

How EBED can help your school start a Bridge Club



Starting a bridge club in your school is a fantastic way to develop students' soft skills: decision making with incomplete information, teamwork, and social interaction. It will lead many to develop a life enhancing hobby that they will enjoy for many years. **English Bridge Education and Development (EBED)** offers a range of resources and support to help you launch and run a successful club. Here's how EBED can help:

1. Taster Sessions at Your School

EBED can arrange for one of its team to **visit your school and run taster sessions** for students. These fun and interactive sessions give pupils a first experience of bridge and help spark interest in the game.

2. Help Finding a Volunteer Bridge Teacher

The best person to run a bridge club in a school is one of the teaching staff. It does not matter if the teacher has limited experience of the game. The schools that have had the most success, facilitate the playing of bridge at lunchtimes (at some schools, it is available every lunchtime). The teacher can do other work whilst supervising or take part. There are sufficient resources available for the students to learn independently without the need for them to be taught formally.

However, EBED can contact **local bridge clubs and county bridge associations** to find a suitable **volunteer teacher**.

3. Free Learning Materials at newtricksplay.org

Students and teachers can access excellent online learning materials at:

🔗 www.newtricksplay.org

- This site is **designed especially for new players**, including young learners.
 - It is **still under development** but already features high-quality content.
 - Explore the **"Get Ahead"** section for the **bidding modules**.
 - EBED can also supply bidding notes for 2 over 1.
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4. Free Premium Membership on FunBridge

All young people involved in school bridge clubs can receive **free premium membership** of **FunBridge**, one of the world's leading online platforms for bridge.

- This benefit is **worth £184** per student.
- FunBridge allows students to **practice bridge at any time**, reinforcing their learning outside school hours.

- To arrange this, please email:
? **rob.marshall@ebedcio.org**
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5. EBED's Events

EBED is running an increasing number of youth bridge events over the year. For more information, please see the Document EBED's Youth Events.

Next Steps

If you're interested in launching a bridge club or learning more:

1. **Contact EBED** to arrange a taster session. richard.croot@ebedcio.org.uk
2. Ask EBED for card, boards and bidding boxes. We can supply these at cost price or, in many cases, for free.
3. **Reach out to rob.marshall@ebedcio.org.uk** for FunBridge access (it has excellent MiniBridge and so can be used at the outset).
4. **Visit NewTricksPlay.org** with your students.