



27th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the first half term of this academic year, I would like to thank you for all your support and, in particular, for your contribution in terms of maintaining our very high standards of uniform and behaviour. It is our understanding that the issues experienced at the start of the academic year with low stock levels in various kilt sizes at some of our suppliers, have now been resolved. I would therefore like to remind you, that all students should be wearing a school kilt of an appropriate length which, in line with our school uniform policy, falls below the knee. Any student who fails to comply with this, or any other aspect of our school uniform policy, will have sanctions imposed.

As we move into the winter months, please note that if coats are worn to school, they should be plain black, logo-free and of a length to ensure that they cover the school blazer. If students wish to wear a scarf, it must be our branded school scarf.

School attendance continues to be a National focus at present and we are pleased to report that attendance at Bellerive is currently above National and Regional Secondary school averages. As the cold weather sets in, we ask for your support in ensuring students continue to have 'good' attendance of 97% or better. Those students with 100% attendance this half term will be rewarded, as requested through student voice activities, with a 'skip the queue' lunch pass the first week back after half term.

There has been much to celebrate this half term including our recent Y7 Welcome Mass which took place on Tuesday 25th October, where all of our Y7 students were formally invested into our school and our FCJ community. Y7 also enjoyed a recent cultural visit to the Liverpool waterfront; the students were a credit to our school during the trip and a number of visitors to our city went out of their way to praise our students for their behaviour and conduct around the waterfront area.

Our sixth formers have been busy completing University applications and Y11 have now started to prepare for their mock examinations which take place late November.

On 10th October we supported and helped raise awareness of World Mental Health Day, which involved sharing tips on improving mental health, providing an opportunity for our KS4 students to engage in 'tea and a talk' with our Student Support team, and by students wearing our 'yellow' Mental Health Awareness ribbons. All donations made on the day went to support the work of the charity 'Young Minds'.

Staff and students across all year groups also showed tremendous support for the Breast Cancer 'Wear Pink' campaign on 20th October, raising funds and awareness of Breast Cancer Research and Support Services.



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Yesterday we celebrated the 'Mexican Day of the Dead' and the school canteen was transformed into a vibrant exhibition of associated Art pieces produced by students across all key stages. Students were also able to enjoy a selection of Mexican style food and music over lunch.

We have ended the half term today, by welcoming our local MP Kim Johnson and I know she left with a very positive impression of our students and our school community.

Please refer to our October School Newsletter for further details of recent school events.

We look forward to many other important school events in the next half-term:

- Y11 Parents' Evening on 15th November
- Sixth Form Open Evening on 23rd November
- School Feast Day on 8th December (early finish for students at 12:30pm)
- Prizegiving at the Metropolitan Cathedral on 13th December

School finishes for the half-term holiday on Friday 27th October at 3.20pm and we re-open at the usual time on Monday 6th November.

I attach a letter from Merseyside Police relating to Halloween and Bonfire Night for you information. Please stay safe and we hope all our students enjoy a restful half-term.

Yours Sincerely

H. Taylor

Mrs H Taylor
Interim Head of School

