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# BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

01 November 2018 – Edition (189)

## News and Events

### Diary Dates

#### Week 9 Autumn

**A Level Options Event  
for Students @13:20  
4 Nov 2018**

**Space & Rocketry Academy  
For Parents  
@15:00 Main Hall  
5 Nov 2018**

**A Level Options Event  
for Parents @17:00-18:30  
6 Nov 2018**

**Prophet Muhammad  
Birthday (to be confirmed)  
20 Nov 2018**

**Science Week  
Starts 25 Nov 2018**

**3rd  
Parents' Coffee Morning  
25 Nov 2018 @08:00**

**2nd BBS Bake Off  
25 Nov 2018**

**Martyr's Day/  
Commemoration Day  
29 Nov 2018 (TBC)**

**UAE National Day  
2-3 Dec 2018 (TBC)**

**Controlled Assessment  
4-13 Dec 2018**

Dear Parents,

Greetings to you and your families and I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health. After our short two day school week, this week has been a particularly active one for us all. We have had our second cycle of CCP activities start, reviews of continuous assessments, inspection preparation, staff training, visits...as well as the usual lessons and activities. The BBS Bake Off was a resounding success, so thank you all for kind contributions, particularly those of you who baked the delicious cakes, pastries, biscuits and treats for everyone to buy and enjoy. We raised a grand total of 1240 AED and that money will go towards BBS Charity and Service initiatives, to help people in need.

We focused on the values of Charity and Service this week and thought about how we show love for people through our acts and how we treat others. Being kind and showing love through such acts is also a way in which we can show our children a good example and help them on their own journeys of self discovery; as Mohandas Gandhi said, "*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*"

We also had our Book Fair this week and I do hope that you were all able to pick up something to read among the impressive range of titles on offer. I usually have a couple of books on the go at the same time and one that I have almost finished is *The Story of My Experiments With Truth by Gandhi*. I look forward to speaking with you and our children to find out what you are all reading and what others discover along their literary journeys.

Life is a journey and the people we meet along the way, the books we read, the experiences we have, all contribute to the beautiful fabric of life. It is a pleasure to be with you as we converge together as a school community. As you embark on your weekend, I will leave you with best wishes and wise words from Confucius: "*Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.*"

Many thanks for your continued support,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson

Principal

Belvedere British School



## Letter from School Principal

We strive to provide our students with the highest quality of education and of care, however, we can only accomplish this effectively with the continued support of families. We are grateful to receive suggestions from families to help us make improvements and feedback in order to address any serious concerns that may arise.

We would like to make the process as easy as possible for a complainant to submit their complaint to us and we accept that the process should be simple, impartial, timely, honest and reasonably flexible. We appreciate all assistance we receive from you in this way, knowing that we wish to make Belvedere British School a memorable learning environment for your child, and can only do that when any existing problems are brought to our attention. We will do all that we can to ensure that complaints are dealt with seriously and respectfully by all members of our staff, and we hope that all others will respect this vital procedure equally.

We will record the progress of each complaint from the moment it is brought to our attention, including details of all actions taken in response to achieve a resolution and the outcomes of those actions. The BBS Administration staff will hold these records and parents can be assured that all concerns and complaints will be treated seriously and confidentially.

- All parents are members of the BBS Community and have the right to make a comment or complaint about any services, activities, experiences or the way that they are treated.
- Staff at school and in other services must listen to parental complaints and let them know the outcome.
- If any parents have a complaint about any aspect of the school, they should raise it to the attention at the School Reception, so that it is appropriately lodged as a complaint; it would help if they tried to provide a solution too.
- The Administration Staff will log the complaint and pass it on to the most appropriate person to deal with it in the first instance.

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| 1. Primary Class Teacher/Secondary Form Teacher               |
| 2. Head of Key Stage/Assistant Principal Pastoral – Mrs. Anam |
| 3. Head of Primary/Secondary – Mrs. Leanne/Mr. Tony           |
| 4. Principal – Mr. Ciaran                                     |
| 5. BBS Board of Governors                                     |
| 6. ADEK   |

The full BBS Complaints Policy, along with all BBS policies, will be made available on Engage very soon.

