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BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

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News and Events

Diary Dates

Week 6 Autumn

Term 1
Continuous Assessment
7-18 Oct 2018
Normal School Timings

Term 1
Midterm Break
21-23 Oct 2018

2nd
Parent Coffee Morning
28 Oct 2018 @08:00

1st Parents' Evening
29 Oct 2018
@16:00-18:00

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

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

Prophet Muhammad
Birthday (to be confirmed)
20 Nov 2018

3rd
Parent Coffee Morning
25 Nov 2018 @08:00

Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. During this week we started off our first session of continuous assessments this academic year, which will continue on until we reach our half term break. Once they are completed, students, teachers and parents should have a good idea of how our students are working and of their potential for the future. We will also have the opportunity to reflect on what went well and where areas for improvement lie. This is a process that we repeat at each half termly period through each academic year, to enable us to develop and monitor teaching and learning and attainment.

Our teachers have had a significant amount of training time recently, to help reflect and plan ahead on areas of Teaching and Learning and also on inspection and accreditation preparation. Although the processes are rigorous and time consuming, they are necessary and our staff have been working diligently to ensure we provide the best possible educational experience for all of our students. We will provide more specific details of BBS initiatives, accreditations and inspections in due course, but in the meantime we do hope that we continue to see our children develop as confident learners.

Our focused value this week has been **Empathy - the ability to understand and share the emotions of others**. We all favour different methods and times of sharing our emotions. Although it is all too easy to dwell on the negative aspects of modern communication methods and social media interactions, there are many more positive facets to the way in which we can all emphasise and communicate. I have been guilty of poking fun at my own parents for my perception of their lack of ability to communicate in more modern methods; they quickly pointed out to me that they taught me how to read, write, use a knife, fork and spoon and even helped me out of nappies... message of empathy received loud and clear Mum and Dad!

My communication with my parents and children are similarly born from mutual respect. Often we can forget that, but a quick reminder is all that is needed to restore a sense of empathy and get back on track. How that is communicated is up to us, as it will determine how the message is received. I hope that we all continue to grow and develop as a caring and cooperative school community, full of empathy, respect, kindness and mutual support.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson
Principal
Belvedere British School



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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 coming to the end of our first half term of this academic year. The term is moving along very quickly and all of our students are in the middle of their continuous assessment schedule which will finish by half term - we wish them every success. .

Parents IGCSE Options Evening:

It was really fantastic to see so many parents attend our IGCSE Options Evening on Wednesday. The event was a big success with parents and students having the chance to talk with Subject Leaders regarding all aspects of their subjects. Many students made their choices on the night and had a very clear educational pathway. For all Year 9 students the deadline for handing in IGCSE Option forms is Sunday 14th October.

FIFA Club World Cup Roadshow:

Next wednesday we have an incredible treat for all football fans - the FIFA Club World Cup Roadshow. FIFA will be putting on an official roadshow to highlight and promote club world cup and the sport and get young people involved. Both boys and girls will be able to participate. The roadshow will be in school for the whole day.

Parental Communication:

If there are any parents who are having difficulty in accessing our Engage system, can you please advise our admin team who will be more than happy to provide up to date Engage login details.

Uniform:

Uniform compliance is getting better each week and our students look amazing but there are still some students are not wearing the full correct uniform i.e missing a school tie or not wearing the correct school shoes. Can I remind all parents it is mandatory for all students to be in full school uniform each day.

I would like to wish all our parents and students a happy weekend and see you all next week.

Kind regards,



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Letter from the Head of Primary

Dear parents,

We have had a wonderful week with your children. It started with a wonderful assembly from the Asian Football League. They came in with their mascots and the children got very excited. It was wonderful to see their faces.

Values

We have spoken about the value EMPATHY this week and tried to get the students to think about how other people are feeling. You can continue to do this at home to ensure that your child is feeling happy. Next week we will be focusing on RESILIENCE.

Uniform

We have seen an increase in the number of students wearing the correct uniform this week which is wonderful and thank you to all the parents who continue to send their children wearing the correct school uniform. However, we still have a large number of students wearing incorrect shoes or not wearing ties. If your child does not have a tie they can be purchased at the school reception. **Every child should be wearing the correct uniform.** PE shoes should be white, school shoes should be black shoes and not sports shoes and girls tights should be white. From next week onwards you will be receiving a warning letter from me if your child does not have the correct uniform. After 3 letters your child will be suspended. Please support us on our mission of ensuring that all our students are equal.

