



BELVEDERE

British School

Diary Dates

Week 4 Autumn

1st Parent Coffee Morning
30 Sept 2018 @08:00

2nd Engage Training Session for Parents
03 Oct 2018
16:00-17:00
(See page 26)

Student Council Elections
4 Oct 2018

BBS Teacher's Day
4 Oct 2018

IGCSE Options Event for Students
7 Oct 2018
13:20

IGCSE Options Event for Parents
9 Oct 2018
17:00-18:30

Term 1 Continuous Assessment
7-18 Oct 2018

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

BELVEDERE NEWSLETTER

27 September 2018 – Edition (184)

News and Events

Dear Parents,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. Things continue to be busy here at school and I am sure your own family time is full of activities too. It is great to see our children putting so much time and effort into their studies and activities, but I do also trust that they get the balance right and get enough sleep each night.

We have been finishing off our Benchmark testing sessions this week, with presentations to parents on them on Wednesday afternoon; thank you to all parents who took the time to attend. Thank you also for coming to our Arabic and Islamic Meet the Teachers event. As always, your attendance is as encouraging as it is appreciated. We look forward to welcoming fathers and mothers to our first Parents' Coffee Morning of the year, starting at 08:00 on Sunday 30th October. Please come early to get a drink and snack before we discuss some whole school issues and initiatives.

As I hope you are now aware, we have a weekly school focus here at BBS. Themes are introduced in our morning assemblies and are explored further with class teachers and form tutors. The areas of our focus will rotate on our school core values of **Respect, Integrity, Care & Kindness, Honesty, Tolerance, Empathy and Resilience**. We will also include focus time devoted to **Intellectual Curiosity, Charity & Service, Effort and Love**.

This week we have focused on **Honesty**. I would like to be very honest with you and say that although we do appreciate communications from parents, it can sometimes feel as though we receive more criticisms than messages of thanks or appreciation. Without being too philosophical, it could be said to be true for all of us, teachers, parents and in all types of work and areas of our personal and professional lives.

I am not asking parents not to complain, but rather to provide constructive criticism whenever possible - it would help us all enormously if parents offered some suggestions on how to solve or improve things that need attention. We are trying to be a more positively focused school, by giving more recognition, rewards and opportunities for all of our students. Please help us by sending us examples of things that your children have done, so that we can celebrate them at school. Your teachers will be happy to receive through Engage, email or from Reception.



<http://davidkeen.blogspot.com/2014/01/the-complaints-queue.html>

Many thanks for your continued support,

Ciarán Cunningham-Watson
Principal
Belvedere British School



Letter from the Vice Principal/ Head of Secondary

Secondary Newsletter

A whole month has already gone by, where has the time gone? Our students are really getting involved in their studies and showing real determination and progress. I hope they can maintain this momentum for the rest of this term. Students are openly stating their enjoyment and excitement at being part of the Belvedere British School family and I want this to continue and grow.

Start of the school day

Thank you to those parents ensure their child is at school on time every day. The whole school assembly is an important part of our school day. The singing of the National Anthem in front of the nation's flag and the daily reading from the Quran are important to underpin the values we would like our children to aspire to. It is for this reason that we want them to be treated with dignity and respect. Latecomers are missing out on our Belvedere British School community assembly. Please will all parents make sure their child is at school at no later than 7.30am so they can get registered and then attend school assembly. Your continued support as always is very much appreciated.

Parental Communication:

It is very important that the school is able to communicate quickly with parents and keep parents informed of any aspect of the school either via our Engage system, telephone or message service. I would be very grateful if parents who have not yet furnished us with any changes to their contact details could contact the school and remedy this.

Cross Curricular Programme:

It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces at the after school clubs this week. Our school is not just about learning through the academic experiences provided during our lessons. We are also keen to promote creativity, social skills and confidence building. There are a diverse range of opportunities to do this at 3pm each Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, including Music, Football, Quiz Club, Art, Netball, Languages, Cookery, Singing and Debating. These CCPs continue throughout the academic year but change around each half term. A big thank you to all our staff who work so hard to provide these enjoyable CoCurricular activities.

Uniform:

One final note regarding uniforms. Thank you so much to those parents who have actively responded to our request for improving the students uniform status. Our students are looking amazing and they also feel part of the Belvedere British School community. As you are aware school uniform is a vital part of school culture and tradition; it unites and connects students with a common vision and appearance. At BBS we strive to maintain the highest standards across all aspects of school life including uniform. Can parents please ensure that their child has the correct uniform every day which will include black leather shoes and white trainers/sneakers for PE.

