixth Form - Bridge School Malvern



## Newsletter - Autumn - 2024

It has been a fantastic start to the new year here at the Sixth Form. Welcoming nine new students and three new members of staff, all of whom have settled in really well, working hard and becoming an important part of our sixth form community.

We would like to express my gratitude for the support of parents and the commitment of our talented staff. Together with the students, you all make the Bridge Sixth Form a really special place to learn.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

### Introducing Enterprise at The Bridge Sixth Form

We're excited to announce *Enterprise*, a new vocation brought to life by Jim at The Bridge Sixth Form. This innovative programme is based in our newly acquired building, conveniently located just opposite the main school.

Our students have already begun designing and printing a variety of products, including cards, mugs, coasters, and mouse mats. They are running this initiative as a business, gaining valuable real-world experience.

If you'd like to order custom-printed items, please email [printroom@bridgeschoolmalvern.org](mailto:printroom@bridgeschoolmalvern.org) with your enquiries. The students will be delighted to assist you!



### Trips and Visits: Exploring Future Opportunities

This term, our students have enjoyed a range of exciting trips and visits designed to inspire their career aspirations. Highlights included tours of Mazak, Gloucester Airport, Brooks, Malvern Theatre, and Roses Theatre, as well as attending the Jobs Fair and the Life Beyond School event.

These experiences have been both informative and eye-opening, providing valuable insights into potential future paths for our students.



## Explore The Doors: A Fun-Filled End to the Half Term

To wrap up the half term, our students took part in *Explore The Doors*, a fantastic scavenger hunt through Worcester City Centre. Split into two teams, they were tasked with finding specific doors from photos and capturing pictures in front of them.

The day was full of laughter, teamwork, and a sense of adventure. Despite the chilly weather, a well-deserved café stop halfway through provided the perfect opportunity to warm up. It was a memorable and enjoyable outing for everyone involved!



## Volunteering Day at the Old Hills

Our students recently joined forces with the Malvern Hills Trust for a rewarding volunteering day at the Old Hills. Working together, they helped clear protected land by cutting back overgrown bushes and weeds using a variety of tools and techniques.

After a hard day's work, the cleared cuttings were transformed into a bonfire, where the students enjoyed cooking and eating hot dogs—a well-deserved treat for their fantastic efforts! It was a great opportunity to give back to the community while learning new skills.



## Christmas Art Workshops: A Creative Success

Our Christmas Art workshops have been a huge hit once again (despite the inevitable glitter mishaps)! Over the past few weeks, students have been busy exploring a variety of techniques, including hand embroidery, vinyl design, and different forms of macramé, all to create beautiful handmade Christmas tree decorations.

These festive creations are now proudly displayed on our tree at Worcester Cathedral as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. Students will have the chance to visit the festival in the final week of term to see their hard work on display!



## Work Experience: Preparing Students for the Future

At The Bridge Sixth Form, one of our key goals is to provide students with valuable work experience to help them gain a better understanding of the working world and prepare for their futures.

This term, we've secured placements for several students at fantastic organisations, including The Range, Jack's Place, Malvern Hills Gallery, St Richard's Hospice Warehouse and offices, and Worcester Animal Rescue Shelter. Additionally, some students have been volunteering at the local food bank.

These opportunities have been incredibly enriching, and our students have embraced them with enthusiasm and maturity, making us all proud!



**Welcome, Tara!**



In November, we were delighted to welcome Tara to our team, from the Hanley site. She will be teaching Functional Skills, and we're thrilled to have her on board. We look forward to the expertise and enthusiasm she brings to The Bridge Sixth Form!



**NOW  
WE'RE  
TALKING**  
FOR HEALTHY MINDS

We wish all students, parents and carers a great Christmas break. For some though, this can be a hard time with a lot of pressure, and missing normal routines. Please know that there are people who you can speak to if struggling with your mental health or with thoughts around suicide. These include:  
Your GP and health services  
NHS- Now we're talking- 0808 196 9127.  
Or text SHOUT to 85258

**Merry  
Christmas**

We would like to thank the students for all of their hard work throughout this term, especially as it has been such a long one! Everyone should be super proud of themselves and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

### Important dates for your diary:

TE Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Term commences Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Term last day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