Student Council

Next week will be announcing our Primary student council. The children will vote for individuals in their year groups who show exemplary behaviour to be nominated for a place on our student council.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary



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Letter from the Head of Primary



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KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE



Do not park on crossings

**Drop off is for dropping
off your child, not for
parking.**



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,

This year we are going to focus in more positive and reward based culture in Belvedere British School. We have our new Pastoral System in place and ready to be implemented.

Our student council teams have been elected through elections in secondary. New House System is already introduced and lists are shared with teachers and students. Students will be rewarded with house points for positive attitude in the school. Please contact Class/Form teachers if you have any enquiries about your children's houses.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate **Wajih Omairi** from **7B1** as
“Student of the Month” for September.

Mrs Anam Zulfiqar

Assistant Principal Pastoral

pastoral@belvederebritishschool.com

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 |

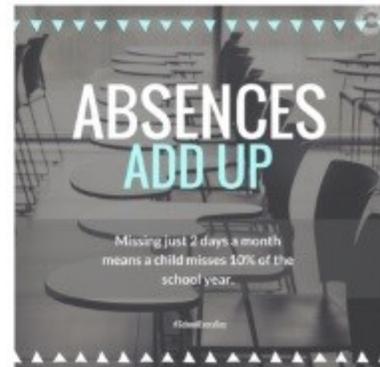
The class with the highest attendance, will win the Attendance Stars Class award .

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.



News from Foundation Stage 2



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The children being introduced to Handa's surprise learning about fruit and healthy eating:

Children creating patterns and the garden picture



Miss Laura Carter
FS2 Teacher

This Week: The Children got very creative making some patterns in Maths lessons.



Reminders: No School for Mid-Term Holiday 21, 22, 23 of October.

Please allow your child to bring in a story book for their class library.

Help your child learn to write



SCRIBBLING & DRAWING

Your child needs to practice making marks and shapes before being able to write letters. Provide lots of opportunities to scribble and draw so they can develop these skills.

PLAYDOUGH, PEGS & FINGER PUPPETS

Your child needs to be able to use their fingers independently to write. Activities that strengthen and encourage your child to use their fingers will develop the skills your child needs.



CLIMBING & SWINGING

Your child needs strong arm and body muscles to sit up and write. They also need good control of their arms. Outdoor activities that encourage them to use their whole body will develop these muscles.

THREADING, CLAPPING, BATTING & STREAMERS

Crossing the body's mid-line is an important skill needed for writing. Encourage your child to thread items along a string. Clapping games, batting a tennis ball or a balloon, and playing with long streamers, all help to encourage this skill.



TORCHES & BALL GAMES

Your child needs to track with their eyes to write. Asking your child to follow a torchlight, just with their eyes, will develop their tracking skills. Ball games will also develop this skill.

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PLAYING WITH AND IDENTIFYING LETTERS & WORDS

Your child needs to be interested in letters and words to write. Encourage your child to look for letters and words in their home and environment.



WRITING LISTS & WRITING FOR A PURPOSE

Your child needs to understand that writing has a purpose. Ask your child to help you write a shopping list or write a note for a friend or neighbour.

Next Week:

Phonics: Sounds u,b,f,e

Literacy: Continuing with the story Handa's Surprise & Name Writing.

Maths: 2D Shapes

Try some of these activities with your child at home to help improve their pencil control.

Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage Team

Miss Karen McNelis
FS2 Teacher



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News from Year 1B

"Year 1B had a terrific Art lesson. We made creative crabs and jiggling jellyfish. We are learning so much about all the animals roaming the planet!"