Kind regards,

Tony McSheffrey

Vice Principal
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Letter from the Head of Primary

Values

We would like to create a display on 'Values'. Please ask your child to cut out the leaf below and write something about any of the following...

Tolerance - How are you tolerant?

Honesty - Why should you be an honest person?

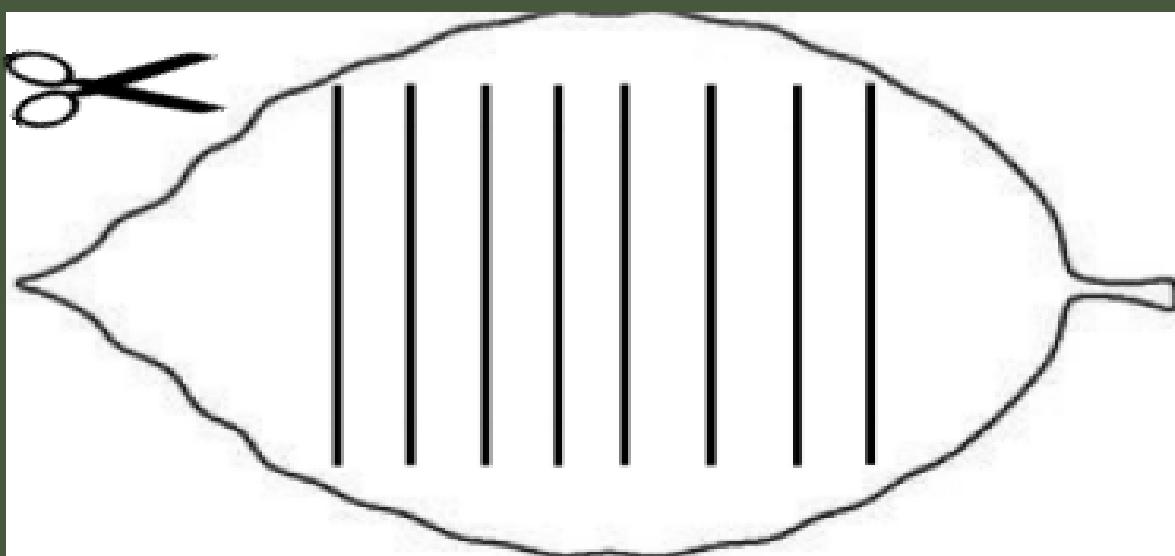
Kindness - What act of kindness did you do this week?

Care - When did you last show someone that you care.

Respect - What does the word respect mean to you?



Your child can decorate the leaf, however, please ensure that the writing can still be seen.





Letter from the Head of Primary

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that a month has passed by so quickly. Your children have settled very well into school life and I am very happy with the behaviour and attitude.

It is imperative that your child attends school daily on time. Failure to attend on time daily makes your child miss out on important learning time.

There are still many children who are coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform Every day. The school uniform unifies all our students. It allows a child to be respectful of their own personal appearance.

The CCP will continue next week. Unfortunately, there can be no more changes in the groups. Cycle 2 registrations will be open from Sunday 30th October until 13th October. After this time no students will be added into the CCPs. The reason for this is that too many changes can cause disruption and unsettlement. The CCP will be confirmed by 18th October.

Please send in your child's books on Sunday. The teacher will take in all the books required. They also have the required stationery that was on the stationery list given at the beginning of the academic year. If they have not received the list, please contact your child's teacher.

We have been told that we need to improve our communication between parents and school. We currently have the Engage portal which can be used to contact the class teachers. Please ensure you have your log in details. If you don't please contact engage@bevederebritishschool.com who will give you log in details and passwords.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Leanne Woodward
Head of Primary



BOOKS

Please send in ALL books.

Currently, not all students have a book for every subject. It is important that they have the books every day. These books will remain in school. The only book to be sent home will be the Homework books. You will have an opportunity to look at their books during parent meetings.



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,

Just a reminder that the Student Council Elections will be held on Thursday, 4th October 2018.



We will also introduce House groups and points system very soon.

House Points

If you have any queries regarding Pastoral Program, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Have a nice weekend!



