



The Belvedere Academy

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you all that after almost 13 years as Principal of Belvedere, I have decided to retire at the end of the summer term.

This has been a difficult decision but I feel the time is right for me to move on. Belvedere is now in a strong position with record numbers applying for both Year 7 and Year 12, a brilliant workforce of talented and committed teaching and support staff, outstanding external examination results, a vibrant curriculum with broad enrichment opportunities, and excellent pastoral and support systems for girls across the academy.

In addition, and subject to final planning permission, Belvedere will open a new building together with a full sized, flood lit netball court and two new A Level Science labs in September. This will improve facilities for our current students and help meet some of the overwhelming demand for places here. It will also provide additional income to help us maintain the quality of what we do at Belvedere in a difficult financial environment for education.

I also need to tell you that I have been granted a sabbatical by the Trustees of the academy which will mean I will not be at Belvedere during January and February. My very able Associate Principal, Mike McGarry, will be Acting Principal during this period, and I'm sure you will give him every support. The permanent post of Principal will be advertised nationally in the New Year.

Even though I won't be leaving until August, 2019, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been so supportive to me personally as Belvedere has made the difficult journey from small, fee paying, selective school to outstanding, all ability, state funded academy. Together we have created a remarkable and unique school which now has an exciting future for all those associated with it.

Yours sincerely

PM Kennedy
Principal

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