

A Fresh Start

Dear students, parents/ caregivers, teachers and interested parties,

With great enthusiasm we started the third year of 'The Bridge HDT' in Amsterdam Southeast!

HDT lessons are extra math lessons during regular school hours. Every lesson, 10-12 students participate. The students are divided into pairs, each of which has its own tutor. We will be giving tutoring lessons to the students throughout the school year. We are grateful for the warm reception of the schools and look forward to a great collaboration!

Personalized lessons

The students work from our own curriculum, which is based on 1F level (the minimum level for the end of primary school). The curriculum includes adding up, subtraction, multiplication, fractions and percentages.

The students progress through the lessons at their own pace. Because the tutor only has two students, the tutor can provide personalized lessons and pay more attention to the subjects that the student finds difficult.

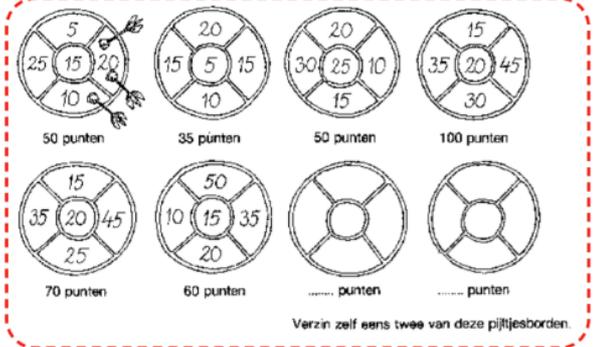
More than math

During the lessons we not only pay attention to math but also to concentration, cooperation and behavior. We try to show the students that by practicing a lot and believing in yourself, everyone can become good at math. The tutors have every two weeks contact with the parents/caregivers to inform them about the development and to exchange ideas. We also discuss with the school staff how we can support the students the best way possible. We believe that this collaboration is essential for the success of the project.

*On behalf of the whole team,
Kirsten Bedner, Site Director of The Bridge
HDT Amsterdam-Zuidoost (PO)*

Mathpuzzle

Gooi 3 pijltjes



Facts about The Bridge HDT

- We teach at **8 primary schools!**
De Achtsprong De Rozemarijn
De Blauwe Lijn De Holendrecht
De Crescendo Onze Wereld
De Morgenster De Brink
- Our team consists of **6 tutors, 2 substitutetutors** and **1 Site Director**
- Every tutor has **2 students** per lesson
- We teach **86 students** total
- Every day we have **5 lessons**
- Every lesson is **50 minutes**



Yonathan and Fatima during teambuilding



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Our Team



Kirsten Bedner

Hi I'm Kirsten, the Site Director of the project in Amsterdam Zuidoost. Singing, playing football and dogs make me happy and I will never say no to ice cream.



Hugo Ploegmakers

After a study Mechanical Engineering I worked in management in the automotive-industry and high tech start-ups for the past 18 years. From this experiences I know how important math is. I live in Eindhoven and have a son in group 7 as well.



Fatima Mezjan

Hi I am Fatima, mother of 3 kids. I work at the bridge since last year. As tutor I have one goal: to give every child a boost of confidence and math skills.



Niels Visbeen

I like to cook and to play sports. Next to my job as tutor, I am also a football youth coach.



Sophie Westhoff

Hi, I am Sophie. I am 28 years old and I work at the bridge for 1,5 years. I am looking forward to teaching a new group of students this year. Let's go! :)
Math question: How old was I when I started working for the Bridge?

Simon Kindermans here! I am a 26-year old Amsterdammer who lives in Zuidoost. I started teaching at The Bridge last year, and I love my job. The personal connection with the students is what drives me.



Simon Kindermans

I am a patient man with a beard. Hugo and I are not related. I can cook well and I enjoy going on vacation to a place with palm trees.



Marius van Duijn

Hi, I'm Yonathan or Yoni to friends. I fill in on Tuesdays for our Site Director Kirsten and on Wednesdays for Miss Fatima. I am also an opera singer and part-time insurance consultant. You probably haven't heard that combination often!



Yonathan van den Brink

I am Merle, I am 22 years old, live in Amsterdam and I am studying Sociologie. I am the substitute tutor and I'll be working one day a week. I am looking forward to start!



Merle de la Rie

Frequently Asked Questions

What classes do the students miss when they go to the Bridge HDT classes?

The teacher ensures that this varies. In any case, the teacher in the classroom never gives math instruction during the Bridge HDT lessons. The lessons are planned together with the schools so that the students never miss an important lesson.

How are the students selected?

Based on the math CITO score in group 6, it is determined which students are eligible for the Bridge HDT lessons. Students are randomly selected from this group for the lessons.

Are Mr. Marius and Mr. Hugo related?

No, despite the many similarities, Marius and Hugo are not twins or related.



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