

Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November - 8am to 5pm - **Year 13 Synoptic Exams**
 Tuesday 18th, Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, and 27th November - 9am to 12:30pm - **Entry Level Maths Exam Year 11**
 Friday 28th November - **Inset Day**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



This week's edition has lots of really great learning going on in school. The Bridge "Going Beyond the Curriculum" experience has been a wonderful opportunity for our Bridge students to experience subjects and topics that are not typically studied in KS3. It was an incredible success and I know Ms Tovey is already considering running another experience so more Bridge students can get involved.

I'm also incredibly proud of the charity work that has gone on - and continues to go on. This week I also got to talk to parents and carers of our Year 11 students at our first Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was an excellent event and very useful to ensure subjects teachers got to talk to parents about their child's progress.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Oilly in Year 8 who achieved the first ever Sky Blues in the Community Premier League Inspires Inspirational person of the month. Oilly is a wonderful student and is trying very hard to show PRIDE in all he does at school. Keep up the good work Oilly!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

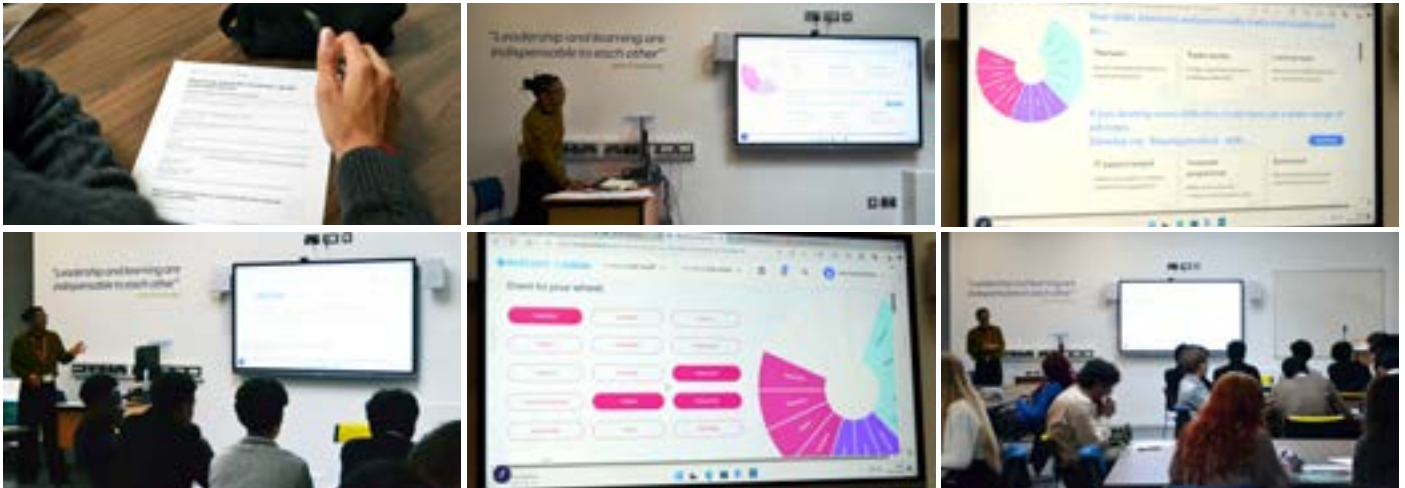
Barclay Life Skills

On the 10th November, students from Post-16 took part in a workshop run by Barclay's Life skills.

In the Post 16 tutor curriculum we have been focusing on aspirations after Year 13.

Students in the workshops spent time this week reflecting on their strengths and interests, their career goals and how to work towards them. This will really benefit students in choosing university courses and apprenticeships.

Mrs Mitchard, College Director Post 16



Odd Socks Day!



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2025 is to take place on Monday 10th November.

It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

Pictured are some of our Bridge students (and staff!) showing their support for anti-bullying week!

Ms Tovey, College Director of the Bridge

High Attainers within The Bridge were offered an exciting enrichment experience over the past week. Over three separate days, a range of creative and thought-provoking sessions took place in P16 during the Year 13 synoptic week.

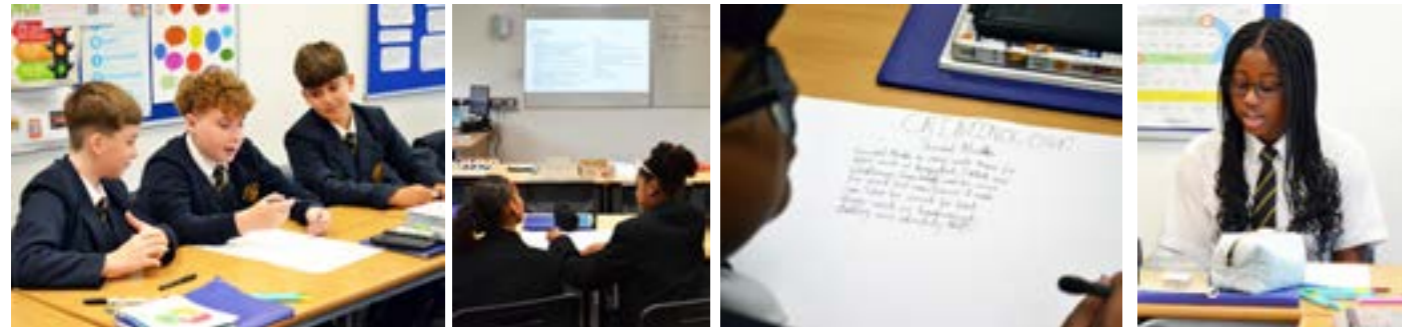
These sessions are designed to allow our HA students to delve beyond The Bridge curriculum and explore topics they may not have encountered before. Below are some of the fantastic and thought-provoking sessions our Year 7 students got involved in!