Mrs Anam Zulfiqar
Assistant Principal Pastoral
pastoral@belvederebritishschool.com

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-

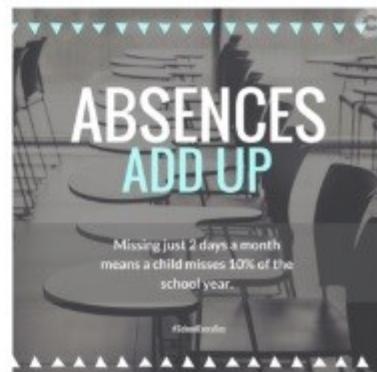
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 100% attendance for a full half term● 100% attendance for a full term● 100% attendance for a full year | <ul style="list-style-type: none">= Bronze Attendance Award= Bronze Punctuality Award= Silver Attendance Award= Silver Punctuality Award= Gold Attendance Award.= Gold Punctuality Award |
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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 Primary Department



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Look what we can do...



The FS2 children have been learning the letters m, a, s and d in their phonics lessons. They have loved every lesson and are well on their way to becoming fantastic readers!

Year 1B learned all about the animals we find in the sky. We decorated our lovely animals during an Art lesson and learned so much by being creative!

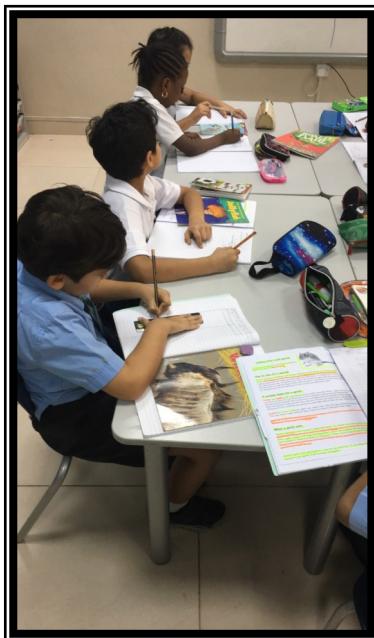
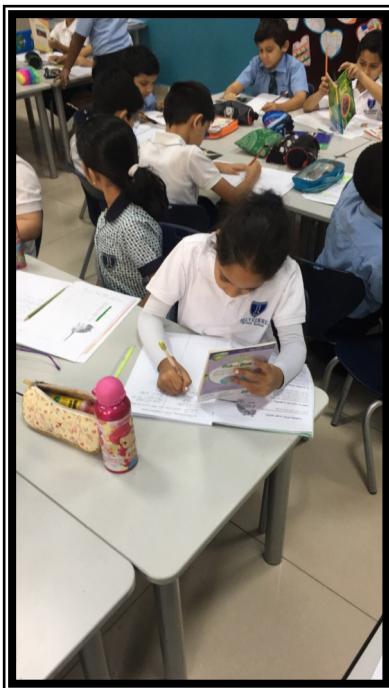


News from Year 3



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Year 3 have been busy sorting all kinds of books ahead of their information texts topic. Working together, they managed to sort out lots of books in different categories. Here, they are hard at work sorting non fiction and fiction books.



