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NEWSLETTER

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Our School

Fortnightly News: 13TH FEB. 2025

Welcome to The Bridge SEN School Newsletter

As we embrace the half-term break and the season of love, I want to take a moment to appreciate each and every one of you. This time reminds us of the kindness, dedication, and support that unite our school community. Whether it's the passion for learning, the unwavering commitment of our staff, the encouragement from parents, or the guidance of our governors, it is this collective effort that makes our school a nurturing and inspiring place. Let's use this break to rest, recharge, and reflect on our journey so far. May we return with renewed enthusiasm, ready to continue making a positive impact. Wishing you all a well-deserved break filled with love, joy, and wonderful moments.

-Edith Eneanya-Bonito – Principal



Educational

The learners have actively participated in a variety of engaging sensory and educational activities, making learning both fun and interactive. They explored activities such as shopping, collage making, swimming, bowling, and fine motor skill exercises, among others. Additionally, they took part in creative projects, including decorating for the Chinese New Year, which they celebrated by preparing and enjoying traditional Chinese delicacies. They also made beautiful creative craft Valentine's greeting cards.

Train Firm Launches Learning Disability Internship Roles

Siemens Mobility is offering internship opportunities to young adults with learning disabilities or autism spectrum conditions at its Goole facility. This initiative follows the successful launch of the programme last year.

The supported internships provide young people with full-time work experience while integrating college-based learning. Interns will receive specialised training, hands-on practical experience, and guidance from a job coach and tutor.

To provide more details about the programme, Siemens Mobility will be hosting an information event at the Raise Business Centre in Goole on Thursday, from 17:00 to 19:00 GMT.

Mark Speed, General Manager at Siemens' Goole Rail Village, emphasised the company's commitment to inclusivity, stating:

"We are dedicated to breaking down barriers to employment for underrepresented groups.

Our goal is to young people with learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions bring to the workforce."

The internship programme, aimed at young individuals facing significant employment challenges, is supported by the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and DFN Project SEARCH. The latter has helped thousands of young adults secure meaningful employment.

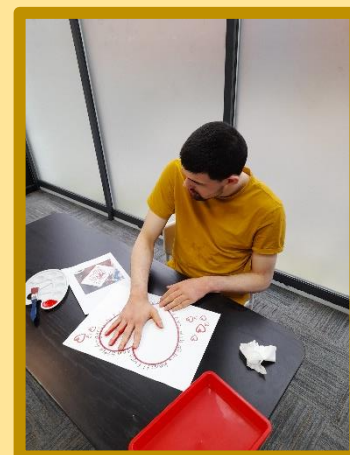
Kirsty Matthews, Chief Executive of DFN Project SEARCH, highlighted the programme's impact, saying:

"Interns will receive comprehensive support and crucial employability skills, opening doors to fulfilling future careers."

Young adults and their families are encouraged to attend the information event to learn more about this opportunity.

Source: BBC News

To read more: [Here](#)



Activities & Advice

PHOTO SPEAKS ON ART & CRAFT

Check out the beautiful creations from our amazing learners! Each piece shows their unique talent and love 💖.

Wishing you all a day filled with kindness, joy, and love!



Happy Valentine's Day! 💖



Our new feature represents notable individuals living with autism and other learning disabilities.



ROSIE JONES: Breaking Barriers with Comedy

Rosie Jones, a British comedian, actress, and writer with cerebral palsy, uses humor to challenge misconceptions about disability. Through TV appearances, stand-up, and advocacy, she promotes inclusivity and tackles ableism. Her 2023 documentary *Rosie Jones: Am I a Rtd?* *, highlights the impact of online hate speech. Through her work, she promotes awareness, proving that disability is not a limitation but a strength.

Fair Shot Café: Training for Inclusion in Hospitality

Fair Shot Café, located in London's West End, is providing valuable training opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities, equipping them with the skills needed for employment in the hospitality industry. Originally launched as a coffee shop in Mayfair in December 2021, Fair Shot Café has since expanded to serve workers and tourists in Covent Garden. The initiative, which began as a training program at West London College, supports approximately 15 trainees each year.

With the backing of 19 employers, the program not only helps participants secure jobs but also boosts their confidence and prepares them for long-term employment.

Source: BBC News

To read more: [Here](#)

Our Activities Centre

The clients have engaged in a wide range of activities, both indoors and outdoors, including colouring, painting, puzzles, cooking, baking, board games, cycling, yoga, museum visits, and bus rides. They seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

—Activity Co-ordinator—

The Bridge SEN School admits students all through the academic year between the ages of 14-25. If you are interested in placing a student at the school or obtaining more information, please contact admin@thebridge-school.co.uk or Tel: 02077038587

THE BRIDGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

EDUCATION

- Half Term Begins: 17th – 21st February 2025
- End of Term: 4th April 2025

Please visit our website: www.thebridge-school.co.uk for full Academic Year 2024/2025 Calendar)

ACTIVITY CENTRE

Our activity centre in Foulsham Road is open throughout the year, Except on Bank Holidays.

Drawings/Pictures of the month



OPENING TIMES AT LIRAL VEGET COLLEGE LONDON

Liral Veget College Limited is the sister company of Right Support Management, under which The Bridge SEN School operates. We offer a variety of **English language courses**, **After School Club** and **Life in the UK Preparation classes**. Our current opening times are 8.30am – 18.00pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am - 14.00pm on Saturdays.
Academic Manager - James Nuttall.

QUOTE OF THE FORTNIGHT

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."

— Plutarch