



The Belvedere Academy

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Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed your daughter's grade card and/or written report which I hope you will find useful in monitoring her progress at Belvedere.

In addition, you should also find enclosed a copy of your daughter's latest credit certificate which shows the number of rewards she has gained during this term. If there is no certificate it indicates that she has not collected any reward points for this period.

Summer Uniform

As you will be aware, the girls return for the summer term on Tuesday, 19th April at the normal time. Summer uniform, which is simply the official summer blouse worn without a tie, should be worn from this date.

You can purchase uniform from John Lewis and Trutex Schoolwear. John Lewis offer an on-line ordering service with free delivery (minimum spend required). If you wish to purchase the summer blouses from John Lewis, please visit www.johnlewis.com and enter the product code 53902604 in the search box. Trutex Schoolwear are based at 298 St. Mary's Road, Cressington, Liverpool, L19 0NQ, Tel: 0151 345 3797. For updated opening hours etc. please visit www.facebook.com/TrutexLiverpool.

External Examinations

If your daughter is in Years 10-13 you should also have a copy of her external examination timetable. This year's Candidate Examination Handbook is posted on the school VLE and it's important that your daughter takes the time to read this and make the return to Miss Hornby, Examinations Officer.

Many of the girls in Years 10-13 have been making the most of our Additional Study Programme which was published a few weeks ago. Comparing results from previous years shows more favourable outcomes to girls who make the most of all of the extra support programmes in place preceding and during the exam period. The programme will recommence on Saturday, 23rd April and full details are on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the girls who are working hard in preparation for their external exams the best of luck. I'm sure you will support them in any way you can as they progress through what is always a challenging period in their lives. If you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of the examination period please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Traffic Incident

As you will all know, there was a serious traffic accident outside the academy on 12th February which resulted in a number of girls being seriously injured. I have tried to keep parents informed with regular updates on our website which I hope have been useful. In case you haven't seen the updates I can confirm that all the injured girls are now out of hospital and recovering from their injuries and some have been able to return to the academy, albeit on a part-time basis.

I have also been in regular touch with Liverpool City Council and improvements to the safety of Belvidere Road, including a 20mph speed limit, zebra crossing and improved safety barriers are currently being planned. The double yellow lines and other markings along the road have already been refreshed.

The police have been active in reinforcing parking restrictions outside the academy and most parents have been extremely cooperative in observing these restrictions. The rear gates to the academy are now opened for 15 minutes each night and girls are increasingly using this as an alternative exit.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the emergency services, hospital staff and members of the public who supported staff and girls and parents during what was an extremely difficult period I would also like to thank the City Council for its support and I hope that we will see the improved safety measures on Belvidere Road in the very near future.

GCSE Results 2015

I have received a letter (enclosed) from Nick Gibb, MP, congratulating Belvedere on being in the top 10% of schools nationally based on GCSE results for 2015. You may also have noticed in the local press that Belvedere is the top non selective school on Merseyside, again based on 2015 GCSE results. This is a fantastic achievement as this includes schools in Sefton, St Helens, Wirral, Knowsley as well as Liverpool schools.

Blood Brothers – 29th - 1st July

Following last year's incredible production of 'Oliver' the Drama Department once again opens Belvedere's theatre doors for this year's production of "Blood Brothers", a well known play written by Willy Russell about two brothers "secretly parted at birth". This is sure to be another sell out and will be in the smaller venue of the Drama Studio so you are advised to get your tickets early! The show opens on Wednesday, 29th June for three nights and tickets will be on sale after the Easter break.





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Sports News

Our girls continue to excel across a range of sports and our Key Stage 3 swimming team have just become Liverpool Schools Swimming Champions winning a huge trophy after an exciting competition. Key Stage 3 girls also excelled in the Liverpool schools cross country competitions with Sofia Rowley winning the Year 7 race.

In netball our Year 11 team came 2nd in the City Netball Tournament and the outstanding Year 10 team are City Champions as well as Merseyside Champions – a fantastic double!

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor at the moment so if you are a parent of (or have parental responsibility for) a pupil currently on roll at The Belvedere Academy and you are interested in becoming a governor please let me know. If more than one parent expresses an interest an election will be held. Candidates standing for election will be given the opportunity to provide a written statement about themselves. This will be sent to all parents to assist them in deciding for whom they wish to vote. The term of office for a parent governor is normally four years. Expressions of interest in becoming a parent governor should reach me by 4.00pm on Friday, 22nd April 2016.

Staffing

One of our Assistant Principals, Dave Kavanagh, is leaving Belvedere in May to take up a post with responsibility for teaching and learning across a group of schools in the Manchester area. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking Mr Kavanagh for all his excellent work as a member of the Senior Management Team over the last few years.

Our Estates Manager, John Lowe, is also leaving on 15th April. John has been here for nine years and has played a key role in the significant development of the site during that period. Again, I would like to thank him for all his work at Belvedere and wish him well for the future.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support this term and I wish you and your family an enjoyable spring break.

Yours sincerely

P M Kennedy
Principal