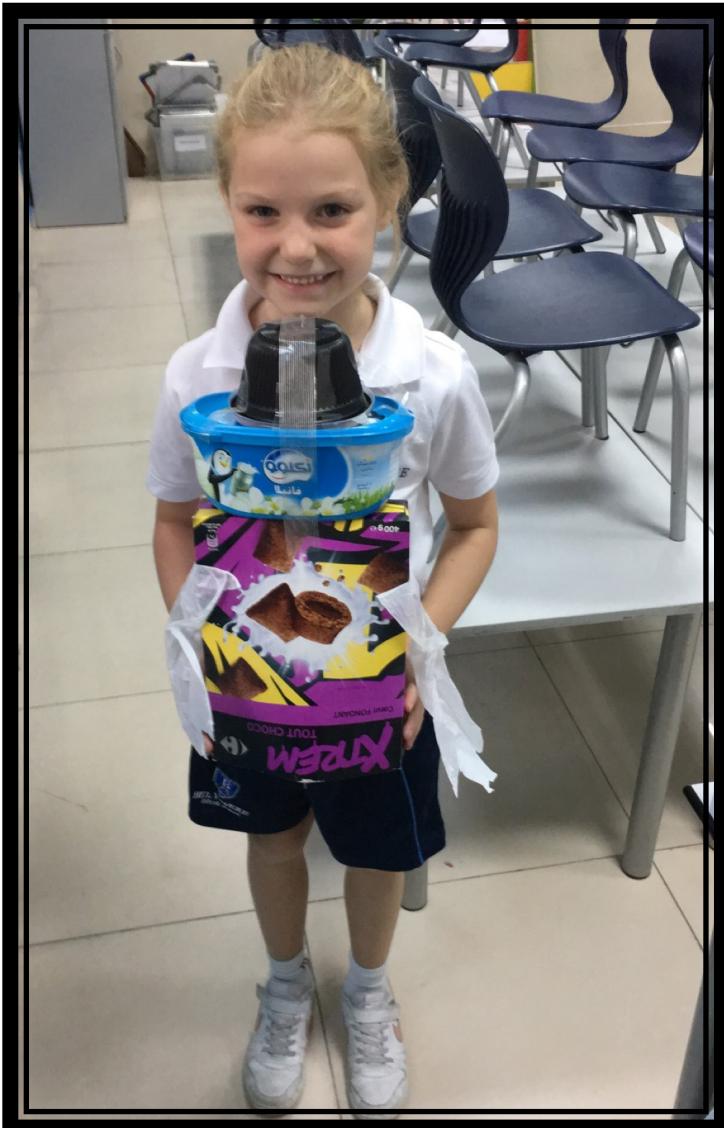
Miss Rosie Moore
Year 3 Teacher

News from Year 3B



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During our moral education lesson we have been discussing how we reuse materials around our house and care for our environment. 3B were set to the task of making something out of recycled materials. Portia decided to make her own robot, and what a fabulous robot it is! Good job Portia.



Miss Rosie Moore
Year 3 Teacher

News from French Class



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Year 8 boys put in some last minute practice talking to each other in French. The Belvedere French League kicks off next week.



Mr Simon Lock
French Teacher



News from English Department



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The world's biggest book sale is coming to Dubai

More than three million books will be available: 'the discounted prices mean that people from all walks of life – white collar; blue collar – have access to books'

For more information:

<https://www.thenational.ae/arts-culture/books/the-world-s-biggest-book-sale-is-coming-to-dubai-1.771765>



Ms Zoe Cunningham-Watson
English Teacher

News from Geography Class



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Year 8 students completing a treasure hunt! They were investigating the advantages and disadvantages of non renewable energy.

Note to all Ks3 and ks4 Geography students: Please remember to join Google Classroom!



Miss Aoife Flynn
Geography Teacher

News from Geography Class



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Supporting your child through their Geography IGCSE

The Geography Exam

	Length	Mark
Paper 1	1 hour 10 mins	70marks (40%)
Paper 2	1 hour 45 mins	105 (60%)

- ★ Coloured pens
- ★ Calculator
- ★ Past exam papers

Supporting with Revision

Revision is vital for all students in all subjects but it can lead to a great deal of stress and anxiety for some students and their families. Here are some tips for parents and revision:

- ◊ Encourage your son to start revision early - this will also be beneficial for mock exams.
- ◊ Encourage your son to be organised. Managing their time is an important and revision timetables will help here. There are lots of timetables – or you can email me and I'll provide a template.
- ◊ Revision Guides – These are a great tool and student friendly. CGP in particular are particularly popular with year 11 students – these are available in Borders Book Store approx. 40 DHs
- ◊ Ensure your son has a balance to maintain their well-being. They should not be revising at all times! Keep up physical exercise throughout the year and eat healthy.
- ◊ Websites such as BBC Bitesize are a useful tool and cover most subjects at GCSE.
- ◊ Ensure that in your home there is a clear quiet and calm area for your son to do their revision. (This should be an area free from music/social media distractions)
- ◊ Ask your son if you can help them, checking their knowledge with flashcards, pop quizzes, chat about different topics at dinner, ask them to tell you about Geography Case Studies etc.
- ◊ Encourage your son to attend revision sessions offered during lunchtime in term 2 and 3.
- ◊ Ensure your son eats well, drinks water and gets some fresh air.
- ◊ Ensure your son gets enough sleep each night.

Examination Content

Paper 1: The Natural Environment and People

Question 2: Coastal Environments

Question 3: Hazardous Environments

Answer both of these questions

Answer fieldwork question on Coasts

Paper 2: People and Their Environments

Question 4: Economic Activity and Energy

Question 6: Urban Environments

Answer both of these questions

Answer fieldwork question on Urban

Environments.

