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BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Week 14 Autumn

Controlled Assessment
9-13 Dec 2018
Students Finish @12

Term 1 Ends
13 Dec 2018

Winter Break
14 Dec '18 - 05 Jan '19

Term 2 Starts
6 Jan 2019

Year 10 & Year 11
Emirates Auto Museum Trip
20 Jan 2019

Year 10 Saadiyat Beach Trip
21 Jan 2019

4th
Parents' Coffee Morning
27 Jan 2019 @08:00

3rd BBS Bake Off
27 Jan 2019

Year 5
Eastern Mangroves Kayak Tour
27 Jan 2019

Year 3 & Year 4
Eastern Mangroves Kayak Tour
27-29 Jan 2019

BBS Open Day
17 Jan 2019
(TBC)

BBS International Day
31 Jan 2019
(TBC)

News and Events

Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. It has been a shorter week than usual for us, but that has just meant more things packed into the days we had available. End of term assessments are in full swing, including our Mock IGCSE exams, which give our external examination candidates an initial sense of what they can expect to experience in the proper exams. Good luck to all students, whatever age, and we hope that they all try their best and finish the term with a real sense of accomplishment.

This week class groups will spend time reflecting on the last 13 weeks, to see how they have fared with each of our BBS Values. Next week allows time for us to finish the term on the school value that we started with, Respect - for ourselves and others. During this time our children can see where their strengths lie and how they can make opportunities to focus on aspects that need further development. In our assembly on Wednesday I suggested that life experiences are very important, but we only learn from them if we reflect on them and take something from them; I do hope that you are able to help your children reflect and plan for the future, as we will endeavour to do so here too.

I regularly reflect on things, but recently more so than usual, as it is exactly a year ago that I first came to Abu Dhabi, to visit Belvedere and decided to join the school community. When I first came I knew that BBS was a school with great potential and on reflection I was right, as we can see just how good we are becoming together. There is more to come and I look forward to shaping the future of this fine school with you all. In the meantime, enjoy your week-end together and I look forward to seeing you before the term ends.

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.

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 Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the 47th UAE National Day.

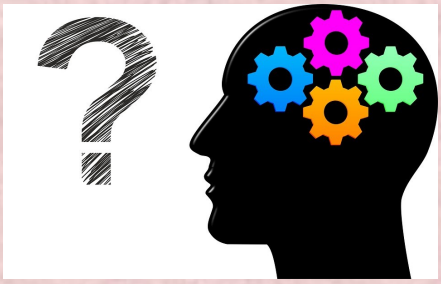
Literacy Drive

we would like to enhance the reading areas and create reading corners throughout the school. The children have come up with a wonderful way of doing this. We kindly request for you to send 1 old book into school per child. The books will be organised as per age group and our student council will arrange for them to be placed throughout the school.

Winter Performance Picnic 13th December

It would be wonderful if you could all join us on Thursday 13th December. The performance will begin at 8:30 am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. There will refreshments to purchase on the day but would be lovely if you could bring a little picnic for yourself. Please note that there will be no chairs available on the day. You should bring a picnic blanket and a/or camping chairs. ***Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.***

Important Information : All primary students should arrive at school wearing their performance clothes on Thursday 13th December.



End of term - 13th December

As you know the end of term is getting close but I would like to remind parents that students should attend school until the very last day. As it is assessment week, the school will close at 12pm for all students from Sunday 9th December- Thursday 13th December.

Reflection

It is very important for us to reflect on our performances this term, academically and any achievements we may have gained since the beginning of the term. It is this reflection which reminds us of where we were and in which direction we're heading. It is important that your children also do this in order to know the areas that they want/need to improve.

Have a great weekend!

Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary

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Letter from the Head of Primary

Winter Picnic

Dear Parents,

Please join us to celebrate the end of term with a winter picnic on the playground. Our primary students have been practising their performances for over a month and would like to showcase what they've been doing. So what better way to do this than with a picnic. Watch your children performing some winter themed classics whilst tucking into your favourite picnic foods.

No chairs will be provided on the day so please bring your own camping chairs and/or picnic blankets. Tea and coffee will be available to purchase on the day.

Can you please arrive at least 20 mins before the show starts. We cannot change the schedule of the performance, so please can you ensure your child arrives on time for school.

The performance will begin at 8:30am on Thursday 13th December.

