

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Vision, Mission and Values

Belvedere British School to provide an excellent teaching and learning environment where students achieve more due to the high standards expected from our educational philosophy. Ultimately we aim to prepare students for life, based on our values of Tolerance, Respect, and Responsibility.

We provide a holistic education and inspire lifelong learning. Our students are motivated to apply themselves so they achieve their full potential in all aspects of school life. We encourage high and realistic expectations, so our students have aspirations that take them beyond school to their own futures, in the UAE and internationally.

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School Principal | Belvedere British School

After our first full week back, I continue to be impressed by the community feel of our school. Several of our new parents have commented that of all the schools they visited, ours provided the most friendly and welcoming experience.

This week, I have been meeting with our Key Stage Leaders and Heads of Department. Again, I am impressed by their experience and ideas for the continued improvement of BBS. This year, I think it is time for them to shine and grow and we will be supporting them to do so in our drive to improve leadership throughout the school. If a school is to be successful it needs to be a place of opportunities not only for our students but for our teachers and leaders.

We have also been successfully hiring new teachers to ensure that we have a full complement of staff to cover all our students' needs. We will formally introduce them in the next newsletter. Also coming up will be news from our sections and about some of the events that will be appearing on our calendar.

Speaking of events, we have extended the duties of 'activities coordinator' at BBS in order to ensure we maximise the opportunities for our young people to learn, lead, and develop in even more ways – events, trips, activities, etc.

Where we have heard concerns from parents and a few reports of naughty students, we have created learning opportunities. Through your feedback, we are able to either better communicate how we operate or improve our operation. Through incidents where our students have made poor decisions, we have been able to help guide them to develop their skills at making good decisions and taking wise action.

All in all, I think the year is starting well and I for one have high hopes that we will see the best year for BBS.

We look forward to and thank you all for your support.

Authorised Entry Protocols

Just a reminder to parents, guardians and family members, that we do have a strict policy on who can see or pick up students during the school day. We do not allow anyone who is not authorised officially, in writing, to see students. Recently we have had a few incidents where family members or friends have been disappointed to find they haven't been allowed to see students during the day. We don't like to disappoint so please observe the protocols - contact reception for details.

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Professional Development

Although we have a slot in our schedule for professional development, we will provide the staff with the opportunity to further their growth online through the year. This week we began by unpacking an important part of the mission statement of BBS – ‘We provide a holistic education...’ and asked teachers to reflect, discuss and note down what they believed to be a holistic education. They then focused on how their approach to learning and teaching in the classroom helped us realise our goal to provide a holistic education.



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



How to Set Effective Goals

- 1. Be Specific: When setting a goal, be clear about what you want to achieve. Instead of saying, "I want to do better in school," try something more specific, like "I want to improve my math grade from a C to a B by the end of the term."*
- 2. Make It Measurable: Your goal should be something you can track. This helps you see your progress and know when you've achieved it. For example, if your goal is to read more, you could set a target of reading one book per month.*
- 3. Set Realistic and Achievable Goals: While it's great to dream big, make sure your goals are realistic. Setting goals that are too difficult can lead to frustration, while goals that are too easy might not challenge you enough. Find a balance that stretches your abilities but is still within reach.*
- 4. Set a Time Frame: Give yourself a deadline. This creates a sense of urgency and motivates you to take action. For instance, if you want to learn a new language, set a goal to reach a conversational level in six months.*
- 5. Break It Down: Big goals can sometimes feel overwhelming. Break them down into smaller, manageable steps. If your goal is to run a marathon, start by setting smaller goals, like running 5 kilometers, then 10, and so on.*
- 6. Stay Committed: Achieving goals requires persistence. There will be challenges along the way, but don't give up. Stay focused, keep working hard, and remind yourself why you set the goal in the first place.*
- 7. Celebrate Your Successes: When you reach a goal, take time to celebrate your achievement. Acknowledging your success boosts your confidence and encourages you to set new goals.*

Why Now?

As we begin this new year it's the perfect time to think about what you want to achieve. Reflect on where you are now and where you want to be. What goals can you set today that will help you get there?

Remember, setting goals isn't just about academic success. It's about personal growth, developing new skills, building relationships, and contributing to your community. Whatever your goals may be, take the time to set them thoughtfully and commit to pursuing them with passion and determination.

In closing, I challenge each of you to set at least one meaningful goal for yourself today. Write it down, share it with someone, and start taking steps toward achieving it. The journey may not always be easy, but I guarantee it will be rewarding.

Thank you, and let's make this a year of growth and achievement for everyone.

*Mr. Jason Lachenicht
Head of Primary Department*



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



Students were very enthusiastic on Friday, 6th of September as we celebrated International Literacy day. We encourage each of our students to read on a daily basis to enhance their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. It was delightful to see students sharing their stories with one another and giving recounts of their favourite books.



SECONDARY DEPARTMENT



We are delighted to welcome you and your children to another exciting academic year at Belvedere British School! As we embark on this new journey together, we are committed to ensuring that your child's educational experience is both enriching and rewarding.

To all our returning parents, I look forward to reconnecting with you and your children. It is always a pleasure to see familiar faces and to continue building on the strong relationships we have established. Your ongoing support and involvement are invaluable to us, and I am excited about the possibilities this new year holds.

To our new parents, welcome to the Belvedere British School family. We are thrilled to have you join our community and look forward to getting to know you and your children. Should you have any questions or concerns as you settle in, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. I am here to ensure that your experience with us is positive and that your children feel welcomed and supported as they embark on their educational journey with us.

Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the year ahead, focusing on creating a supportive and stimulating environment where all students can thrive. We are excited to continue building on our strong partnership with you, as we believe that collaboration between home and school is key to our students' success.

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at the welcome induction last weekend. Your presence and engagement are vital to fostering a strong school community, and we are excited to work alongside you throughout this academic year.

This year, we have planned a variety of academic and extracurricular activities designed to challenge and inspire your children. We encourage you to stay involved in their education and to participate in the many events and opportunities that will be available throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we can make this school year a successful and memorable one.

*Dr. Ahmed Al Zuhairi
Vice Principal*

ARABIC DEPARTMENT



Welcome Back to School

I would like to bring to your attention that all native and non-native students from Y2 to Y13 received the MOE books for Arabic subjects (Arabic , Social & Islamic) as well as the Arabic book for FS2 & Y1 students



ARABIC DEPARTMENT



Our primary students spent a great time doing a variety of interactive activities that assisted them improve their Arabic language skills.

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