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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to extend my thanks for your continued support as we work together as a school community to transform the lives of our young people. We have had an extremely successful and productive half term, and I am delighted to share with you some of our students' fantastic achievements.

Our Year 7 students participated in a cultural visit to the Albert Dock and demonstrated their enthusiasm and passion for learning in abundance. They were a real credit to the school community with members of the public commenting upon their impeccable behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Equally, our Year 10 and Year 11 Design and Technology students impressed the staff at Jaguar Land Rover during a recent visit to their Halewood site. Staff at the organisation praised their active participation and insightful questions during a tour of the factory. Students' technical skills and creative talents were also on display in Bellerive's very own 'Bake Off'. In celebration of European Languages Day, students were tasked with creating a European themed cake and our competing students produced lots of beautifully crafted and mouth-watering treats. Needless to say, determining the winner proved a very difficult undertaking!

We are committed to offering a diverse range of enrichment opportunities to all our students at Bellerive. We want to provide them with the chance to explore their passions, discover new talents, and develop valuable life skills. We want to encourage them to be the very best that they can be and earlier this term, our students took inspiration from Bellerive and University of Oxford alumni, Dr Niamh Fearon when she visited us to discuss her exciting work on 'Dark Matter'. Niamh met with Year 9 STEM ambassadors, as well as aspiring Year 10 and Year 11 physicists and encouraged them to pursue a career in science.

There have also been an array of sporting activities over the course of this half term with particular successes in Netball and Cross Country. A special congratulations goes to Nikola Kliza who competed in the Taekwondo World Championships in Croatia and won a silver medal. Whilst Isabelle Johnson successfully completed a week's training camp with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the contribution they have made to the Bellerive community.

Our sixth form students have also had a busy half term; they have engaged in a wide range of experiences that have undoubtedly supported their learning and development. Students gained valuable insights into the criminal justice system with a visit to the Magistrates courts, they developed their business acumen when undertaking market research at Alton Towers and also had the opportunity to explore future destinations and interact with a range of Post-18 providers during a recent visit to the University and Apprenticeship fair at Anfield. They have also taken the lead with many fundraising initiatives across the school, supporting our 'Hello Yellow' event for World Mental Health Day and organising activities to raise money for Zoe's Place.

Yesterday we celebrated mass with our Year 7 students and their families and this year's Welcome Mass was a truly special occasion, marking the beginning of a new chapter for our youngest students. The mass was not only an opportunity to seek God's blessing for our Year 7s, but also a chance to welcome new families into our school community. We were very grateful to Father Liam Collister of St Oswald and St Sebastian's Parish, who celebrated mass for us, and we were very impressed with our Year 7s who participated wholeheartedly in the service and showcased their singing ability.

We rounded off the half term with our dance and drama students performing a spellbinding 'Villainous' showcase. It was a real pleasure to see their talent and enthusiasm on display and share this with many proud families and friends.

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Many of our girls are involved in rehearsals for professional productions outside of school, including Cinderella and Les Misérables, and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them the very best of luck with their performances.

I would also like to extend a special 'well done' to our Year 7 and Year 12 students who have settled into school and sixth form very successfully. We are excited to meet with our Year 11s next term as they explore their Post-16 options here at Bellerive.

Key Dates

We continue to keep busy over the next half term with many planned events for students, parents and carers. I have outlined some key dates below, for which further details will follow, or have already been disseminated.

- Monday 4th November – Return to school for all students
- Thursday 7th November – Year 11 GCSE Information Evening
- Thursday 21st November – Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 with parents and carers (Year 10 students, parents and carers are also welcome)
- Monday 25th November – Year 11 Mock Examinations begin
- Thursday 12th December – Upper School Performance of 'Girls Like That'
- Tuesday 17th December – School Prize Giving at the Metropolitan Cathedral
- Friday 20th December – Last day of Autumn term, school to finish at 12.25pm

I am looking forward to meeting with you all over the coming months. In order to continue improving our school, we will be asking parents and carers to complete a short questionnaire when attending upcoming Parents' Evening events. This was recently undertaken by the parents and carers of our Year 7 students and we are now in the process of reviewing the comments.

Lettings

The school recognises that its premises are a valuable resource within the community and as such welcomes the opportunity to enable other users to benefit from them when they are able to do so. If you or somebody you know would like to hire our facilities on evenings and weekends, please select the 'Lettings' dropdown on our school website for further information.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our contact procedure. For any general enquiries please contact us using the email address contactus@bellerivefcj.org, or alternatively ring 0151 727 2064.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready to work hard over the next half term.

Yours sincerely

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