

## Fresh Start

*Dear students, parents/caretakers, teachers and other interested parties,*

With great enthusiasm we have started the second year of "The Bridge HDT" in Amsterdam Southeast! Since the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 56 students from de Achtsprong, De Blauwe Lijn, Crescendo, de Morgenster and de Rozemarn have started Bridge High Dosage Tutoring (HDT). During this whole school year, we will be tutoring these students. They have been divided into duos in collaboration with the grade teachers, and all duos have their personal tutor. We are grateful for the reception that we have received from all of the schools and are looking forward to further collaborating with one another during this school year.



The students will receive 45 minutes of math tutoring on a daily basis. The students will be working from our own curriculum, which is based on the national 1F-level (the minimal level at the end of primary education). The curriculum starts with addition and subtraction and builds up towards calculations with volume and liters. The students will be doing this at their own pace. The tutors only have two students at a time, which makes it possible to customize the tutor lessons and thus adapt it to the level and interests of the students. This also makes it possible for the tutor to pay more attention to the subjects that the student is struggling with.

The research results of the very first HDT project by The Bridge - which took place in a secondary school in Amsterdam Nieuw-West - have been very positive.

Besides that, the results from the first two years of Bridge HDT Haarlem in primary education show huge progress in maths.

Our team in Amsterdam Southeast will consist of six full-time professional tutors, one substitute tutor and myself the Site Director with support from The Bridge central office. The team has gotten to know each other in the week prior to the start of the tutoring sessions as well as receiving an intensive training. During the whole year they'll receive weekly feedback from me as well. As an organisation we believe that everybody, whether young or old, can grow and that everybody can develop themselves, both personally and professionally.

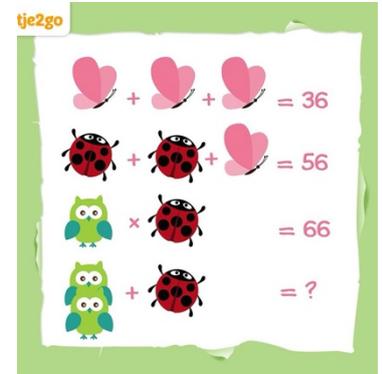
The tutors will provide the tutoring sessions by themselves, however they will also work together. During the team preparations of the lessons, the tutors will focus on one or two lessons from the curriculum and discuss the different strategies that can be applied to educate the students. During our weekly intervision the tutors will give each other feedback and advice on certain issues that have come up during the week.

Aside from math we also pay attention to focus, collaboration between students and the importance of a correct attitude. We strive to make students realize everybody can become good at math when they practice and believe in themselves. The tutors will be in contact with parents on a weekly basis in order to keep them updated on the developments and to exchange ideas. We're also in contact with the school staff in order to support the students in the best way possible. We believe that this collaboration is essential to a successful project!

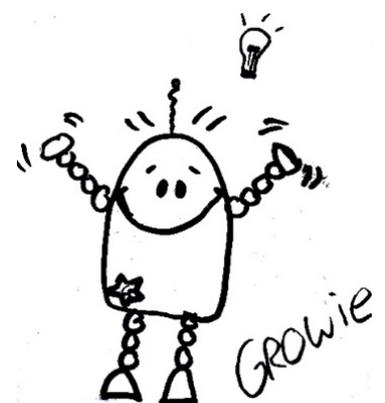
*On behalf of the whole team,*

*Alexandra Nacen,  
Site Director of The Bridge HDT Amsterdam Southeast (Primary Education)*

## Math Puzzle



*Miss Astra during one of the games to get to know her students*



## Our Team



Astra Eersel-Rodrigues

Every student deserves the chance to excell. You can wake me up in the middle of the night for a nice piece of barbecued meat!

I'm a calm and patient man with a beard. I'm very good at cooking (if I do say so myself) and I love to go on vacation to countries with lots of palm trees.



Marinus van Duijn



Alexandra Nacev

My name is Alexandra, 24 years old and I've been a part of The Bridge since 2018. My favorite animal is a panda because they are sometimes a bit clumsy which makes them so cute!

Hi, my name is Fatima and I'm so happy to be able to help these students and I enjoy every bit of progress they make.



Fatima Mezjan



Joosje Slot

Hi I'm Joosje and I'm been at the Bridge for a while. My favorite food is burrata on a piece of toast (this rhyme doesn't work in English, my apologies).

My name is Timmin, but on Instagram I'm called Timplus! I'm an intern at the Bridge HDT and at the same time I'm studying sociology at the University of Amsterdam. I love making and listening to music and I'm always down for a good chat!



Timmin Vooijs



Sophie Westhoff

Miss Sophie moved around the Netherlands an astonishing 15 times: 5 times in Leiden, 3 times in Utrecht, 5 times in Amsterdam. How many times did she move in Breda?

Mother of three sons, loves people and of course mathematics! Carpe diem, live and laugh!



Mirella Wesseling

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How are we taking the Corona virus measures into account at Bridge HDT?

Normally we would shake our students' hands at the beginning of every tutoring sessions, we are obviously not doing that right now. The tutors are keeping a 1,5 meter distance from each other and are disinfecting their tables after every tutoring session. When a tutor is showing any symptoms, they will work from home until a negative test result is established. Their students will receive online tutoring at school from their own tutor.

### Which classes do the students miss when they go to the tutoring sessions?

The teacher is the one that decides which classes will be missed by the students. This varies each day. The students will never miss their regular math classes. The duration of each tutoring session is 45 minutes. In total students will miss 3 hours and 45 minutes of regular class every week. The research shows that the students' grades do not drop because of their participation in the project.

### Will the tutors teach the same method as is taught by the school?

At Bridge HDT we use a math curriculum that is developed by The Bridge. This math curriculum is based on the national 1F-level (minimum math level at the end of primary education). It consists of 5 domains divided into different lessons that build on the last lesson. The math strategies will be similar to the ones taught in class, in order to prevent confusion for the students.

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