



BELVEDERE
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BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

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News and Events

Diary Dates

Week 15 Autumn

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)

Dear Parents,

Happy Thursday to you all. I hope that you and your families are well and ready for the start of our winter holiday period. I know that I am very much looking forward to spending some quality time with my family, on a short break to Sri Lanka and here in Abu Dhabi. Although it is the winter break, a lot of our school community will celebrate the holiday according to their own traditions - one of the advantages of being in such a multicultural community is the ability to share in a myriad of celebratory occasions.

Our children may be dazzled by the magic of colours, regular abundance of sweet treats and the promise of presents. But what about parents? As parents we are the providers for presents and for wishes to come true, so it is in the giving that we receive; children's smiles of joy and the priceless time spent together with family are surely enough reward in themselves.

I do hope that you and your families have a glorious holiday period together. It can be a stressful period for so many people, particularly those who are less fortunate than us. I hope that you get the balance right between celebration and over indulgence, taking the necessary amount of trips to meet up with family and friends and taking time to enjoy periods of relaxation, just the right amount of time spent with extended family members.

Above all else I wish that children's wishes come true and you spoil them...with love!

“Too much love never spoils children. Children become spoiled when we substitute ‘presents’ for ‘presence’.”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children, teachers, administrators and ancillary staff here a very break and a prosperous start to 2019. Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

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



Letter from the Vice Principal/ Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

Overview:

We made it, it's finally the end of term. Our students and teachers have worked so hard and I wish to celebrate and congratulate everyone for accomplished so much this term. Everyone deserves a break from work and relax and unwind. I truly hope you all have a wonderful and peaceful break and all our wonderful students come back refreshed and eager to start the new year full of energy and excitement.

End of term reports:

Our controlled assessments have finished and student reports are now available via our Engage system. If a hard copy is required can you request one from our admin team who will be happy to help.

CCP Provision:

CCPs will be back in full swing from the start of the January term. We have included new activities such as swimming, kickboxing and cricket to name a few. It would be great to see lots of secondary students taking part in the many activities on offer. Complete the online form via Engage and sign up for some outstanding after school activities.

Uniform:

Can all parents be reminded of the correct uniform requirements so that all students can start the new term fully committed and dressed appropriately for their learning. (see the attached sheet for uniform requirements)

Have a wonderful and relaxing winter break and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

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.

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| 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.

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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 Term comes to an end and winter break is here. This term has been wonderful and students showed great progress in all aspects of their school life. Students behaviour improved massively and they are now showing more responsible attitudes towards their learning, we can see more sense of respect for others and themselves as well. As now BBS is focusing more on reward culture, students are putting more efforts in their academics and behaviour. Students with most house points, and 100% attendance and Tutee of the Term 1 will be announced after the winter break. Thanks you to all and students who applied for student council in Primary section. Elections will be held after the winter break.

Our student council and prefects in Secondary did amazing work during Term 1 by conducting Anti Bullying Week and Charity campaign. Thanks to all the parents and students who participated in our charity campaign.

Have a nice and relaxing Winter holidays. See you all back to school after holidays. A very happy Christmas to those who are celebrating.