**Ciarán Cunningham-Watson**  
**Principal**  
**Belvedere British School**



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## **Letter from the Vice Principal/ Head of Secondary**

Dear Parents,

We are well underway into the second half of the term and all of our continuous assessments are completed. Parents evening was extremely busy which was fantastic to speak with so many parents. Our teachers reported back they had extremely positive conversations with parents. We will update parents on future opportunities to speak with your child's teachers.

### **A level Options Evening:**

On Tuesday 6th November we will be having our Secondary School A Level Options Evening for parents of Year 11 students. It will commence at 5pm and finish at 6.30pm. This will be a perfect opportunity to speak with our specialist teachers and discuss curriculum issues.

### **Bake Off:**

On Sunday 28th October we had our Great British Bake Off competition. It was a great success -even my cheesecake sold out very quickly. We will be continuing this each month so keep a lookout for further information.

### **Space and Rocketry Academy:**

On Monday 5th November 3.00pm we will be having a presentation from the Space and Rocketry Academy. This is a fantastic opportunity for all secondary students to participate in an official NASA led rocket workshop programme. The programme will last for 5 weeks over consecutive Saturdays with a final day dedicated to actually building a real rocket. It will be an incredible experience.

### **Asian Cup Roadshow:**

In two weeks on Tuesday 13th November we will have an amazing Asian Cup Roadshow. Our students will learn football skills and participate in lots of footballing activities. The roadshow is to promote the up and coming world Asian Cup hosted within the UAE. More details about this programme will follow.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr Tony**  
**Vice Principal/ Head of Secondary**



# Letter from the Director of Studies

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce myself as the school's Director of Studies. Each week we will update you on the latest British Curriculum developments. The British National Curriculum is a set of subjects and standards used by Primary and Secondary schools to ensure students learn the same information. It covers what subjects are taught and the standards students should reach in each subject. We start with a basic overview of how the curriculum is created and how we design the BBS timetables.

**Key stages** The National Curriculum is organised into Key Stages (KS). At the end of each key stage, teachers formally assess each child's performance.

- **Key Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2**
- **Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**
- **Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8 and 9**
- **Key Stage 4 – Years 10 and 11**
- **Key Stage 5 – Years 12 and 13**

During **Key Stages 1, 2 and 3**, all students are taught the same ten compulsory subjects at varying difficulty levels. The reason for this is to allow students to develop their knowledge each year they are engaged in education.

English	Mathematics	Science	History	Geography
Art and Design	Music	Physical Education (PE)	Computing	Modern Foreign Languages

During **Key Stage 4** the amount of compulsory subjects are reduced by 50% and the school provides an Options Programme of subjects for students to choose to studying in KS4. Options include: The Arts, Design & Technology, The Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages. These curriculum changes occur to encourage students to start thinking about their future careers and allow them to plan for their future.

English	Mathematics	Science	Computing	Physical Education (PE)
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**Key Stage 5/Sixth Form** is a term used to describe the two years of education for students aged 16-18, within the National Curriculum. Key Stage 5 is also the stage of education where students follow more intense and challenging courses in very specific subjects. This stage is the last stage of Secondary education for members of Sixth Form.

When students successfully complete their A levels they will be able to apply for university.

Yours Sincerely,

**Paul Davies**  
**Director of Studies**



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# Pastoral Message

Dear Parents,

We have our elected student council members and school prefect.