Pastoral Message

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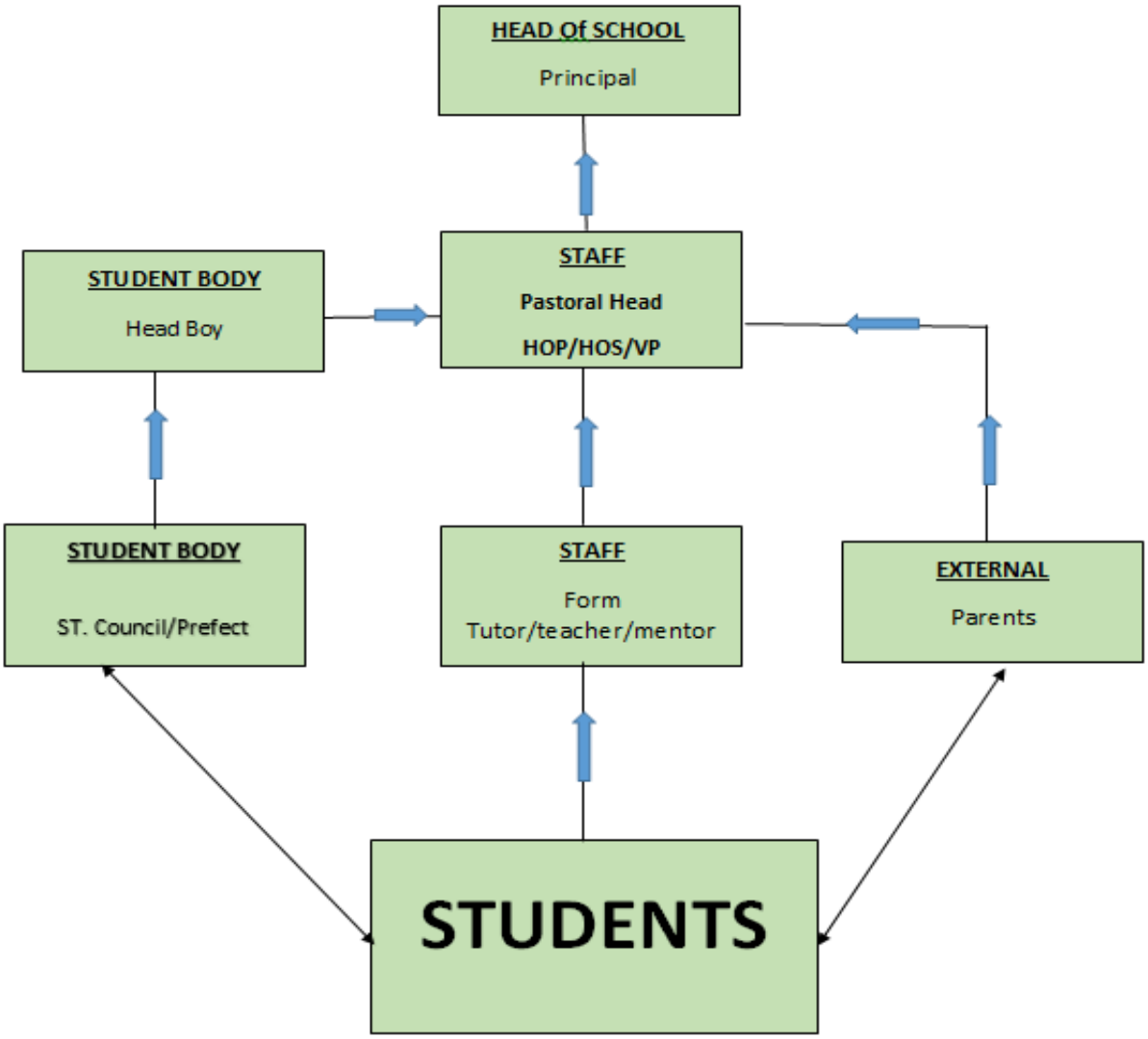
Students' Voice – How do we hear it?



Attendance Letter

Attendance Matters

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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-

• 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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Year 3B have been working hard at home looking after the environment by making bird houses out of recycled materials.

Photos Credit to:
Miss Rosie Moore

News BBS Charity Club

"Members of the BBS Charity Club with donated items for the BBS Charity Campaign. The campaign is collecting useful household items to donate to vulnerable people in our local communities. Please help this worthwhile cause and help make a difference to the lives of people who contribute so much to all of our lives. The last day for donated items is Thursday 13th of December. The Charity Club would like to thank everyone who has generously donated to the campaign so far."

Photo Credit to:
Mr Conor Keelaghan

News from Arabic Department

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Year 2

قام طلاب السنة الثانية بعمل نشاط عن المهن المستقبلية في جو من الحماس .

Year 2 students made an activity about future profession in collaborative and fun atmosphere .

By : Samah Kamel