



# The Belvedere Academy

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Dear Parents,

As you will probably be aware, term ends for students on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm and the academy will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. The academy office will be closed between 12 noon on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December and Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January reopening on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am.

## Grade Cards Years 7, 8, 12 and 13

I have enclosed your daughter's grade card for this term if she is in Year 7, 8, 12 or 13. I hope you will find this informative.

## Credit Notes

If your daughter has received any credit notes for this term her certificate will also be enclosed.

## Awards / Certificates / Website

Both effort and attainment have recently been recognised during our end of term assembly and special certificates have been awarded for excellence in both. Those who just missed out are listed on our website under 'News and Events – Christmas Lists.'

## Academy Coaches

Could I apologise for the recent disruption to the normal smooth running of our academy coaches. Increased demand has led to changes to routes and times which unfortunately has caused delays in some instances. We are working with our coach provider Holmeswood to resolve the situation and will let you know as soon as possible if there are any changes to the current arrangements.

## Enrichment

Our enrichment programme will begin again on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January with academy coaches leaving at 4.15pm from Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January.

## Parents' Evenings 2017

The first Parents' Evening of the New Year is for Year 11 parents between 4.00pm and 6.30pm on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. We then have an Options Evening for Year 9 parents and students between 4.00pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January when parents and their daughters can meet with teaching staff to discuss GCSE option choices for Year 10.



## **Term Dates**

Our term dates are listed on our website. Please refer to these dates for 2017/18 when planning holidays.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening**

This year's Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January beginning at 5.30pm with presentations at 7.00pm. This is an important evening for girls in Year 11 and their parents and, together with the sixth form team, I will explain the process for applying for a place in our sixth form beginning in September 2017. You will also have the opportunity to meet the staff who will be teaching your daughter in the sixth form as well as some of our current sixth form students. Girls from other schools who are considering applying to Belvedere's sixth form will also be invited to this event.

## **Pupil Premium Funding**

Belvedere currently receives Pupil Premium funding from the government to assist us in supporting pupils who are eligible for free school meals, looked after children, adopted children and children of parents serving in the armed forces.

It is important in this economic climate that we maximise our income, so if you fall into any of these categories and haven't already informed us it would be extremely helpful if you could complete the claim form for free school meals, which is available on the academy website under the 'Parents – Pupil Premium' section or, in the case of looked after, adopted or girls with parents serving in the armed forces, complete the attached form. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either the Finance Office or Mrs Marshall, Assistant Vice Principal, on either 0151 471 1844 or [j.marshall@belvedereacademy.net](mailto:j.marshall@belvedereacademy.net) who will be pleased to help.

Finally, could I just thank all our parents for their tremendous support during what has been an exceptionally challenging year at Belvedere and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

PM Kennedy  
Principal