No	Student Name	Year	Position	Responsibilities
1	Tariq Nasser	12	President	Leading all council members and sub committees
2	Bilal Muzaffar	11B	Vice President	Event/activity planning
3	Elizabeth Sen	11g	Senior Representative	Meeting Minutes
4	Zaid Sawan	10B2	Representative	Communication
5	Oleksandra Ness	10G	Representative	Communication
6	Jenna Dawood	9G	Representative	Information/display
7	Hareem Ahmed	8G	Representative	Support-communicating Yr 8 concerns
8	Tariq Bilal	7B	Representative	Support- communicating Yr 7 concerns

**Mrs Anam Zulfiqar**

**Assistant Principal Pastoral**

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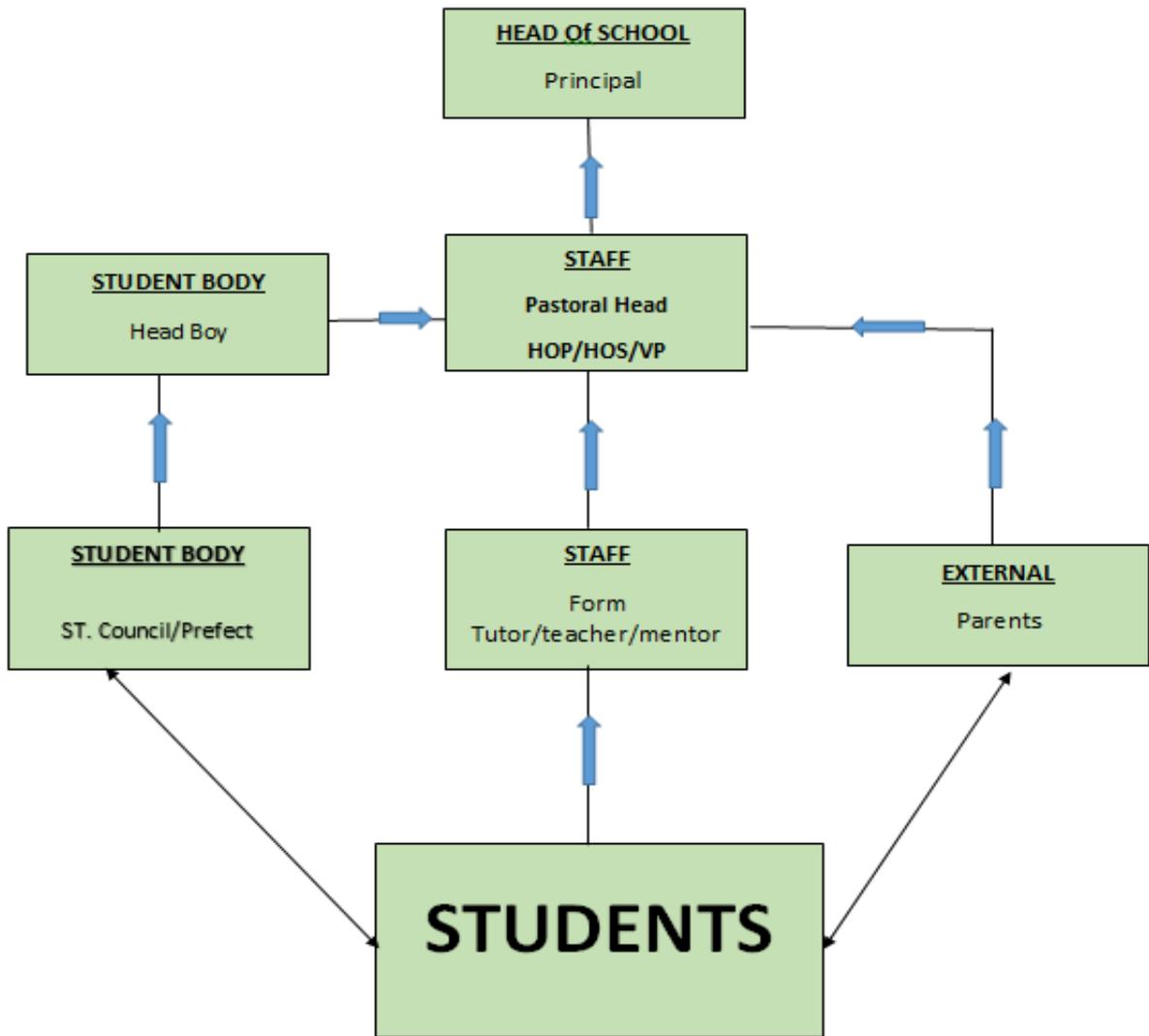
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# Pastoral Message



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Students' Voice – How do we hear it?