Anam Zulfiqar

Assistant Principal Pastoral

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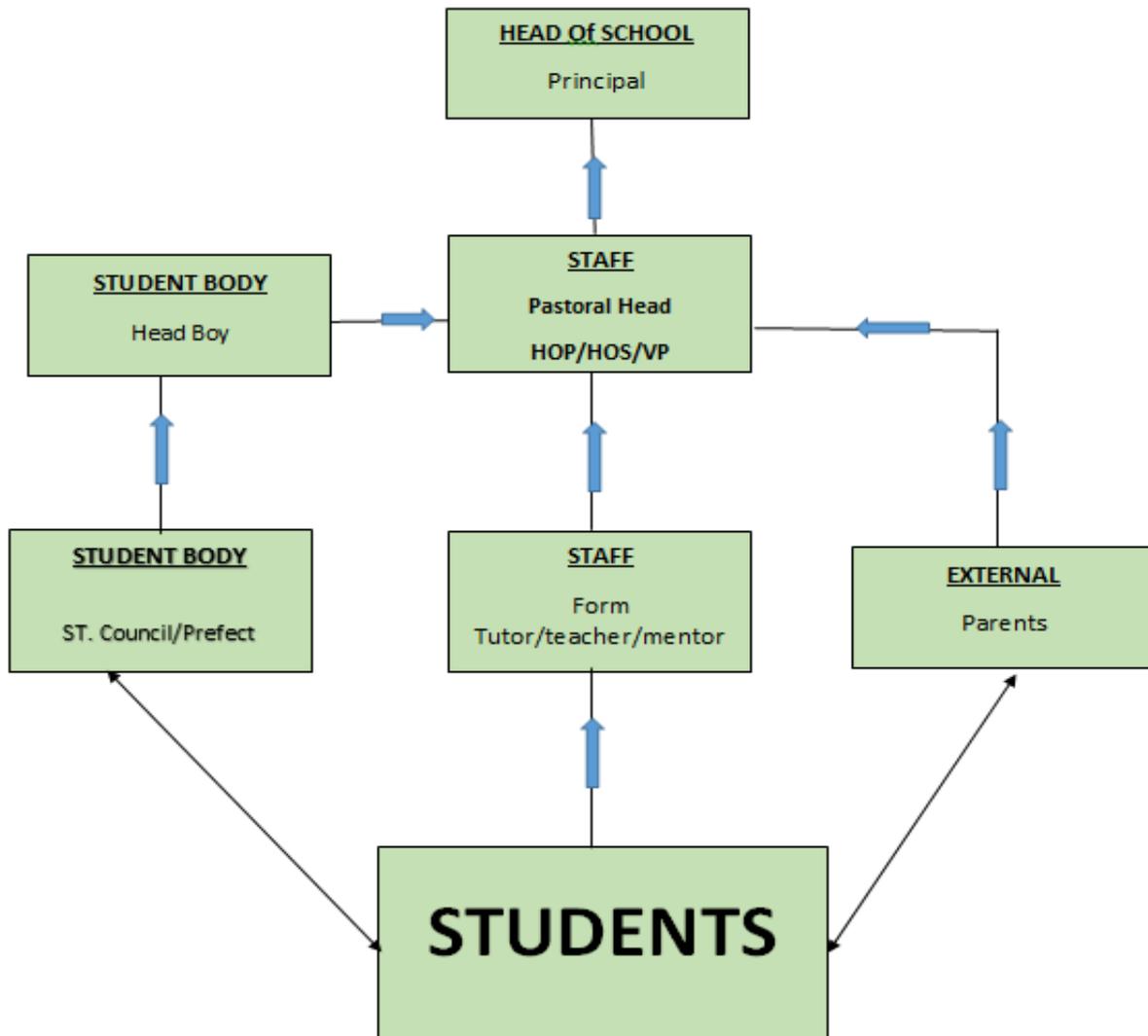
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Students' Voice – How do we hear it?



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 |

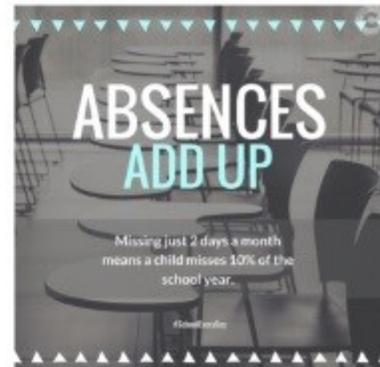
The class with the highest attendance, will win the Attendance Stars Class award .

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 English Department

BBS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION!

Come and join us here at Belvedere on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 3pm for our in house competition.

Competitors from our debating club have been busy preparing their speeches on a plethora of topics and are ready to inspire you.

Come along ... as you may learn something new.



Come and show your support – parents welcome.

Mrs. Zoe, Miss Shanice and Ms. Louise
English Department