Miss Gerlien Laubscher
Year 1 Teacher



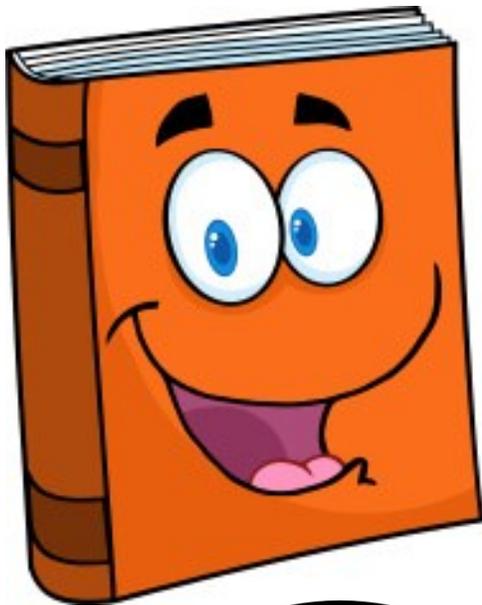
News from Year 4B



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Students bringing in books for our little library in our classroom (Year 4B)

Omar Fadly, Maha Al Hammadi
Shamma Al Hammadi and Maryam Alhammadi



Miss Alieda Bennett
Year 4B Teacher

News from Science Department



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Year 9 Boys observed the reaction between metals and water. They found that, alkali metals such as sodium, potassium and lithium are very reactive with water.

potassium	most reactive	K
sodium		Na
calcium		Ca
magnesium		Mg
aluminium		Al
carbon		C
zinc		Zn
iron		Fe
tin		Sn
lead		Pb
hydrogen		H
copper		Cu
silver		Ag
gold		Au
platinum	least reactive	Pt



Ms Remya Praveen
Science Teacher

News from Science Department



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The Year 10 Girls Triple Physics class demonstrating that upwards forces on an object equal the downwards forces on that object.



Mr Pádraig Guiney
Science Teacher

News from Arabic Department



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Year 2



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للإبداع عنوان وسر عنوانه حماس ونشاط طلاب السنة الثانية في تطبيق حرف

Year 2 made an activity as application for letter ت



By : Samah Kamel





School uniform

Dear Parents,

Within Belvedere British School we have a strong history, vision and ethos for our students which encourages strong minds, independence, academic rigor and community spirit. With that we also want our students to feel part of the BBS family. The way this is shown is through engaging in school life, meeting our expectations and striving to accomplish their goals. Meeting our expectations encompasses wearing the correct school uniform which publically displays the students' acknowledgment and respect for Belvedere British School values and traditions.

Attached is a breakdown of our school uniform requirements. Can you please take some time to view the attachment and provide your child with the correct uniform as this is a vital component of your child's school life. We will be monitoring uniform infringements closely as with all aspects of your child's academic life. If there are continuous uniform infringements we will impose our uniform sanctions as stated in our Uniform Policy.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind regards



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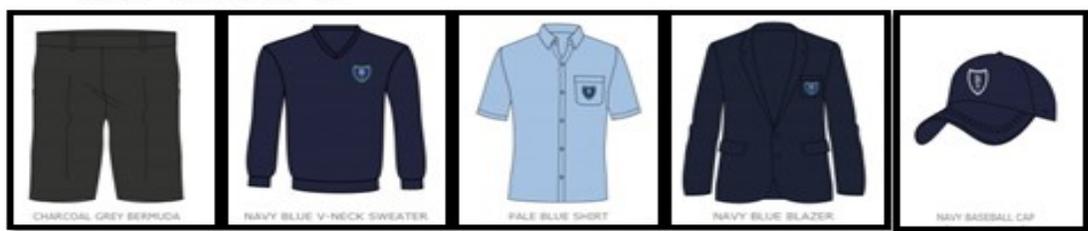
School uniform

Boys' summer

FS2



Year 1-Year 3



Year 4-Year 13



Boys' Sports Kit

FS2- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Boys' winter

FS2



Year 1- Year 3



Year 4- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Girls' summer

FS2



Year 1- Year 3



Year 4- Year 13



Girls' sports kit

FS2- Year 13



Important

School uniform

Girls' winter

FS2

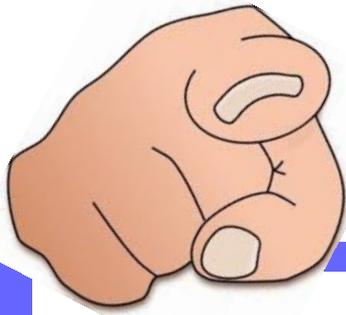


Year 1- Year 3



Year 4-Year 13





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Join us as a member of the BBS Board of Governors (BoG)!

