



Across The Bridge

Hello and welcome to Across The Bridge, the newsletter that will give you all the information you will find Across The Bridge and maybe a little bit more. In this newsletter

you will find:

The Bridge information- We, from Across The Bridge will bring you any new information about The Bridge that you will need to know. This includes exam dates, event dates or anything else important that you should know.

A view from The Bridge- In every newsletter, we will include two personal views from one of our teachers and one from our students. These views may be whatever they choose them to be; this may be views on veganism, feminism, why pizza is the best food or even on the shape of the earth.

Recommendation of the term- One person from The Bridge will recommend something that they believe is great and explain why they think it's brilliant. This could be: a movie, a book, a TV series, a brand, a service or anything they feel is worth recommending.

A bridge too far- Every newsletter we provide one bad joke to entertain you.

Anything else we wish to put in that we consider useful or entertaining for you.

We will be providing a newsletter every term for your entertainment, and to give you information. The people creating Across The Bridge wants you to have a fun read; we hope you enjoy!

Editor- Daniel Lambert



The Great LIFE Bake-Off!

On Friday 1st February, The Bridge took part in the LIFE bake-off at Frances Bardsley with the talented team of Harry and Holly from Year 11 and Daniel and Emily from Year 10. We were competing against teams from Frances Bardsley Academy, Dame Tipping Primary School and Margaretting Primary School. Our brief was to create a showstopper royal baby shower cake to celebrate the impending birth of a new royal baby to Harry and Meghan. The plans began and we practised 2 designs after school one day. After a whole school vote for the best design, we made our way to Frances Bardsley for an early start. After a tense 2 hours of baking, our design was complete with some excellent duckling fondant sculptures from Emily. Mr Dutnall, Head of Frances Bardsley judged the contest, looking for style and taste and we were absolutely delighted to come FIRST!!! Everyone at The Bridge is so proud of our students and what they achieved – the trophy has pride of place in the hall!

Well done Harry, Holly, Emily and Daniel!
You smashed it!





The Big One!

On Tuesday 22nd January, we surprised Toni, Head of The Bridge with a secret birthday lunch to celebrate the big 60! All morning students were beavering away getting the hall ready (no mean feat when Toni herself was sat working at reception!) and at lunchtime we invited her in, singing Happy Birthday to her. All the staff had brought in food to share for a buffet lunch (there was a bit of competition to see who was the bravest to try Steve's homemade (for that read "blow your head off") chilli chutney and we enjoyed seeing Toni's surprised face when she saw her cake and presents we had bought her. Toni is the driving force behind all that happens at The Bridge and staff and students together wanted to show our thanks and appreciation for what she does in making this such a fantastic school to be part of. It was also wonderful to see so many of our students eating, laughing and socialising together – as we all know, these are just as important skills as any to have.

Maria



The students are taking photos here (honest!)....Sorry Katrin that we got you with your mouth full 😊



Revision tips

Across The Bridge have a few researched revision tips for our students (especially year 11s for GCSEs) to take into practice if they wish to. Here they are:

Set goals- Write down GCSE subjects you're studying for and the grades you want to achieve. For each subject, write out a list of topics you'll need to understand as well as question formats, techniques and the marking criteria the examiner will be using in the grade band you're aiming for. By doing this, you'll be planning your study sessions and tracking the progress you're making.

Create a realistic revision timetable- This will structure your studying and you can organise it the way that best suits you and your schedule. If you identify a subject that you want to spend more time on, you can address this by adding extra study sessions to your schedule. **MAKE IT REALISTIC.** Only a certain amount of work can be done in a day; don't overwork yourself. You should balance leisure and revision equally as you'll be much more productive and motivated in the long run and able to revise more effectively. Plan what suits you! If that's 5 out of 7 days in a week or 7 days in a week but an hour per day, that's okay – everyone will be different.

Understand your learning style- Everyone studies differently, whether that's visual, auditory or other. Once you know your style and you tailor them to your study sessions you will start to see much more effective results.

Take regular breaks- This is very important. Studying for longer periods of time can be counterproductive as the brain becomes tired and you can easily lose focus, meaning you're not revising efficiently. Aim for 30-40 minute sessions with short breaks in between and



ideally no more than 4 hours of study time per day. By doing this you'll have much more productive bursts of revision rather than trying to stay alert covering multiple subjects for hours on end.

Practice papers -This will help you get familiar with the exam format, question style and time restraints, so when it comes to the real thing you'll already know what to expect. Completing old exam papers is also a great way to test your current knowledge and help you identify the areas you're struggling with. Ask your teachers for a few years worth of papers and schedule one or two a week into your revision timetable.

Work in study groups- This is a great way to find support. Collaborate with classmates and create an after-school study club or join a GCSE revision group online. It will enrich your learning as you can explore the thoughts and ideas of others, it will also help you improve your communication and collaboration skills. You can quiz others, share notes, discover new ways of memorising things and explain topics in new ways to each other that may be easier to remember.

Mix it up- Mixing up our study habits is a great way to stay motivated, inspired and keep your brain alert and active while revising for your GCSEs. Try alternate methods such as listening to a podcast, watching videos of documentaries, working in a group, creating revision posters, moving to a new study area or using different coloured paper for each set of revision notes.