Sociology

On Monday 10 November 2025, Year 7 students attended the Sociology Department in the Post16 building. Mr Taylor delivered a session on Criminology: *The State and Crime - Who Is To Blame?*

Students developed their knowledge and understanding skills

on a range of crimes, factors underlying criminal behaviour and punishments awarded. The session culminated with the students, participating in a small group activity, assessing the most likely factor(s) for criminal behaviour in the form of a presentation to their peers and staff.
Mr Taylor, Teacher of Sociology



Physics

Surviving car collisions. Students learnt the science behind car safety features. They applied Newton's second law to explain how forces, mass and acceleration are linked and how this knowledge can be used to design and create 'crumple zones' and air bags.

Students made model paper cars with eggs inside followed by

crash tests to test the effectiveness of their designs. Pupils were very enthusiastic and creative. They enjoyed this challenge and demonstrated strong foundations to become our future car engineers. Staff leading: Miss Knas and Mr Williams (Science technician)

Mrs Knas, Teacher of Science and Subject Continuous Professional Development and Learning (CPDL)



Psychology

The focus of the Year 7 psychology experience session was 'Eyewitness Testimonies'. Students explored the question 'can you trust your eyes?' by engaging in multiple mini experiments.

They were absolutely amazing and so eager to discuss their ideas - we have a lot of future psychologists, for sure!

Mrs Shahid, Teacher of Psychology



Are you worried about buying Christmas presents this year?

GOOD NEWS - The Giving Tree project is running this year and might be able to help! We can provide presents for any Coventry children aged 17 and under living at your address, **if you are receipt of housing and child benefit (or those elements of Universal Credit).**

You can register online from 1st – 28th November by completing the form on our website (www.covcitymission.org.uk) and replying to our email with the requested documents. Alternatively, you can register in person at any of the following sessions (**If you register in person you MUST bring proof of your housing AND child benefit, or those elements of Universal Credit with you**):

Coventry City Mission, Deedmore Road, CV2 2AA

- Tuesday 11th Nov, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Tuesday 18th Nov, 10.30 – 11.30am
- Tuesday 25th Nov, 10.30 – 11.30am

St Oswald's Church, Jardine Crescent, Tile Hill, CV4 9PL

- Wednesday 19th November, 10.30 – 12noon

St John the Divine Church, Robin Hood Road, Willenhall, CV3 3AY

Contact the church on 02476303266 or email stjohnthedivine@hotmail.co.uk during November if you want to register 'in person' here.

Please share this with others in need too.

We will help as many people in Coventry as we are able to.

The deadline is Friday 28th November, after this date you will be added to a reserve list and might not receive gifts even if you qualify.

No applications will be accepted after Tuesday 16th December.

Any questions please contact Sarah White on 02475 187399 or givingtree@covcitymission.org.uk



Premier League Inspires Inspirational Person of the Month Award



Olly was the winner of the inaugural SBitc Premier League Inspires Inspirational person of the month award for October. Year 8 will keep the award until Monday 24th November.

Olly won the award because of his support for others within his group; challenged low level bullying, demonstrated leadership, for excellent engagement and for embracing a growth mindset mentality to his participation.

**Alistair Myton,
Premier League Inspires Project Manager,
Sky Blues in the Community**



FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are...



The Boy in the Suit by James Fox

Ten-year-old Solo - embarrassingly, that isn't short for anything - just wants to be normal. He wants a name that doesn't stand out. He wishes he had a proper school uniform that fitted him. He dreams about a mum who doesn't get the Big Bad Reds, like his mum Morag. But most of all he longs to stop crashing funerals for the free food.

But when Solo and Morag crash the funeral of a celebrity and get caught, the press are there to witness their humiliation. The next day it's splashed across the papers. Before Solo knows it, he becomes a viral sensation, and life may never be normal again. Solo's uphill pursuit of security, community and connection will break your heart and then mend it.



Midnights With You by Clare Osongco

Seventeen-year-old Deedee's life is full of family ghosts and questions she can't ask. She longs to escape her stifling home, but guilt holds her back, and the fact that her strict Filipino single mum won't let her learn to drive. But one sleepless night leads Deedee down a road she never thought possible: secret driving lessons with the new boy next door, Jay, whose turbulent family life also keeps him up until sunrise.

As midnights stretch into days, Jay helps Deedee begin to unravel her past, and as shared secrets blossom into love, Deedee starts to imagine a life where happiness is possible. But the deeper she digs into the trauma that has shaped her, the more that trauma threatens to tear Deedee and Jay apart. Together, these two must decide if the pain they've both inherited has the power to choose their fate, or if they have the power to choose for themselves.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

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