# Attendance Letter

## Attendance Matters



Dear Parents,

A child who is late for 12 minutes each day for a whole week loses 1 hour their learning. It is very important to ensure that your children are in school on time everyday.

We begin each day at 7:30 sharp. Please ensure your child arrives at least 5 minutes before the start time. The playground doors open at 7:10am.

If your child arrives after 7:30am, they are LATE. You cannot hold us accountable for the academic success of your child, if your children are not on time and present to learn.

Our aim is for attendance to be its highest compared to previous years. I know that we can do it because **you** want your children to succeed just as much as we do here at BBS.

### What are we doing to improve attendance?

If your child has-

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| ● 100% attendance for a full half term | = Bronze Attendance Award  |
|  | = Bronze Punctuality Award |
| ● 100% attendance for a full term      | = Silver Attendance Award  |
|  | = Silver Punctuality Award |
| ● 100% attendance for a full year      | = Gold Attendance Award.   |
|  | = Gold Punctuality Award   |

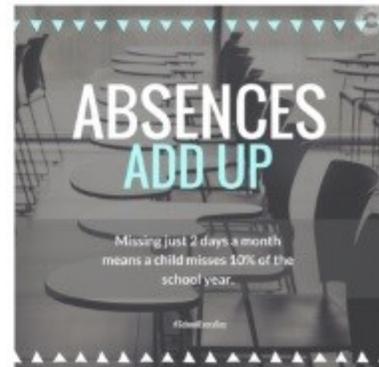
The class with the highest attendance, will win the Attendance Stars Class award .

The class with the highest punctuality rate, will win the Punctuality Stars Class award.

### How can you help?

You can support us by:

- Sending your child to school daily and on time.
- Discussing with your child that it's important for them to come to school.
- Celebrating their success with them.

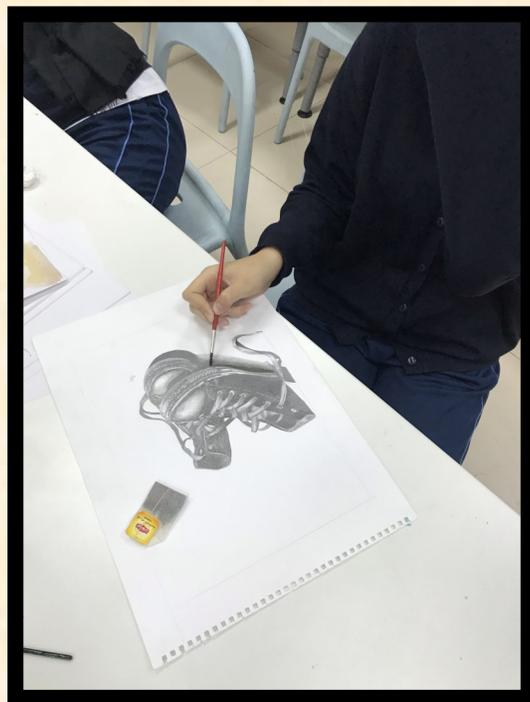
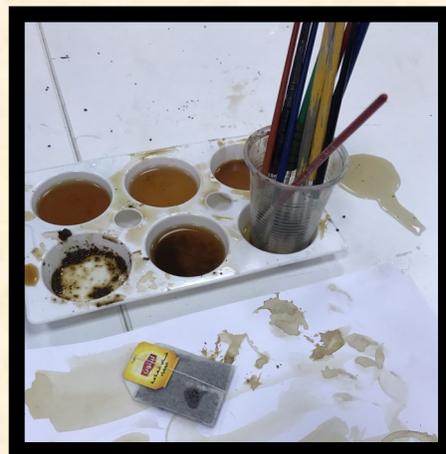




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## News from Art

The Year 10 Art girls are busy with their shoe contour drawings. They were introduced to different staining techniques.



