



The Belvedere Academy

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Dear Parents,

Could I just begin by taking this opportunity to welcome both our new Year 7 parents and Year 12 parents whose daughters will be joining us in September and who will be receiving this letter. I hope that you are looking forward to joining the Belvedere community and that your daughter is excited about becoming a 'Belvedere Girl'!

Belvedere reopens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday, 5th September. Girls in Years 7-11 should arrive for 8.30am, students joining the sixth form from other schools should arrive for 9.30am and Year 11 returning to the sixth form should arrive at 11am. Year 13 students should return on Thursday, 6th September at 9.30am. Staff will be available in school throughout the summer to help parents with any questions or concerns.

Reports/Grade Cards/Credits

Following discussions with staff, governors and parents we have introduced a new style of report this year for girls in Year 7-10 and Year 12. This report has been written by your daughter's form tutor and is accompanied by her grade card, end of year examination results and a copy of her latest credit certificate outlining the number of credit notes awarded during this year. If there is no certificate enclosed it will mean that she did not gain any credits during this period. The average number of credits awarded to each year group this year are as follows:

- Year 7 – 51.6
- Year 8 – 43.1
- Year 9 – 46.2
- Year 10 – 30.1
- Year 12 – 7.2

Summer Lists

The Summer Lists for the current term will be published on our website shortly. The lists show the girls who were awarded certificates during the end of term assembly for effort and attainment together with those who just missed out but whose performance was of a high standard.

Examination Results

A Level results will be available on Thursday, 16th August from 8am in the Dining Room. Year 11 can collect their GCSE results from 9am on Thursday, 23rd August in the Gym with Year 10 GCSE Citizenship results available from reception between 10am and 12 noon.

Good luck to everybody on results days!





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Parental Calendar

Please find enclosed a Parental Calendar for the next academic year. I hope you will find this helpful.

Key dates to note are our Prize Giving, which this year will take place at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday, 9th November and our annual Carol Service which is also at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Monday, 17th December.

The calendar also lists Parents' Evenings, training days and reporting dates as well as the dates of our Parental Forum Meetings.

May I just take this opportunity to thank the Parental Forum for their support, ideas and advice on a number of developments during the current academic year. Could I also remind parents that this is a meeting which is open to all parents and if you would like an informal discussion about the Parental Forum, please contact Mr Jamieson at the academy who will be happy to help.

School Uniform

We have two suppliers for our school uniform for next year, Trutex Schoolwear and John Lewis. Please only use these official suppliers to ensure that you are buying the correct uniform. We would like to make you aware that we are introducing one regulation skirt with a single inverted pleat. We are aware that your daughter may still have a pencil skirt or double pleated skirt so we will allow one year for this transition to take place. Therefore, from September 2019 we require all students in Years 7 to 11 to wear the regulation skirt, which has a single inverted pleat at the front and is available from both of our suppliers. I have enclosed a copy of the Trutex uniform price list for your information. Information for John Lewis can be found at <https://www.johnlewis.com/belvedere-academy-girls'-uniform-years-7-11>.

GDPR

As you may be aware, new data protection legislation, The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), came into effect on 31st May 2018. As a result, the academy has updated its privacy notice, which can be found on our website www.belvedereacademy.net. The privacy notice provides information about why we collect personal data, how we process it and with whom we share it.

Staffing

A number of long serving teachers are leaving us this term. Firstly, Karen Gilmartin, who joined Belvedere in 2004 as 'Teacher of French and Spanish' and who went on to become Head of Modern Languages, Belvedere's first specialism when it became an academy. Karen has played a key role in developing MFL into a hugely successful department with excellent examination results and many girls going to





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study languages at university. We all wish her well for her exciting new life in Australia.

Another long serving member of our MFL department, Anne Saulnier, is also leaving to work in primary education in a school on the Wirral. Anne joined Belvedere in 1996 as a part-time French Assistant, eventually becoming a teacher as well as holding other roles such as Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator.

Helen Batterton is also leaving having taught History and Government and Politics at Belvedere since 2005. Helen is leaving to concentrate on other projects and was another member of staff whose contribution helped Belvedere make the successful transition to an academy in 2007.

Our Finance Director, Sue Donnelly, who joined us in January 2007, is retiring after a long and hugely successful career in Finance. Sue has played a crucial role in establishing our Finance Department at Belvedere and has worked tirelessly as a member of my Senior Management Team to ensure that our finances remain on a firm footing during particularly challenging times in education. We wish Sue a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Other staff who have also left us during this year or who are about to leave include Huicong Liu (Chinese assistant), Nina Achilleos (PE teacher), Ana Sanchez-Motos (teacher of MFL) and Cara Louise Sloan (teacher of Food Technology). Molly Cotton, Alison Lowe and Joseph Ryan are also leaving the support team at the end of their temporary contracts. Finally, Barry Cunliffe is leaving us after many years at Belvedere as our Careers Advisor.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our departing staff well in whatever they decide to do next and to thank them for their contributions to Belvedere.

Staff joining us in September or who have joined us recently are Marie Doherty, our new Finance Director, Joe Johnson (Food Technology), Mark Hogan (History), Hongyu Li (Chinese), Manon Potel (MFL), Abigail Darwent (MFL) and Najwa Nazali (Administrative Assistant).

Finally, could I thank parents for their fantastic support this year at academy events and parents' evenings, which is really appreciated by both staff and girls.

Have a great summer!

Very best wishes

PM Kennedy
Principal

