

*'Leaders make sure that pupils and students receive a high-quality, broad and ambitious curriculum across all key stages, including the sixth form.'*

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*'Staff support and care about pupils as individuals. Pupils feel confident to be themselves because staff foster a positive culture of tolerance and respect. They describe it as a happy and safe place to learn.'*

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## Our Mission Statement

### The aim of Bellerive is:

- To help everyone within a caring community to grow in faith
- To respect and value other cultures and faiths
- To make the most of every given ability
- To enjoy and achieve personal growth and academic excellence
- To prepare pupils for their adult life, playing a full part in a modern global society

*'Leaders' and teachers' effective planning helps pupils, and students in the sixth form, to learn the curriculum well.*

*Teachers choose appropriate activities to help pupils to learn and remember more. They check pupils' knowledge and understanding effectively. Teachers use assessment information skilfully to address pupils' misconceptions and to help pupils move on to new learning.*

*Classrooms are vibrant places for pupils to learn.'*

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## Welcome from our Headteacher

### Mrs Niamh Howlett MSc, NPQH

Bellerive FCJ Catholic College Sixth Form is very successful because we are a small Sixth Form that focuses on the individual.

We offer four post-16 study pathways so there is a route that fits every student.

As a small Sixth Form, we support our students to ensure all our students are successful during their time with us. We are very proud of our impressive track record of success in educating and equipping our students to fulfil their dreams and aspirations whatever their desired direction in life.

As a girls only Sixth Form we offer an environment where you can develop into your best self. Our Sixth Form community is comprised of girls of many different backgrounds and faiths connected by our FCJ values.

We believe that the following ingredients enable our Sixth Form students to be so successful:

### Personalised Support

Our Sixth Form Pastoral support is outstanding. We provide one to one help with UCAS applications. Each student has a form tutor who supports them during their two years in our Sixth Form. All our form tutors provide advice to our students around their next steps and take particular interest in the progress of every student. We also have an excellent PSHE programme of study, which we feel is essential to the education of the whole person. Our careers advice is timely and personalised.

### Our Class Sizes are small

On average we have between ten and twelve students in every Sixth Form class. This allows our staff to give the maximum amount of personalised support and to provide all students with the platform to achieve their academic potential.

### Caring Environment

We know our students as individuals and treat them accordingly. The staff are always available to offer subject support to ensure that any gaps in knowledge are dealt with quickly. This dedication to our students in supporting their progress sets us apart from other colleges. We know the strengths and weaknesses of our students and work with them to achieve their goals.

We provide individual mentoring to students to support their academic progress and emotional well-being.

### Sixth Form Only Facilities

We have a Learning Resource Centre, Sixth Form computer room, study rooms and laptops that you can borrow. If you want to study in a more informal environment, you can grab a drink and snack in the Bistro or just meet up and chat with new friends.

### How does this benefit our students?

Many of our Sixth Form students go to Russell Group Universities. Any of our students who want to study degree apprenticeships are guided in order to do so. Although we are a small Sixth Form, we offer a full range of courses in a supportive environment. We have high aspirations for our students. Our job is to enable our students to fulfil their dreams and aspirations.



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## Reasons To Choose A Girls' Sixth Form

There is a body of research which suggests that girls do learn differently from boys. Young women have a greater confidence and freedom in questioning and in expressing themselves. The experience young women have in girls' only settings develops courage and the experience to face the challenges ahead with confidence. This is the 'can-do' generation, and our single sex environment allows us to provide an education in which your daughter's leadership and other strengths will blossom.

### **She will benefit from a focussed educational and community environment.**

When a school does not have to accommodate both sexes, it simplifies the running and organisation of the school. The only focus is girls and their needs and activities.

### **Fewer distractions**

The inherent distractions that occur when you mix boys and girls together in a mixed Sixth Form just do not happen in a girls' Sixth Form. The social expectations and stereotypes can be broken down. Fewer distractions mean a girl can focus on being herself, finding out who she is, exploring new worlds, lines of thinking and so much more. She can think outside the box with relative impunity. And that is a good thing.

