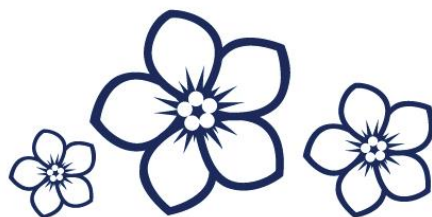


The Belvedere Academy Admissions 2019



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The admission of Year 7 students into The Belvedere Academy
September 2019

The Belvedere Academy (Girls)

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Admission Number: 130

Process of application

Applications for places at the academy will be made in accordance with Liverpool LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements and The Belvedere Academy must be named as a preference on the online application or paper preference form which is submitted to your home local authority. For further information please consult your home local authority website.

In addition, parents or guardians must complete the Belvedere online application form available via the academy website and all applicants must attend the Year 6 Assessment Morning. Paper application forms will be available upon request from the academy office for those parents/guardians who do not have access to the Internet.

The Belvedere Academy will use the following timetable for applications which, whenever possible, will fit in with the common timetable agreed by the Liverpool Admissions Forum:

| <u>Year 7 Admissions for September 2019 – Key Dates</u> | |
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| Thursday, 21 st June 2018 | Open Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Thursday, 20 th September 2018 | Open Morning |
| Friday, 21 st September 2018 (12 noon) | Closing date for The Belvedere Academy Year 7 online applications for September 2019 |
| Saturday, 6 th October 2018 | Year 6 Assessment Morning for all Y7 applicants |
| Wednesday, 31 st October 2018 | Deadline for submission of online or paper preference forms to your home local authority |
| Friday, 1 st March 2019 | Offers of places made to parents by your home local authority |
| Friday, 29 th March 2019 (12 noon) | Closing date for Year 7 admission appeals to be received by the academy |



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Consideration of applications for entry into Year 7

Where fewer applications than places are received, The Belvedere Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

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.

When The Belvedere Academy is oversubscribed

Places will be allocated from the bands in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children will be admitted to The Belvedere Academy and counted against the agreed admission number. 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, at the time an application for the school is made*.
 - Children who have left care at the time an application for the school is made* through adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order in accordance with relevant legislation.
2. Girls with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) will be admitted where The Belvedere Academy is named in the plan. 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 (13 places) on aptitude for learning Modern Foreign Languages using a verbal reasoning assessment. In the event of a tie for the last place, it 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 6.

(NB: the 10% MFL aptitude places will be allocated before banding is applied, but these applicants will be included in the bands)



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4. Siblings who are full, half, step, adopted or foster sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit at the time an application for the school is made*. Evidence of the relationship or legal address may be required. The legal address of the child will be defined as the legal address of the parent (or person) who has legal responsibility for the child. If both parents have a shared responsibility for the child then the correspondence address for Child Benefit will usually be used to define the permanent address of the child.
5. Children of The Belvedere Academy staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - Where the member of staff has been employed at The Belvedere Academy for two or more years.
 - Where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. 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, spatial and numerical reasoning assessment, administered by The Belvedere Academy and marked externally.

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.



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Where in any of the above categories there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis.

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 until the end of the academic year 2018- 2019. All unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on the waiting list unless a parent or guardian requests otherwise.

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.

Fraudulent Applications

If it is discovered that a girl has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application The Belvedere Academy will withdraw the offer of that place and award it to another girl in accordance with the above policy.

* For the purposes of this policy, the date of application will be considered to be the closing date for applications to be received at the academy which is Friday, 21st September 2018.

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