Starting a School Bridge Club

At EBED, we're here to support you in making your school Bridge Club a success. These are some ideas that we've seen work and some ways in which we can help.

1. Getting started

- Take a look at this **teaching video** for some tips on how to start with absolute beginners
- Get students playing cards within the first five minutes!
- Run an assembly or advertise at the school's fair or enrichment week
- EBED can supply cards, bidding boxes and templates for posters, flyers or booklets
- Group beginners and intermediate players to allow them to progress at their own pace
- Have your classroom and equipment available every day and leave them to it over lunch

2. Online resources

- **Funbridge** is a leading Bridge app playable on the web or mobile devices. Contact EBED for promotional offers.
- **BridgeMaster** is recognised as the best set of teaching hands for key gameplay techniques; even the pros find some of them a challenge.
- **NewTricks.org** is an affiliated teaching site for younger players who want to progress independently - it is packed with quizzes, practice hands and video tutorials.

3. Play more Bridge!

- Online **Thursday U18 drop-in** from 4.15 weekly. All abilities welcome with teachers on hand
- Arrange school fixtures with local rivals, ether face-to-face or on **RealBridge**
- Come to an **EBED camp** to learn and play bridge and to meet other young enthusiasts
- Enter one of our national competitions for **promising young pairs** or a **team from your school**

4. Other ideas

- Recruit the maths department as promoters
- Empower talented students to teach or mentor and spread the word
- Run a staff taster session
- For help with these or any other ideas, please get in touch with a member of the team

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