*"Girls' schools help girls to find their voices and to learn how to use them at a young age. At girls' schools, students are encouraged and expected to speak their minds, without interruption. A recent national survey found that nearly 87% of girls' school students feel they are able to share their voices and their opinions are respected, compared to 58% of girls at coed schools."*

*(National Coalition of Girls' Schools)*

## **Confidence & Resilience**

Girls' Sixth Forms support girls in building confidence and resilience, and at Bellerive we seek to develop this to the very highest levels. Developing courage and confidence is at the heart of our FCJ ethos.

Our foundress Marie Madeleine d'Houet encouraged all girls to have:

*'Courage and confidence, but above all great confidence'*

*(Marie Madeleine D'Houet)*

Our FCJ Foundress

Marie Madeleine

(1781-1858)



At Bellerive we ensure that girls feel positive about themselves, can overcome challenges and have faith in their ability. We encourage our girls to take opportunities to shine both in and outside the classroom and celebrate their successes. We create a unique and special environment where girls are provided with opportunities to step outside their comfort zone and take risks. Each girl is encouraged to find her passion and plan for her future. This provides purpose and a positive attitude that will build self-belief and self-worth. Girls have the space in which their intellect, physicality, and confidence can grow. Our girls have the freedom to be who they want to be in our Sixth Form and have the confidence to choose whatever educational opportunities they wish to.



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## Academic Achievement

*Girls who attend Girls' School Association girls' schools tend to achieve a disproportionately large share of the top grades. For example, in 2019, the proportion of top A-star-A grades at A level achieved by GSA students (53.1%) was more than twice the national average (25.2%) for England.*

*Source: Girls' School Association*

Research has consistently shown that girls achieve more in single-sex Sixth Forms. They make better decisions about their future and are not afraid to be seen to be clever. One of our school's values is Excellence and learning at Bellerive is uniquely tailored to each student's individual needs and girls from all academic abilities achieve very well. A girls' Sixth Form provides an environment where girls are free from social distractions and feel comfortable to display their intelligence and curiosity. Our teachers know how girls learn and have significant experience in this area.

## Pastoral Care

Girls' Sixth Forms can offer a specialist level of pastoral care specifically designed to address the needs of girls. Teaching and support staff understand the challenges that girls may face as they are growing up, and a support package is tailored to meet these needs. Whether the needs be medical, social or emotional, provision is tailored so that we are able to create a safe, caring and nurturing environment where our girls can flourish, develop and achieve. We want to support our girls' but we also want to develop resilience in them, so that they can be ready to face life's future challenges, whatever they may be!

*'Pupils and students value the support that they get from staff for their well-being'*

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The Girls' Network launch event from November 2021

## Leadership

Girls' schools prepare girls to become women who rise to the highest levels of leadership. Girls are taught and strive to become strong female leaders at Bellerive and there are many leadership opportunities. Students can be involved in Student Council, Student Senior Team or as leaders to our younger pupils.



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# Summer 2021 University Destinations

**Anglia Ruskin University**  
Clinical Psychology



**Edge Hill University**  
Primary School Teaching



**Keele University**  
Philosophy & Psychology



**Lancaster University**  
Biomedicine  
Biomedicine with a Placement Year



**Liverpool Hope University**  
Business Management and Marketing  
Primary Education 5-11 with QTS  
Criminology and Psychology  
Fine Arts  
Geography



**Liverpool John Moores University**  
Interior Architecture  
Law Hons  
Criminology Law  
Pharmaceutical/Cosmetic Science  
Business Management  
Geography  
Adult Nursing  
Pharmacy



**Medway - University of Kent**  
Medicine



**Queen's University Belfast**  
Law with Politics



**Teesside University**  
Biomedical Sciences



**UCLan**  
Medical Sciences



**University of Chichester**  
Music Performance



**University of Leeds**  
Politics



**University of Liverpool**  
Sociology  
Physical Geography  
Psychology  
Psychology  
Law  
Biological Sciences with Foundation  
Environmental Science  
Mathematics  
Geography  
Film and English  
Chemistry with a Year in Industry



**University of Northampton**  
Marketing



**University of Nottingham**  
Pharmacy



**Brasenose College  
University of Oxford**  
Geography



**University of Salford**  
Counselling and Psychotherapy



**University of Warwick**  
Maths



**University of York**  
History & Politics



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## Sixth Form Pathways

We offer a choice of four academic pathways for Sixth Form study so that there is a relevant and ambitious programme that is tailored to meet the needs of every student.

