

# THE BRIDGE SCHOOL

## AT GERRARDS CROSS

### 2024 -2025 Beginning Bridge Course Syllabus

This course is designed for total beginners and takes you step by step on your journey to becoming a bridge player. Each term is for 10 weeks and there are 3 terms in the year. Many people do actually join us with a little bit of knowledge already but the course helps to re-enforce what they know and build upon this knowledge.

To consolidate your knowledge we also run a supervised play session on a Thursday morning where you can practise what you have learned.

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	More on Opening Leads and responding to opening leads
20	Revision on declarer play and duplicate session
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	Duplicate session
27	Stayman convention
28	2NT opening
29	2 Club opening
30	End of Year Quiz and duplicate session

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### Term Dates

<b>Monday Morning 9.30 – 11.30 am</b>		<b>Tuesday Evening 7 – 9 pm</b>
<b>To be confirmed but will be either Chalfont or GX Memorial Centre</b>		<b>Chalfont St Peter Community Centre</b>

<b>Monday dates</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
1	30 September 2024
2	7 October 2024
3	14 October 2024
4	21 October 2024
<b>Half Term 28 October</b>	
5	4 November 2024
6	11 November 2024
7	18 November 2024
8	25 November 2024
9	2 December 2024
10	9 December 2024

<b>Winter Term</b>	
11	13 January 2025
12	20 January 2025
13	27 January 2025
14	3 February 2025
15	10 February 2025
<b>Half Term 17 February</b>	
16	24 February 2025
17	3 March 2025
18	10 March 2025
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20	24 March 2025

<b>Spring Term dates to be confirmed</b>	
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