Global Issues

Answer Question on: Globalisation and Migration

Best Way for your Son to Revise

- Flashcards
- Mind Maps – A3
- Quizzes / Exam Questions
- Poems/ Acrostic Method
- Look, Cover, Write, Check
- Podcasts

Equipment list for your son

The following items will prove to be useful to your son during the revision and exam period.

- ★ Flashcards
- ★ Revision Guides
- ★ A3 paper
- ★ Clear pencil case
- ★ Post it notes
- ★ Revision planner
- ★ Pens – have more than 1!
- ★ Highlighters

Miss Aoife Flynn
Geography Teacher

Reminder from Geography Class



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A reminder to all Geography and Global Citizenship students to sign up to Google classroom (this is replacing Edmodo). All PowerPoint, Lessons, Worksheets, Videos will be posted on your Google Classroom page.

Miss Aoife Flynn
Geography Teacher



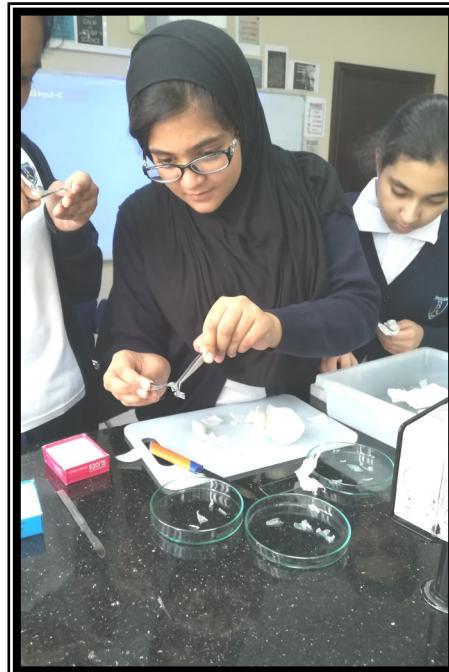
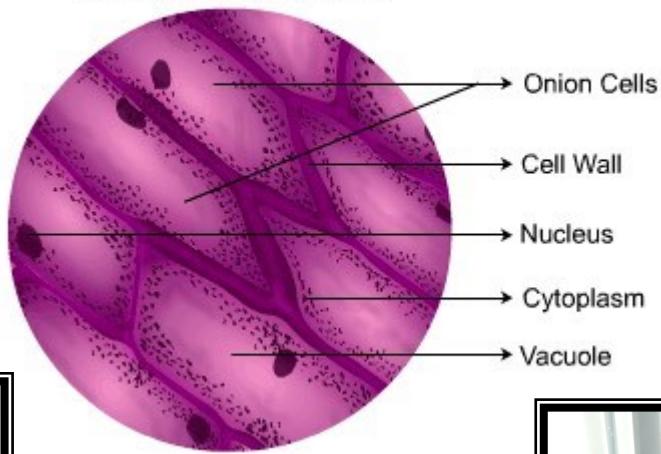
News from Science Department



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Year 7 girls prepared Onion cell slides and they examined it through microscope. They placed the slide under microscope and observed the main parts of the onion cell.

Onion Peel Cells



Ms Remya Praveen
Science Teacher

News from Science Department



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The Year 12 Physics class were determining the acceleration of a freely-falling object.



FREEFALL



Mr Pádraig Guiney
Science Teacher

Public Speaking and Debate Clubs



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Our co-curricular clubs are now in full swing and Years 8-10 really enjoyed their Public Speaking and Debating. This week they had to choose something to abolish forever and the topics ranged from banning outside sport to equality for all. We are already looking forward to next week!



Ms Zoe Cunningham-Watson
English Teacher

News from Arabic Department



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Year 2



ألف أرنب يجري يلعب ياكل جزراً كي لا يتعب

قام طلاب السنة الثانية بعمل نشاط أرنب تطبيقاً لدرس أoshi الأرنب الأكول

Year 2 students made a rabbit as application for their lesson .



By : Samah Kamel

News from Arabic Department



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حرصاً منا على تنمية مهارات الطالب القرائية ، تم تزويد المكتبة بقصص للغة العربية .

We provided the school library with Arabic stories to develop the student literacy skills .