### Academic Programme

- Study 3 x 'A' Levels

### Mixed Programme

- A combination of 3 'A' Levels and Vocational Subjects

### Vocational Programme

- A combination of 3 Vocational Subjects

### Foundation Programme

- For students who may not be quite ready for Level 3 study programmes and who need an additional year of study

Our **Foundation Programme** is a 12 month study pathway that includes English, Maths, a Business Level 2 qualification, an ICT Level 2 qualification, the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness Level 2 qualification and Work Experience

The Level 2 Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE) is a substantial and wideranging qualification, the purpose of which is to enable students to develop and demonstrate a range of personal, key and employability skills, to broaden their experience and manage their learning in a variety of real life contexts.

**At the end of the Foundation Programme it is expected that students will either progress to a Level 3 programme of study, find an Apprenticeship or secure permanent employment.**



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## Courses and Entry Requirements

<b>General Entry Requirements</b>	<b>5 GCSE's at Grade 4 including English &amp; Maths</b>
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<b>A Levels</b> (in addition to the General Entry Requirements)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Requirement</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Requirement</b>
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Grade 5 Art GCSE	
<b>Biology</b>	Grade 6 Biology GCSE or 6/6 Combined Science	Grade 5 Maths GCSE
<b>Chemistry</b>		
<b>English Language</b>	Grade 5 English Language GCSE	
<b>English Literature</b>	Grade 6 English Literature GCSE	
<b>French</b>	Grade 6 French GCSE	Grade 5 English Language
<b>Further Maths</b>	Grade 8 Maths GCSE	
<b>Geography</b>	Grade 5 Geography GCSE	
<b>History</b>	Grade 6 History GCSE	Grade 5 English Language
<b>Maths</b>	Grade 7 Maths GCSE	
<b>Physics</b>	Grade 6 Physics GCSE or 6/6 Combined Science	Grade 6 Maths GCSE
<b>Psychology</b>	Grade 5 English Language GCSE	Grade 5 Maths GCSE
<b>Religious Studies</b>	Grade 5 Religious Studies GCSE	Grade 5 English Language or Literature GCSE
<b>Sociology</b>	Grade 5 English Language or Literature GCSE	
<b>Spanish</b>	Grade 6 Spanish GCSE	Grade 5 English Language

<b>Vocational Qualifications</b> (in addition to the General Entry Requirements)	<b>Requirements</b>
<b>Applied Science Level 3 Extended Certificate</b>	Minimum of Grade 5/5 Combined Science GCSE
<b>Business BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate</b>	<b>Meet General Entry Requirements</b>
<b>Criminology Level 3 Applied Certificate</b>	
<b>Health &amp; Social Care BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate</b>	
<b>Travel &amp; Tourism BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate</b>	

<b>Foundation Programme</b>	Individually assessed and tailored to each student's needs. Please apply and attend an interview to access this programme
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## Financial Support

We offer generous financial support to our students to help them overcome specific barriers so that they can remain in Sixth Form education. We recognise that some students do not always meet the criteria for our formal financial support schemes, however we review every individual based on their circumstances and can provide additional support to reflect exceptional circumstances. There are three main elements to our support:

- **Bellerive Sixth Form 16-19 Bursary Fund**
- **Free School Meals continue into Sixth Form – the 2021 lunch allocation is £2.50 per day**
- **And... FREE toasted and buttered bagels are available every morning!**

### Bellerive Sixth Form 16-19 Bursary Fund

Available to students over 16 and under 19 at 31 August 2022

**AWARDS of £800 to £1,200 AVAILABLE**

Financial support is available to help students overcome specific barriers so they can remain in education



Are you Looked After, a Care Leaver or receive certain benefits in your own name? - you could receive £1,200



Or are you in receipt of Free School Meals at any point in your 6th Form studies? - you could receive £1,000



Or is your gross household income less than £25,000 p.a.? - you could receive £800



### The Girls Network

The Girls Network is an organisation that aims to inspire and empower girls by connecting them with a mentor and a network of professional female role models.