A view from The Bridge

The reason why I believe in the flat earth is because of the conspiracy theory video on Shane Dawson's YouTube channel. The flat earth would be like a disc with a dome on top of it. The continents would be spread out around it and Antarctica's ice wall ice wall would go around the Earth. Some of the reasons why I believe in it are that I don't trust NASA. To believe in the flat Earth you have to distrust in whoever is giving you your information. The photos of the Earth you see everywhere are photo shopped. The Government has a whole website proving the flat earth isn't real. But why would the Government waste time on something that is 'clearly insane'.

There are a lot more reasons if you go and watch Shane Dawson's video on it but these are just a few.

By Tia

Student council

The new student council are in process of creating a new suggestion box for all of our students to recommend ideas or ask questions that the student council are able to bring to their meetings area

They would also like the students to use the student share to view the minutes and anything the student council are working on.

Current issues recently discussed are -

- 1)Proposals for new activities such as Pancake day, Additional whole day school trips and the Speak out workshop.
- 2)Update on After school Clubs –Homework Club is done at lunchtimes in the English room, Janick, our excellent English teacher, is very excited from the suggestion of a possible creative writers club and Toni Cox will be revisiting the subject of afterschool clubs.



A View from The Bridge

The Unkindest Cut of All

Although, I don't eat meat myself because of the brutal reality of what happens to farm animals just so we can enjoy meaty culinary delights, I do understand how much a way of life it is for the majority of people.

According to the World Health Organisation, 3000 animals are slaughtered every second- that's over 90 billion a year. So my view is that as a nation, we are probably eating too much meat when eggs, beans, lentils or wholemeal bread could easily provide us with some of the protein, iron and vitamin B that meat provides.

Last year, the World Health Organisation released the health risks of excessively processed meat consumption and it recommends no more than 70g of meat per day which is the equivalent to three ham slices or a Big Mac. If people were to collectively cut meat consumption, we would have a much healthier nation.

Eating too much meat is also bad for the planet. According to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, two acres of forest are cleared every minute to raise cattle or the crops to feed them- that's over 1 million acres a year. This mass destruction of the Earth's forests is leading to the planet warming up dangerously fast whilst also depleting its biodiversity. When compared to staples like potatoes, wheat, and rice, the impact of beef per calorie is even more extreme, requiring 160 times more land and producing 11 times more greenhouse gases. Globally, the meat industry generates nearly 1/5 of greenhouse gases, more than transport. To prevent the further destruction of our planet, it is therefore imperative that we address the problem of the over consumption of meat.

Furthermore, a staggering 40% of global grain production is used in livestock feed - that is, nearly half the world's food production. Were we to cut down on meat consumption, some of this grain production could be given to people who have no food at all in the poorer parts of the world and who are dying of starvation. That is also food for thought.

My view from The Bridge is, therefore, that everyone should cut down on meat consumption, buy free range meat or eggs, and be a healthier human being in a more sustainable and compassionate environment.

Janick Yeung



What have we been learning?

Science

- Yr11- Genetics, Evolution, Ecology and Revising for paper 2.
- Yr10- Ecology, Pollution in rivers, The Brain, The Eye and The Endocrine system.
- Yr9- Bioenergetics (which includes Photosynthesis and Respiration) and Diseases.
- Yr7/8- Body systems and drugs.

Maths

- Yr11- Revision of Number, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics.
- Yr10- Angles, Properties of Shapes, Polygons, Statistics, Data, Perimeter, Area and Volume.
- Yr9- Tables, Charts, Graphs, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
- Yr7/8- Indices, Factors, Multiples, Primes and BIDMASS.

Food

- Yr11 and 10- Cooking on a Budget.
- Yr9 and 7/8- Foreign Cookery.

IT

- Yr11- My business, Microsoft Office and how it can help create a business application.
- Yr10- Excel.



- Yr9- Storage Media.
- Yr7/8- PowerPoint Presentation.

PSHE

Yr11 and 10- Relationships.

- Yr9- Prospects Careers booklets.

Sport

All year groups and teachers are currently participating in a Table Tennis Tournament that happens at breaks, Lunches and Sport lessons.

English

Yr11 and 10- Desert Island discs, An Inspector Calls, murder mystery and reading for pleasure.

Yr9,8 and 7– Our day out, terrible fate of humpty dumpty, pencil case advert and reading for pleasure.

Art

Yr11- GCSE course work on Reflection.

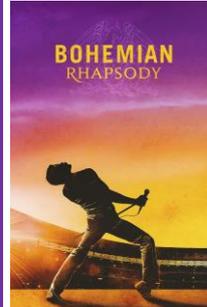
Yr10– Clay tiles.

Yr9– Pop Art and 3D food.

Yr8– Birds from different countries, feather tiles ceramic.

By Daniel Lambert with the help of Maria Jackson

Maria's recommendation of the term...



This film recently won 2 Golden Globe Awards for best motion picture and best actor. Bohemian Rhapsody is a biographical film about the British rock band Queen. It follows singer Freddie Mercury's life from his joining the band in 1970, to their Live Aid performance at Wembley Stadium in 1985. Rami Malek's performance as Freddie is outstanding - you can't help but sing along and love it! It is now out on DVD :)

A Bridge Too Far....