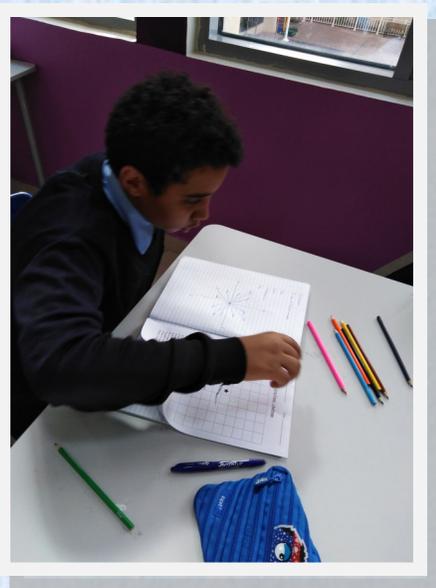
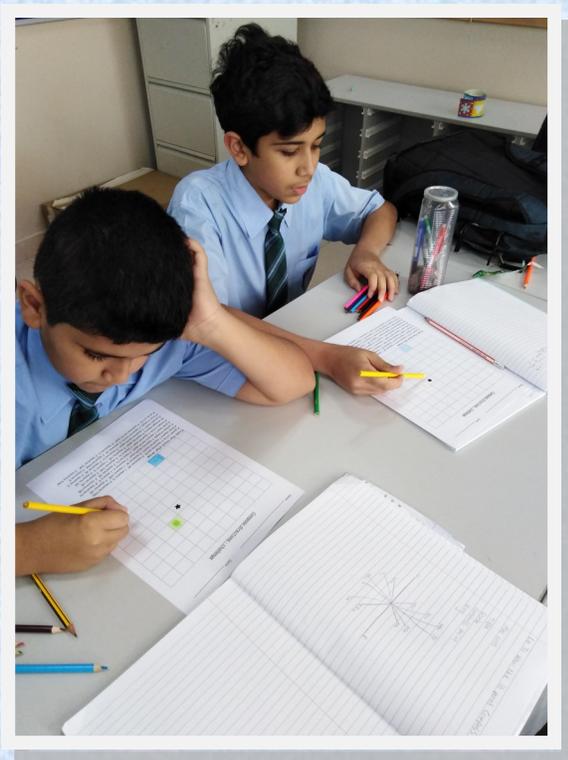
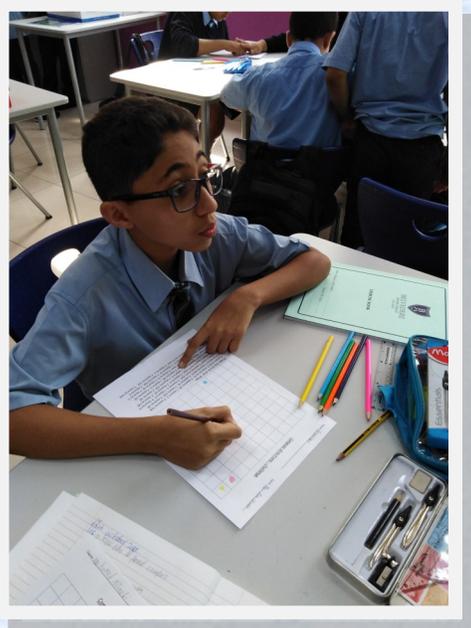
**Miss Wilmarie Botes**  
Art Teacher



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# News from Geography

## Year 7 Students completing a compass direction challenge!



**Miss Aoife Flynn**  
Geography Teacher



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## News from Geography

This week, students practiced an earthquake drill! Luckily we live in a safe country that does not have a large amount of tectonic activity.