Year 12 students take part in the Girls Network matching event where they meet local professional and inspiring women who share their career journey.

Each student is matched to a mentor who will support them through their A Levels and give them a number of professional opportunities along the way.

We are excited to see what adventures await for those girls who join us in September 2022!



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# Enrichment

## What is Enrichment?

Sixth Form Enrichment is a compulsory course for all Sixth Formers at Bellerive. It is designed to go beyond the realms of the examined curriculum to stimulate students' interests, in both an academic and practical sense.

## Why do we do it?

We believe that it is vital we help students develop into well-rounded, socially and morally responsible young adults, who are comfortable taking on leadership responsibilities.

## When will we do it?

Every Monday morning is dedicated to Enrichment Activities and students will work in groups. All groups will have a **half termly focus** and an outcome to be achieved at the end of each half term. Enrichment groups will take place every Monday morning P1 and P2.

All activities will give students the opportunity to work as a team, problem solve, practise research skills, practise public speaking and work with the public or lower year groups.

## Level 3 Core Maths

This qualification will earn you 20 UCAS points. It is to aid students studying A Levels with some numeric content and to keep their mathematical knowledge up to date.

## Career Investigators

Students will investigate growth areas based on labour market information pertaining to the Merseyside area.

*'Pupils, and students in the sixth form, receive effective careers education'*

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## FCJ Community Work

Students will attend the FCJ house at 8:45-11am. They will work with Sr Maryanne and Sr Lynne and make up food parcels and deliver them in the local community.

## PE Extra Curricular Leaders

Students will use Monday morning to plan and prepare coaching sessions for PE extra-curricular clubs. Students will deliver the sessions in a lunch time club.

## PE Technicians

Work during enrichment time in the PE Department as directed by PE Staff.

## EAL Support Students

Work with our HLTA supporting lower school students who have English as an additional language.

## Sixth Form Newsletter

Students will create a half termly newsletter, celebrating success stories, promoting charities, sharing information, interview staff, promote university courses etc...

## Charity Champions

Students will work as a team and research different charities. Students will choose a charity they wish to support and present the idea in sixth form assembly/form notices. Plan fund raising events.



## Reading Champions

Work in the library with students in Yr7/8 who require additional support. Listen to KS3 students read.

## DT Teaching Assistant

Duties will involve helping students who need one to one support and organising practical resources.

## Languages Teaching Assistant/Languages Club

Students will support in KS3 Language lessons. They will also use the time to prepare for extra-curricular languages club.

## Student Mentor

Complete a three-week student mentor course. Meet with and support lower school students in a mentoring role.

## Assembly Leaders

Students will choose a topic, research it and then plan and deliver an assembly to a year group.



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# Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE) & Work Experience

Alongside your academic subjects and Religious Education lesson you will continue to study PSHE around three key themes:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World

In Year 12 some of the topics that you will consider are:

## Health & Wellbeing

- What is mental health?
- Mental Health – Mental Health First Aid
- Resilience – How to build and maintain it
- Developing a Healthy Work/Life Balance
- Positive body image & relationship with food & exercise

## Relationships

- Relationships – Changing Friendships
- Relationships – What is a professional relationship in the workplace
- Legal Consent – No means No
- Radicalisation
- Ending relationships safely & online relationships – staying safe

## Living in the Wider World

- What are your Career Aspirations? Do you know the Pathways available?
- Finance – How will education and jobs affect my finances
- Finance – Bank Accounts, Store Cards and Credit Cards
- Your Corporate Image – How 'professional' are you?
- Your profile online – How to apply for a job online
- Unifrog – Exploring options & pathways
- Life Skills Carousel – Sewing, cooking, DIY, Gym
- Edge Hill – Preparing for University Talks



## Work Experience/Placement

Placements can be every week for a long or short period, or for a one-off week. We can even try to work with you to find an internship during the summer of Y12 or 13.

Work experience is also available during Enrichment time on a Monday morning.



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*'Leaders have appropriately extended the range of extra-curricular activities on offer to take account of pupils' interests, including those pupils with SEND, disadvantaged pupils and students in the sixth form.'*

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