سلسلة ابدأ واقرأ



Important

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 engagement in school life, meeting our expectations and striving to accomplish their goals. Meeting our expectations encompasses wearing the correct school uniform which publicly 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 by Sunday 9th September, 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 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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Important

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



CHARCOAL GREY BERMUDA



NAVY BLUE V-NECK SWEATER



PALE BLUE POLO T-SHIRT



NAVY BLUE BLAZER



NAVY BASEBALL CAP



Year 1- Year 3



CHARCOAL GREY BERMUDA



NAVY BLUE V-NECK SWEATER



PALE BLUE SHIRT



NAVY BLUE BLAZER



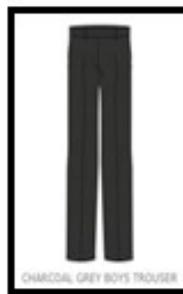
NAVY BASEBALL CAP



CLIP ON TIE



Year 4- Year 13



CHARCOAL GREY BOYS TROUSER



NAVY BLUE V-NECK SWEATER



PALE BLUE SHIRT



NAVY BLUE BLAZER



NAVY BASEBALL CAP



NORMAL TIE



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



Important

ATTENTION!

Dear Parents,

I hope by now you have all received your Engage login details for Belvedere's exciting new school management system that will bring Parents and Staff closer together in monitoring all student needs.

If you would like to receive training on this exciting new system, 2nd training session will be held on

Wednesday 3rd October at:

- 16:00-17:00

We would hope you are available to attend the session above to learn about this amazing new system which will help develop and support your child.

In the meantime if you have any questions or you are experiencing difficulties please contact The Engage Team(engage@belvederebritishschool.com) for further information and assistance.

Thank you.

Paul Davies
Director of Studies



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Start

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

7:55

Period 1

Important

ATTENTION!

Parents

COFFEE
MORNING

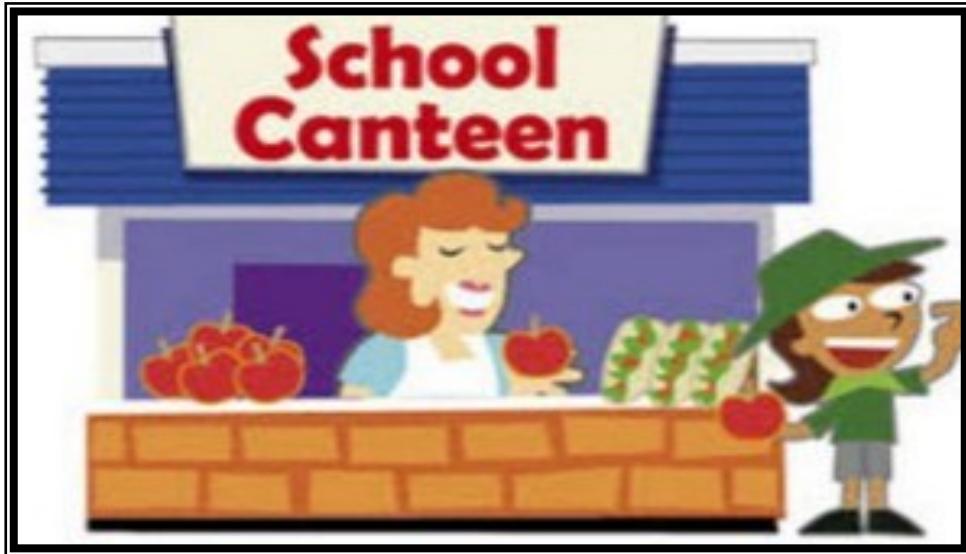


As announced, please be reminded that there will be a **Parents Coffee Morning** on **Sunday, 30th September- 8am in the Main Hall**

All BBS Parents (FS2-Year 13) are welcome to attend!

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Canteen Newsletter

We would like to inform you that School Canteen will be available starting **Sunday, 30th September 2018**. Vouchers are available at the Accounting Office (Miss Sageda).

**NOW
OPEN**



Important

ATTENTION!

Dear Parents,

We sent a **MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM (inside the bag of your child/ren)** for you to fill up and return to us so we can update your child/ren medical information. We already received some forms but still waiting for the others to return their forms. Hence, this a gentle reminder to please fill up the Medical Information Form and submit it to the clinic as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated. Thank you !

Best Regards,

Arlene Manluyang Calamba.,HAAD-RN/SN

HAAD Lic. GN16718

Nurse

Belvedere British School