**Miss Aoife Flynn**  
Geography Teacher

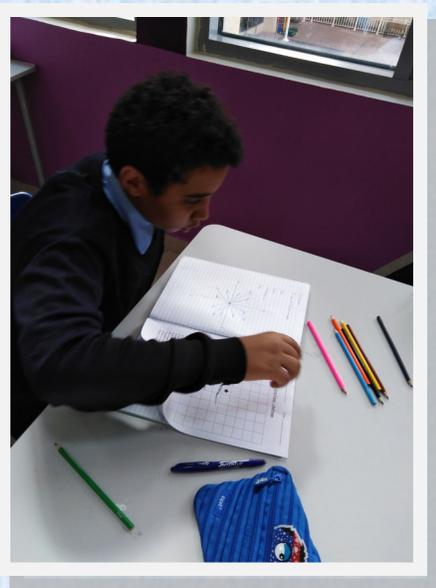
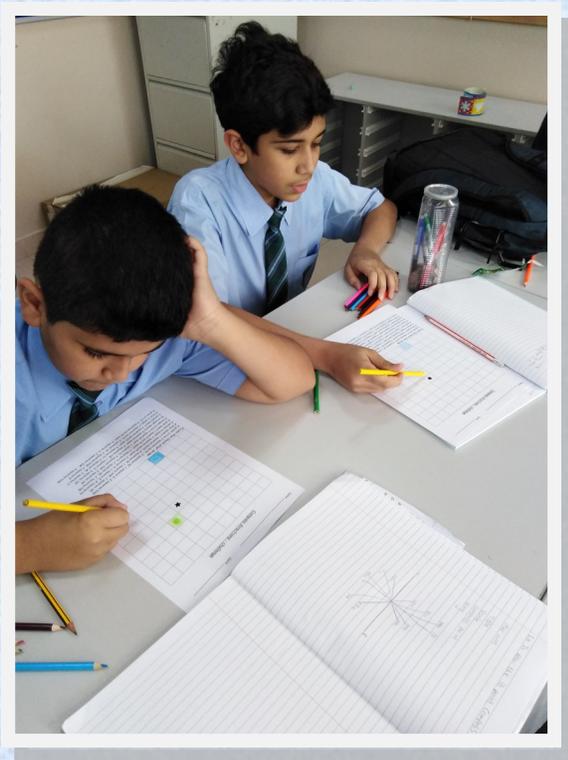
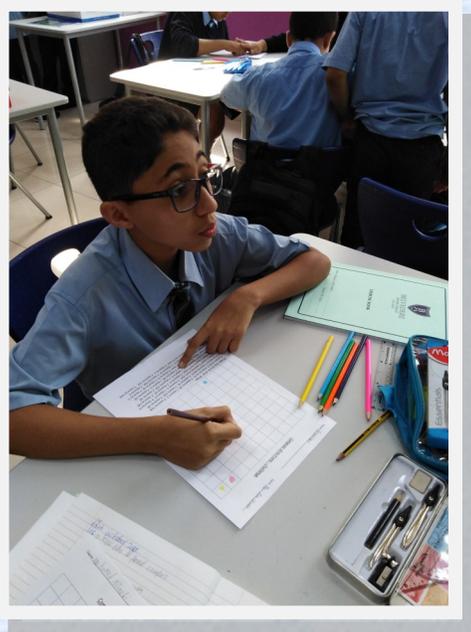




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# News from English Department

