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Dear Parents

As you are probably aware, the Secondary School League Tables for 2008 have recently been published and I am pleased to be able to inform you that The Belvedere Academy has performed extremely well in both A level and GCSE examinations.

The Times reported on 16<sup>th</sup> January that Belvedere was fifth in the 'Top Ten Comprehensives' in England. This was based on % pupils achieving 5+ A\*-C including English and Maths at GCSE. The Independent, also published on 16<sup>th</sup> January, placed Belvedere first in 'The Top 50 Comprehensive Schools at A level.'

In the Sunday Times list of 'Britain's Top 100 State Schools' Belvedere was placed 76<sup>th</sup> on the basis of % A and B grades at A level and % A\*/A grades at GCSE. Only four other North West schools were placed higher. In terms of A level results, Belvedere students achieved a higher percentage of A/B grades than any other Merseyside school.

No other Academy in the country performed better than Belvedere in any of the league tables.

Given the challenging transition from Independent School to Academy, our positions in the various league tables are a reflection of the hard work and commitment of the staff and students of Belvedere. I would also suggest that such excellent results would not be achievable without the outstanding support most of our students receive from their parents.

Congratulations, therefore, to all concerned and I look forward to continuing to work with parents to ensure that Belvedere maintains its position as an excellent school achieving outstanding results.

Yours sincerely

P M Kennedy  
Principal