



The Belvedere Academy

The admission of Year 7 students into The Belvedere Academy
September 2015

Belvedere Academy (Girls)

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Admission Number: 120

The Belvedere Academy has an agreed admission number of 120 girls to be admitted into Year 7 each year if sufficient applications are received.

Process of application

Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with Liverpool LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form (CAF), provided and administered by the Liverpool LA. In addition, parents or guardians must complete the Belvedere Application Form, provided by the Academy. The Belvedere Academy will use the following timetable for applications in 2014-2015 which whenever possible, will fit in with the common timetable agreed by the Liverpool Admissions Forum:

Year 7 Admissions for September 2015 – Key Dates

Thursday, 26th June 2014	Open Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm (Talks at 5.00pm & 6.15pm)
Thursday, 11th September 2014	Open Day (10.00am – 12 noon & 1.30pm - 3.00pm)
Friday, 12th September 2014	Closing date for Year 7 applications for September 2015 (12 noon)
Saturday, 27th September 2014	Year 6 Assessment Morning <i>all Y7 applicants need to attend</i>
Sunday, 1st March 2015	Offers of places made to parents by Liverpool LA
Tuesday, 31st March 2015	Closing date for Year 7 Admission Appeals to be received by the Academy (12 noon)

Consideration of applications for entry into Year 7

1. Where fewer applications than places are received, The Belvedere Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.
2. Notwithstanding the above, The Belvedere Academy may refuse admission to particular applicants in the specific circumstances described in 3.8 of the statutory Code of Practice on Admissions or any like provision in any subsequent Code of Practice.



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Procedures when The Belvedere Academy is oversubscribed in Year 7

1. A transitional arrangement will operate, until the academic year 2015 / 2016, for all those girls who were on roll at the Junior Department of The Belvedere School on 6th September 2006 and remain continuously on roll. These girls will have the right to transfer to The Belvedere Academy at Year 7, if they so choose, and will be counted against the agreed admission number.
2. Girls with statements of special educational needs will be admitted where The Belvedere Academy is named in the statement. They will be counted against the agreed admission number.
3. In accordance with its first specialism, The Belvedere Academy will select 10% of the agreed admission number (being 12 places) on their aptitude for learning modern foreign languages ("the MFL criterion"). An appropriate verbal reasoning assessment will be carried out by the Academy and used in conjunction with relevant information collected through The Belvedere Academy Application Form. The 12 places will be filled by those applicants who are judged to have the greatest aptitude for learning MFL. Should there be a tie for last place(s) available; places will be allocated on a random basis. All applicants who are not successful under the MFL criterion will be considered in accordance with the Fair Banding procedure set out in paragraph 5. Where The Belvedere Academy is oversubscribed the successful MFL criterion applicants will not be allocated a place until after all those girls in public care or previously in public care (Looked After Children), have been allocated a place within their relevant band, please see paragraph 5a below.
4. All remaining places will be allocated on the basis of Fair Banding in line with the Code of Practice on Admissions. All applicants will take a verbal, non-verbal, and numerical reasoning assessment, administered by The Belvedere Academy and marked by GL Assessments. The non-verbal and numerical reasoning assessment will not be used in determining offers under the MFL criterion.
5. The Belvedere Academy will admit the required number from each of the five ability bands based on the following percentage guidelines:
 - Band 1 - 20%
 - Band 2 - 20%
 - Band 3 - 20%
 - Band 4 - 20%
 - Band 5 - 20%

It is possible that the number of places to be determined by Fair Banding will not be a multiple of five, in which case the following will apply:

If the number of places to be determined by banding leaves:

- A remainder of 1 when divided by 5, the place will be allocated to Band 3;
- A remainder of 2 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Bands 2 and 4;
- A remainder of 3 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Band 2, 3 and 4;
- A remainder of 4 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Band 1, 2, 4 and 5.

If there are more applicants for each band than places available, within each band places will be allocated in the following order:

- a) Looked after and previously looked after children will be considered to be:
 - Children who are registered as being in the care of the Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a), e.g. fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for the school is made;
 - and



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- Children who have left care, at the time an application for the school is made, through adoption, a residence order (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989).
- b) Girls whose sisters, including step and adopted sisters are enrolled at The Belvedere Academy, and are resident at the same address as the sibling.
- c) Children of teaching staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
- Where the member of teaching staff has been employed at the Academy for two or more years.
 - Where a member of teaching staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- d) All other applicants.
6. Where in any of the above categories there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. This will be supervised by a person not otherwise involved in the admissions process.
7. In the event of oversubscription in Year 7, the above procedure will be open to scrutiny by an appropriately qualified external consultant appointed by the Academy Trust Board.

Operation of waiting lists for admission into Year 7

Where in any year The Belvedere Academy receives more applications for places in Year 7 than there are places available, a waiting list will operate following the end of the appeal process. This list will be maintained by The Belvedere Academy and all unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on the waiting list unless a parent or guardian requests otherwise.

When, and if, places become vacant they will be allocated to girls on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria in paragraph 5 a), b), c) and d).

Arrangements for the Independent Appeal Panel

Parents or guardians will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of The Belvedere Academy. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals published by the Department for Education. The determination of the Appeal Panel will be made in accordance with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and is binding on all parties. The Belvedere Academy will prepare guidance for parents or guardians about how the appeals process will work and provide a named contact who can answer any enquiries about the process.

How to find us

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