



**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCIPAL**  
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**Dear BBS families,**

Good morning!

We held a very well attended first weekly session of Parents in Partnership on Thursday and look forward to many more throughout the coming year.

We introduced some members of our leadership team and also had a Q&A session. Many thanks to all those who attended.

All parents will be invited every week at different times on different days in order to try to accommodate as many preferences as possible. We understand that parents are busy people but we would like to encourage you to join as many as you can, as your schedule allows, as we truly value the partnership between school and home and understand your support is invaluable.



**Ad Vitam Paramus–Preparation for Life**



Kind regards,  
Jacqui

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Over the coming weeks I will introduce myself and my colleagues in a series of newsletter articles so we may all develop our knowledge and understanding of our school and acknowledge just how important social capital is.

I am thrilled to be in my fourth Principalship. I started my full-time teaching career in 1985 and since then I have held several middle and senior leadership roles in schools and colleges worldwide. I have extensive experience in the English National Curriculum (I) GCSE, AS/ A-Level and have led teams in several international schools in Singapore; France; Hungary; China; Jordan, and the UAE (including both Dubai and Ras al-Khaimah).

I have also worked in the UK in both state and independent educational establishments in London, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, and Yorkshire. During my career I have taught French; Spanish; English; Theory of Knowledge and ICT; led language departments; held the post Head of Sixth Form; Head of Key Stage 3; Assistant Head; Head of Secondary and Whole School Principal both here in the Middle East and overseas.

I believe passionately in breadth and challenge, as well as a holistic approach and philosophy. I see my role as a pivotal one supporting, encouraging, facilitating, and enabling every individual to achieve their personal best. I strive to build social capital and create a nurturing supportive environment within the school for all. My duty of care is to both students and staff and I value greatly the relationship between home and school and encourage parent input together with all stakeholders.

I am in the UAE with my husband, Gary, who is a University Professor and Head of Incubation. We are the proud parents of four children – two sons, Edward and Charles, and two daughters, Harriet and Imogen, all of whom are here in the UAE. Our family home is in Surrey in the UK, but we are all based here for the long term, having already lived here three or four times since 1994!

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First let me begin by saying how delighted I am to be part of Belvedere British School, and be a part of its continuous journey to success. I am keen for all our children to be the best that they can be. I can assure you that our school will continue to provide the best possible education, outcomes, and experiences for your children.

I am a UK graduate with a Doctorate in Chemical Engineering from the University of Surrey, and pursuing my second Doctorate in Education from the University of Bristol. My 12 years of UAE experience in Education has been in British Curriculum Schools. I started as a teacher in 2008 and grew into a Head of the Department for Math and Science, whereby I held this position for 5 years. I then had a short stint in Qatar Foundation, Doha, where I held a Scientist position. My love for the UAE forced me to return here, whereby I held the position as an Examinations officer for 5 years. During this time, I was responsible for the internal and external Examinations in the School, as well as being responsible for the Academic Quality Assurance. I was responsible for all external Board examinations, which included Pearson Edexcel and Cambridge CIE. In 2017, I was also given the role as an IB coordinator. During this time, I ensured the IB department grew to be one of the most successful in the UAE. My most recent appointment prior to joining BBS was as a Vice Principal for a Private British School in Abu Dhabi.

My hobbies include travelling (I have been to over 50 countries in 5 Continents) and football (I am a dedicated Arsenal fan.)

I am passionate about providing our pupils with a world-class education, and I will not settle for anything less, because your children deserve the absolute best. Working closely with our amazing staff, I aim to create an environment where your children feel safe and happy, excited, and enthralled! A school they are proud to call their own.

“Together we must succeed, and together we will succeed”

I have an open door policy, and will always be there to reply to your calls, or emails.

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Our main priority is always health and safety and the well being of the children in our care. We are honoured that you entrust your wonderful children to use and only ask that you help us in our endeavour by not stopping outside the school at all and if you need to park pulling on to the sand please. It is so dangerous with so many children crossing the road to have stationary cars obstructing our students' view across the road and creating barriers to their pathway.– thank you.

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I do hope you have all been following our social media posts to see in real time the amazing happenings here in Belvedere British School.

It is fabulous to receive so much recognition and acknowledgement and we would like to heartily thank our whole community for all the "likes" and "comments" we receive. :



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