

BELLERIVE FCJ SIXTH FORM

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our class of 2025, with every student achieving a at least a pass in their A level or BTEC qualifications.

More than half of all BTEC grades were awarded at Distinction or Distinction* while 15% of A Level grades were awarded at A* to A.

Pupils are now looking ahead to a range of exciting future options, with the vast majority securing university places alongside others moving into employment and apprenticeships. Many will attend local institutions such as the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores, Liverpool Hope and Edge Hill, studying subjects from Biomedical Sciences and Policing to Hispanic Studies, Primary Education and Art History. Others will be heading further afield to institutions in Birmingham, York, Leeds and Lancaster, to name a few.

Congratulations class of 2025-we cannot wait to see where your journeys take you next!

Aspiring medical students

In September five of our aspiring medical students were invited to attend the British Orthopaedic Association's national conference. They had the opportunity to get some practical, hands-on experience in using medical devices and were given advice on applying for medicine at University.



University links

We have been delighted to welcome both Durham University and the University of Liverpool to speak to students about the opportunities their universities offer for sixth form students. Of particular interest was the Liverpool Pathways programmes which support students considering applying for Banking and Finance, Engineering and Medicine. The Liverpool Scholars supports students from under-represented backgrounds in applying to Russell Group Universities. It is wonderful to see so many of our new year 12 cohort taking advantage of these opportunities!

Alton Towers

In the first of many curriculum trips this year, BTEC Business and BTEC Travel and Tourism students visited Alton Towers in September. They managed to have a great time in spite of the wet weather!



Royal Literary Fund Workshops

Students studying essay-based A Level subjects took part in a workshop hosted by the Royal Literary Foundation on 6th October. Professional writers Lizzie Nunnery and Zoe Howe worked with students to develop their academic writing skills; including making effective evaluative judgements and developing a logical flow in their essay. We're looking forward to seeing how our students put these skills into practice in their A Level lessons!

SIXTH FORM SENIOR TEAM

We were overwhelmed with so many fantastic applications to be part of our Sixth Form Senior Team this year that we have appointed one of our largest ever teams! We sat down with Head Girl Eve and Deputy Head Girls Hamda, Paige and Liv to find out what they have planned for this year.

What do you think makes Bellerive sixth form different to other sixth forms?

The personalised support you get at Bellerive is really important. We are a small, close-knit community and that means that you can build personal relationships with teachers. The FCJ values are truly embodied by staff and students.

How has Bellerive helped you with your future steps?

We've explored a wide range of exciting pathways for the future — from traditional university routes to degree apprenticeships for those keen to earn while they learn. Along the way, we've welcomed visits from universities and inspiring speakers from diverse careers. We've stepped into careers fairs, taken part in subject masterclasses, and seized opportunities like Aspire Liverpool, which supports Oxbridge applicants, and Liverpool Scholars, designed for those aiming for Russell Group universities. We've benefited from one-to-one guidance on crafting standout personal statements, and our PSHE curriculum has opened our eyes to the full spectrum of options ahead.

What difference do you hope to make during your time on the Senior Team?

We want to increase the social activities in Sixth Form, making them available to all. We also want to make sure we continue to develop that sense of community between all year groups. We would also like to look at ways of further encouraging students to participate in wider school life.

What advice would you give to someone considering Bellerive for Sixth Form?

Start with your subjects — make sure you're choosing ones you enjoy and are genuinely interested in. You'll be spending a lot of time studying them, so it helps if you're passionate about what you're learning.

Think about the kind of environment you'll do best in. Do you want somewhere calm, supportive, and focused? Somewhere where people actually want to work hard and do well?

It's also worth thinking about how you work. Do you need structure and routine to help you stay on track? Bellerive definitely offers that support.

Consider your relationships with teachers too. If strong, supportive teacher-student relationships matter to you (and they should!), it's something Bellerive really values.

And finally, think about the location and what it means to be in an all-girls environment. For a lot of people, it's a space where they feel more confident, more comfortable speaking up, and more focused on their goals.

In the end, choosing a Sixth Form is a big decision — so think about what works best for you. If you're looking for a place that's friendly, ambitious, and gives you the support to aim high, Bellerive is definitely worth considering.



Marie Madeleine Day 2025

Each year, along with FCJ schools around the country, our community celebrates 'Marie Madeline Day' in honour of the birthday of our foundress, Marie Madeline. The day is characterised by acts of kindness. As always, our Sixth Form students took a lead role, supporting younger students in hosting a fundraising event for Claire's House Hospice and donating toiletries to make hampers for hospice patients. Sixth Formers were invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a charity donation and all students were encouraged to complete random acts of kindness during the day. Faith, one of our Year 13 students, composed a poem on remembrance and hid copies of it in envelopes for younger students to find. The day was a great reminder, early in the academic year, of what makes Bellerive such a special place!



KEY DATES

Thursday 20th November - Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 5th December - Feast Day

Monday 8th December-Friday 12th December - Year 13 Mock Exams

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 12th December - Prizegiving

Wednesday 17th December - Trip to see Matilda the Musical