The Belvedere British School BoG work in partnership with BBS Senior and Middle Leaders and other members of the school community, to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children, staff and parents.

The BoG work on a range of school areas, including; finance, infrastructure, safeguarding, medical and health and safety, academic curricula, resources, public relations and marketing, discipline, complaints and employee affairs, as well as other areas that arise.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a BBS Governor, or would like to know more information, please contact Mr. Ciaran directly principal@belvederebritishschool.com

Meetings take place four times each academic year and we welcome people who would like to contribute to discussions on school related topics and help make a real difference to life at BBS.

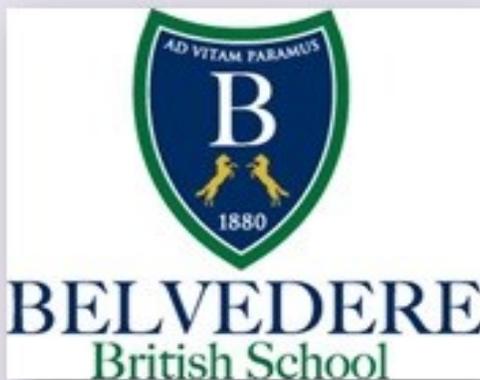
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OF THE DAY

7:25

Bell Ring- Students go to their classroom
(Primary and Secondary)

7:30

Form Registration Time

7:35 AM

Side Doors Close
-No Entry to classrooms/Assembly Yard
-Late Students wait in the Foyer

7:40

ASSEMBLY

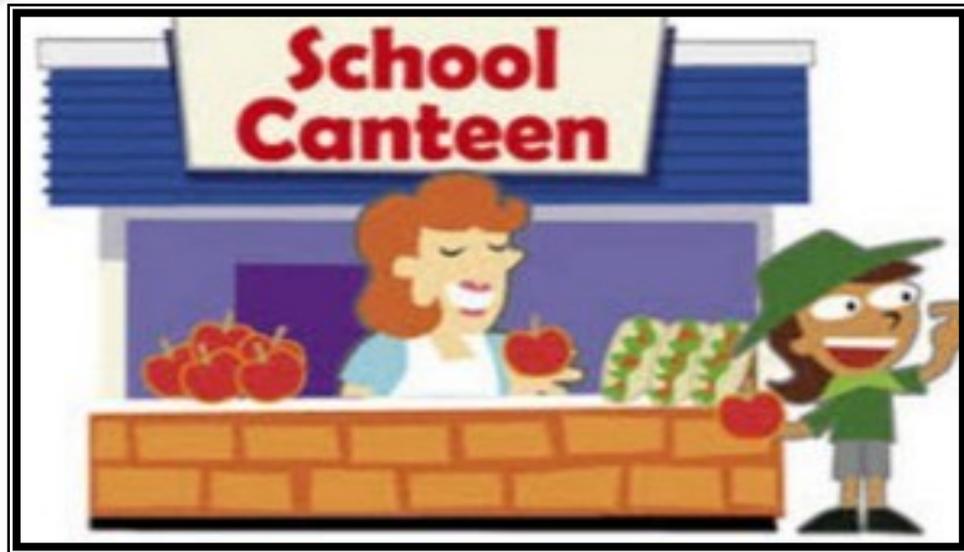
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Period 1

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Available
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Canteen Newsletter

We are pleased to have our new catering company, Raptors - delivering meals to students and staff of BBS.

Raptors' vouchers are available to purchase as whole booklets from the Finance Department office. They come in booklets of different values: 100 Dhs, 150 Dhs, 200 Dhs, 300 Dhs, 450 Dhs and 500 Dhs. The cafeteria staff will not accept cash for payment after Thursday 4th October.

If you have any remaining old vouchers, please take them to the Finance Department, to exchange them for cash.



ATTENTION!



Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that we will have a mandatory vaccination to all YEAR 1 (with agreed consent only) on **24 October 2018** at 7:50am - 11:30am.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Arlene Manluyang Calamba

HAAD-RN/SN

HAAD Lic. GN16718

Nurse

Belvedere British School

