



The Belvedere Academy

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Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed your daughter's latest grade cards (Years 7-10 and Year 12) together with her end of year report (Years 7-10). In addition you should also find a copy of her latest credit certificate outlining the number of credits she gained during this term. If there is no certificate it indicates that she did not gain any credits during this period.

Belvedere reopens for the Autumn Term on Monday, 5th September. Girls in Years 7-11 should arrive for 8.30am, students joining the sixth form from other schools should arrive for 9.15am and Year 11 returning to the sixth form should arrive at 11am. Year 13 students should return on Wednesday, 7th September at 8.30am. Staff will be available in school throughout the summer to help parents with any questions or concerns.

New Parents

Could I just take 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'!

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 assembly for effort and attainment together with those who just missed out but whose performance was of a high standard.

Examination Results

This year A Level results will be available on Thursday, 18th August at 8am. Year 11 can collect their GCSE results from 9am on Thursday, 25th August in the Dining Room with Year 10 GCSE Citizenship results available from Reception between 10am and 12 noon. Good luck to everybody and fingers crossed for another set of fantastic results for our girls!





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Parental Calendar

I have, as always, included a parental calendar for the new academic year which lists key events such as parents' evenings, training days, reporting dates as well as our annual Prize Giving at the Liverpool Cathedral. We plan to hold this year's Carol Concert in school and I will let you have further details nearer the time.

You may be interested to note that the first meeting of our Parents' Association (which is open to all parents) is on 3rd October at 6.30pm.

I hope that the calendar will be useful in helping you plan your year ahead particular with regard to holidays, which should, unless there are "exceptional circumstances", always be taken during school holidays.

Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you that Samantha Flynn has been elected as our new parent governor and will join the Local Governing Body (LGB) in September.

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.

Belvidere Road

Following the dreadful incident at the end of the school day on 12th February I have been liaising with the City Council in trying to make the road safer for our school community as well as for the children who attend the Belvedere Preparatory School. The road has now been designated as a 20mph zone and additional speed limit signs are to be installed during the summer break. A pedestrian crossing is also due to be installed in August together with improved guardrails. The council also informs me that the junction of Belvidere Road and Ullet Road is also under consideration for a potential redesign to improve safety in that area.

I am pleased to report that the girls injured in the accident are making either good or excellent progress although some still have a long way to go in terms of making a full recovery.

Morocco Charity

Our friends in Morocco who are developing a number of learning centres in the Atlas





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Mountains have informed us that they no longer require further items of uniform at the moment so please don't ask your daughter to bring in unwanted uniform at the end of this term. The charity now requires other items and we will let everybody know more about this next term.

The team in Morocco wanted me to pass on their grateful thanks for the thousands of uniform items and other donations provided so far by pupils and parents of Belvedere which have made such a difference to the children of the Atlas Mountains and to their parents.

Staffing

A number of staff are leaving us at the end of this term and some have already left. Hilary Garlick is retiring after over ten years of outstanding work in our Art Department and leaves behind a wonderful legacy which can be seen in her students' work currently displayed across the academy. Helen Pugh, Head of Geography, is leaving to take up an exciting post in an international school in the south of France, Orla McCone is leaving to take up a Science post in another Liverpool school and Jennifer Scott is taking a year's sabbatical from her role as PE teacher and Assistant Head of Year 7. Chris Marsland, our ICT Manager is also leaving to relocate to the North East after almost 10 years of excellent work in our ICT department overseeing the development of our IT systems during a particularly challenging period. Peter Whittaker, Danny Dalzell and James Berry have all reached the end of their temporary contracts.

On behalf of staff, students and parents I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our leavers for their work at Belvedere and wish them well for the future.

Joining us in September are Stefanie Behrens (Mandarin Chinese), Philippa Preece (Art), Bethanie McLean (Geography), Laura Marsh (PE), Kathryn Woodward (Psychology) and Qendresa Krasniqi (Science). Martyn Lucas (Business Studies), who some of you will already know from his time here as Head of Sixth Form, will be joining us once again to cover a maternity leave. Hayden Woolley (English) will also be returning following a year's sabbatical.

Danny Crawford and Dave Kell, both currently at Birkenhead High School Academy, are joining us as Estates Manager and ICT Network Manager respectively, and will work across both sites.

Lower/Upper School

Following national changes in education with the removal of national curriculum levels together with more difficult linear GCSE and A Level qualifications, and after





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consultation with a wide range of stakeholders at Belvedere including our Parents' Association, we have made a number of modifications to our structure which will be implemented from September 2016.

In essence, we will introduce Lower School (Years 7 and 8) and Upper School (Years 9-11) which will be followed by the normal Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13). Mrs Marshall will be the senior member of staff with overall responsibility for Lower School, Mrs Beddard will become Head of Lower School and she will be assisted by Miss Jones. Mr Jamieson will be the senior member of staff with overall responsibility for Upper School, Mrs Mansfield will be Head of Upper School and she will be assisted by Miss Murray, Mrs Traynor and Ms Cavanagh. The Sixth Form team will be line managed by Ms Speed, with Miss Palin as Head of Sixth Form assisted by Miss Cosgrove and, whilst Mrs Greene is on maternity leave, Mr Mason.

I have included further details regarding these changes in a document written by Mr McGarry and Mr Jamieson which you may find interesting. We will, of course, keep this new approach under review in the new academic year and I will keep parents informed as it develops.

Finally, after what has been a particularly difficult year at Belvedere, I would just like to thank all our parents for their fantastic support which has helped both the girls and the staff keep going through the many challenges we have had to face.

This year, therefore, even more than usual, I would like to wish everybody connected with Belvedere an enjoyable and well deserved summer break.

Yours sincerely

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