



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear BBS families,

Happy New Year to all!

I do hope everyone enjoyed a thoroughly well-deserved break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends and all our wonderful staff and students have returned to the world of academia with renewed enthusiasm and zest!

Although we always hope for the best we are ever mindful how difficult this period is for all our stakeholders. With rising numbers of Covid cases and new strains we cannot and indeed must not ignore the impact that this and distance learning is having on our community.

As a consequence of the new working week we have modified our timetable slightly to incorporate the changes necessary and also taken this opportunity to include a few new initiatives for this term – including:

Mindful Monday for tutors and students

Wellbeing Wednesday for staff

Daily check – in opportunities for students with our Head of Students Support Services and Social Worker

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Back to School Wellbeing Chat

Dear Parents,

Starting a new term online, getting used to the routine again and not being able to hang out with friends can be daunting.

As students' **wellbeing is our priority** we have introduced a **Wellbeing Chat** with our Social Worker Ms Iman and Student Support Services Ms Anja.

While we are online, every morning **between 7.30am and 8am**, as well as **during the break**, the students can click on the **link** given by the form teacher and start the chat.

If you think your child would benefit from such chat, please do encourage them to join.





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Reflection sessions on Fridays

In light of the new four-and-a-half-day working week of Monday to Friday, we have reviewed our provision and kept the changes to a minimum to ensure continuity and reduce any possible inconvenience to all our BBS families.

- **The beginning of the school day remains the same from Monday to Friday:**
 - **7.15 am doors open**
 - **7.30 – 7.45 am Form Time**
 - **7.40 am The National Anthem followed by Registration**
 - **7.45 am Assembly**

- **The end of the school day remains the same except for Friday**
 - **Dismissal on Friday will work thus:**
 - **Buses dismissal at 11.20 am**
 - **FS2 to Year 4 leave at 11.20 am**
 - **Year 5 – 13 leave at 11.30 am**

 - Previously there were 7 periods a day – there will now be 8
 - Previously there were 2 x 40-minute breaks – there will now be 1 x 40 minute and 1x 20-minute break
 - Previously assembly was 50 minutes – it is now 30 minutes
 - Previously the first class started at 8.20 am – it now starts at 8 am
 - Previously Activities were held on a Tuesday after school – they will now take place within the school day on a Friday morning so all staff and students may participate with no issues concerning pickups.

As you will note we have endeavoured to make the minimum amount of changes and to ease logistics for everyone. Please be assured we will continue to deliver an excellent British curriculum and will not compromise on the rigor and robust teaching and learning here at Belvedere British School.



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Key Skill Master:



Ali Al Sultani

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Ahmed Abuelhassan



Omar Abdelmajid & Yousef Abdelhady

Best attitude & effort:

Ahmed Abuelhassan

Maths Mind of the Week:

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Key Skill Master:



Filza Aziz

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Azwa Khan

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Key Skill Master:



Hamza Munir

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Jack Dawson



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Coffee with the Leadership Team

Thursday 13th January from 8 - 9 am



Our first Parents in Partnership session will take place this week on Thursday 13th January from 8 - 9 am and we warmly invite you all to join us for - Coffee with the Leadership Team which will be incorporate a Q&A session - please do email me with any questions you may have ahead of time:

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/ari-yvku-xxs?authuser=0>



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