



December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the Autumn term and continue our journey through Advent, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our school. This term has been both busy and positive, providing many opportunities for learning, celebration and shared experiences as a school community.

Our pupils have worked hard throughout the term, and I am especially proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have successfully completed their mock examinations. These have been an important step in helping them understand their progress and prepare for the months ahead. We are also delighted that many of our Year 13 students are beginning to receive university offers, which is always a special moment for them and their families.

This term has offered several meaningful opportunities to celebrate our Catholic identity. We marked Feast Day and Marie Madeleine Day, coming together as a school community in prayer and reflection. Our Christmas Carol Service was another highlight, enabling pupils to participate through music and performance. The annual Prizegiving ceremony also allowed us to recognise the achievements, effort and perseverance of pupils across all year groups.

We have been delighted to welcome so many parents and carers into school this term. Parents' Evenings have provided an important chance to discuss your daughter's progress and to work together in supporting their learning and wellbeing. Our Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evenings have been equally successful, giving prospective families the chance to experience the welcoming spirit of Bellerive. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to these events.

Living out our faith through service has remained a central focus this term. A wide range of fundraising activities have taken place in support of our chosen charities, Claire's House and Baby Basics, including bake sales, dance-offs, raffles and quizzes. Pupils have also contributed enthusiastically to our Harvest and Advent appeals. As always, our pupils have shown great generosity and compassion, and I am extremely proud of the positive impact they have made through their efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and support, and to say farewell to colleagues who are leaving us. Mrs Sharpe, who has served Bellerive for 25 years, and Ms Reid, who has served for 6 years, have made a significant contribution to the lives of our pupils and the wider school community. We are very grateful for all they have given and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

As we observe Advent, we are reminded of hope and renewal. I hope this season offers your families time to rest, spend time together and reflect on what matters most. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term on **Tuesday 6th January**, refreshed and ready for the opportunities ahead.

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Please see below for a reminder of term and key dates for the new year.

Key Dates

	Event	Date
Year 7	KS3 Information Evening	Wednesday 7 th January
	Parents' Evening (online)	Thursday 22 nd January
Year 8	KS3 Information evening	Wednesday 7 th January
Year 9	Parents' Evening + Pathways information (in person)	Thursday 12 th February
	KS3 Information Evening	Wednesday 7 th January
Year 11	Y11 Exam preparation meetings	Thursday 26 th March
	Exam contingency day*	Wednesday 24 th June
	GCSE Results Day	Thursday 20 th August
	Prom	Friday 1 st July
	Leavers' assembly	Tuesday 30 th June
Year 12	Parents' Evening (in person)	Thursday 26 th February
Year 13	Parents' Evening (in person)	Thursday 26 th February
	Exam preparation meetings	TBC
	Exam contingency day*	Wednesday 24 th June
	A Level Results Day	Thursday 13 th August
	Prom	Friday 19 th June
	Leavers' assembly	Friday 19 th June

* Exam contingency day is a national date set by the exam boards. **All Year 11 and Year 13 students must be available to sit examinations until Wednesday 24th June.** Prom dates will be set before we break up for Christmas.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026

- **INSET day:** Monday 5th January (no students in school)
- **Pupils return:** Tuesday 6th January
- **Half day INSET:** Monday 12th January, **12.25 finish for pupils**
- **Half term:** Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
- **Ends:** Thursday 26th March
- **INSET day:** Friday 27th March (no students in school)
- **Easter break:** Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (Easter bank holidays - Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April)

Summer Term 2026

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- **Starts:** Monday 13th April
- **Half day INSET:** Monday 27th April, **12.25 finish for pupils**
- **May day:** Monday 4th May
- **Half term:** Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
- **INSET day:** (Staff Retreat): Friday 26th June (no students in school)
- **Ends for pupils:** Friday 17th July, 12.25 finish for pupils

Yours sincerely

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