## Year 7 Students completing a compass direction challenge!



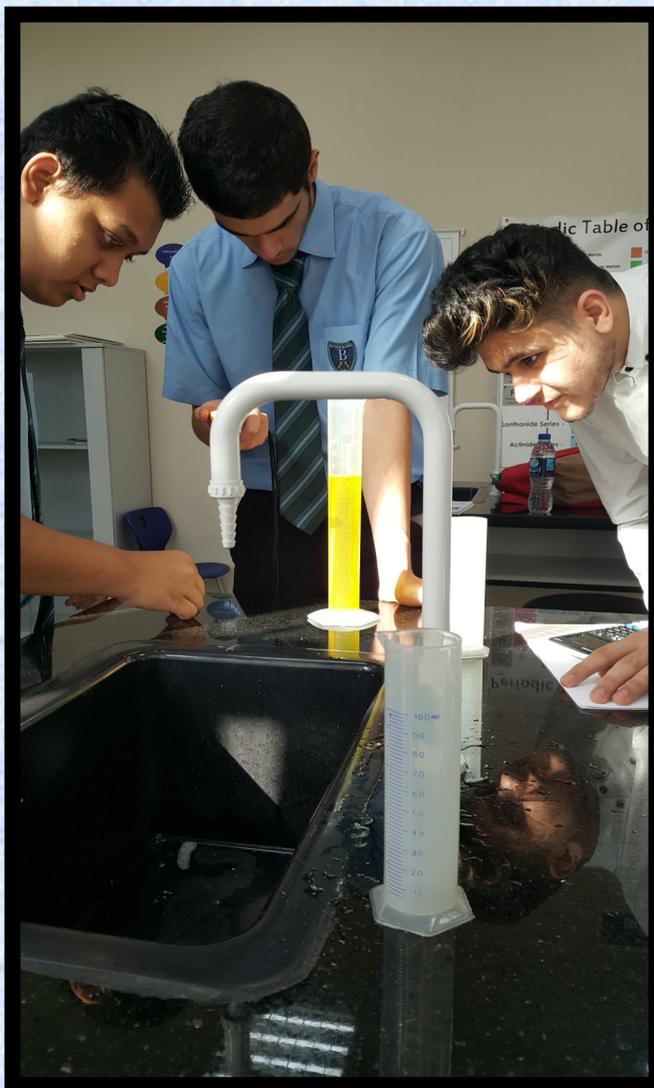
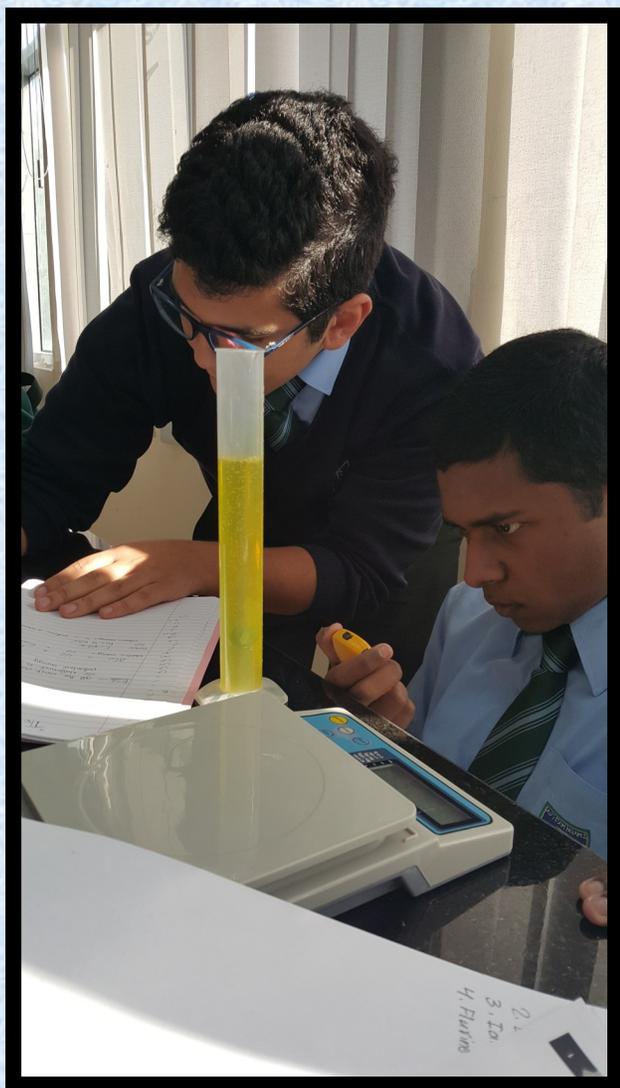
**Miss Aoife Flynn**  
Geography Teacher



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# News from Science Department

The Year 12 boys using a falling ball to determine the viscosity of a liquid.



**Mr Pádraig Guiney**  
Science Teacher

