

# THE BRIDGE SCHOOL

## AT GERRARDS CROSS

### 2023 - 2024 Beginning Bridge Course Syllabus

Lesson	Topic
1	Introduction, How to count points. What is a trick? Rules of Minibridge, Basics of scoring. How cards are placed on table (soldiers and corpses). No trumps only
2	Revision of Lesson 1. Playing in trumps. How to choose a trump suit. Balanced and unbalanced hands Summary of bridge scoring and under tricks
3	Planning the play - Unblocking. Cashing short hand first. Establishing a suit
4	Opening Leads
5	Responding to opening leads
6	1 NT opening bid and balanced responses
7	1 NT opening bid and unbalanced responses
8	Revision of 1NT opening and responses
9	Opening 1 of a suit
10	Limit bid responses
Xmas Break	
11	Change of suit responses
12	Opener's rebid unbalanced weak hands (barrier) and responder rebids
13	Opener's rebid unbalanced strong hands (reversing) and responder rebids
14	Opener's rebid balanced (NT)
15	Revision of Opener rebids (12, 13, 14)
16	Planning Declarer Play SWOT The finesse, Unblocking
17	SWOT No Trumps – The Rule of 7. Playing long suits. Holding up
18	SWOT Trumps – Draw trumps early, discarding losers, ruffing in short hand
19	Revision on declarer play
20	More on Opening Leads and responding to opening leads
Easter Break	
21	1 NT Overcall and more on Scoring – Vulnerability
22	Suit Overcalls – Bidding to the Level of Fit
23	Suit Overcalls – Unassuming Cue Bid
24	Takeout double
25	Revision of Overcalls (21, 22, 23, 24)
26	Stayman Convention
27	2NT Opening
28	2 Club Opening
29	Revision of stayman, and strong openings
30	End of Year Quiz and end of course get together

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### Term Dates

<b>Tuesday Evening 7.15 – 9.15</b>		<b>Tuesday Morning 9.30 – 11.30</b>
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<b>Autumn Term</b>	
1	3 October 2023
2	10 October 2023
3	17 October 2023
	<b>Half term</b>
4	31 October 2023
5	7 November 2023
6	14 November 2023
7	21 November 2023
8	28 November 2023
9	5 December 2023
10	12 December 2023

<b>Winter Term</b>	
11	16 January 2024
12	23 January 2024
13	30 January 2024
14	6 February 2024
15	13 February 2024
	<b>Half Term</b>
16	27 February 2024
17	5 March 2024
18	12 March 2024
19	19 March 2024
20	26 March 2024

<b>Spring Term</b>	
21	16 April 2024
22	23 April 2024
23	30 April 2024
24	7 May 2024
25	14 May 2024
26	21 May 2024
	<b>Half Term</b>
26	4 June 2024
27	11 June 2024
28	18 June 2024
29	25 June 2024