

Belle Vue Girls' School Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

The world of education is always very interesting and varied. As yet we do not know the budget allocation for Belle Vue Girls' School however please feel confident that we will continue to deliver the best possible education for your daughter. One new element to the funding of schools is called the pupil premium. This is a sum of money which is allocated to all students who claim free school meals. I appreciate that is sometimes not the easiest thing for parents to find the time and energy to claim. However in the future this will play an important part in the funding which Belle Vue Girls' School will receive. Therefore I ask you to at least register for free school meals if you are eligible to do so. If you are not aware how to access this fund please speak to Saeeqa Rehman our Parental Involvement Officer.

Details on the back of the newsletter.

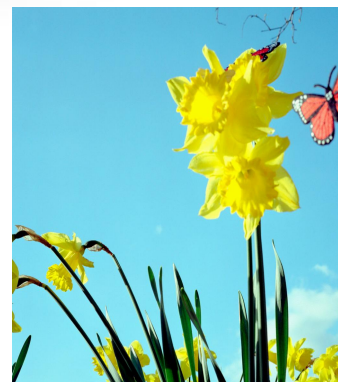
You should by now have received information regarding the forthcoming review day. Please ensure that you have made an appointment with your daughter's form tutor for Wednesday 16 March 2011.

As we approach the half term holiday, please be aware that many students in years 10 and 11 face major examinations very soon. Year 10 parents will have received a letter from the Maths faculty reminding you and your daughter of the forthcoming modular exam on Tuesday 1 March 2011. Please encourage all girls to revise over the holiday break, take part in valuable activities in the communities and plan for future revision needs. Years 11, 12 and 13 have recently completed mock examinations and I am confident the school

and parents can work in partnership to achieve the best possible opportunities and progression routes. Year 9 are currently making subject choices for their GCSE subjects and year 11 will soon express their interest in year 12 programmes of study.

I appreciate that times are hard and difficult in all forms and stages of life, however the young people of Bradford need the best opportunities that we can possible give them. I am confident that with our ongoing continuing work with the girls at Belle Vue Girls' School and our vision to 'Educate the Women of Tomorrow' we will succeed and be the best in Bradford.

**Mrs Copeland
Headteacher**



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February Half Term

School Closes

**Friday 18 February
2011**

And re-opens

**Monday 28 February
2011**

BBL-Basketball League Report by Sadia Khan Year 10 McMillan

35 students from Belle Vue Girls' School attended a trip to Birmingham at the NIA Arena to watch the BBL Basketball League on Sunday 16 January 2011. The whole atmosphere was absolutely amazing. There was lots of laughter, screams and lots of energy not just from the players but also from the audience. We set off at 9am and arrived in Birmingham at 12pm. The coach journey was very long, however everybody

was so excited about going. There was a mix of



personalities and ages on the trip which contributed to the experience being absolutely wonderful. It developed everyone's love for basketball and helped encourage a lot more people to participate in sport including basketball and even cheerleading.

Cheerleaders attended the game as well; they were called the BBL babes. They had different age groups of cheerleaders from ages 5-13 then 16-20. They showed that everyone can take part in a basketball game; it doesn't mean that they have to play but just take part in other areas of the whole event.

The game was between two teams the Mersey Tigers and the Sheffield Sharks. Stunningly, the Sheffield sharks took home the trophy with a 27 point lead. The score was 93-66 to the Sharks at the end of the game. This was another win for the Sharks. Their performance was very overwhelming, and all the Shark fans were over the moon.

The Highlight of the whole day would have to be the slam dunkers with their amazing stunts. I have never seen anything like it. As a matter of fact I don't think anybody has.

A fantastic day was had by all!

Autumn Community Cook Off Competition

This competition involved groups of 2-4 students designing and making a 2 course meal for a special occasion. It began with community heats where a winner was chosen to go through to the final against the other communities in the cook off final. It proved to be very popular and the students produced dishes of a very high standard.

Each community team received a trophy for winning their heat, with the winning community Ebadi winning the overall Autumn competition trophy.

The winning team were also invited to spend the day in the canteen preparing and serving their dishes, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Richard the school canteen Manager wrote the following:-

"Aishah Aslam Ebadi 1, Shaguftah Rahman Ebadi 5 and Rukaiyoh Shoket Ebadi 5 arrived at the kitchen at 8.30 am on Thursday 27 January to cook their winning meals.

The dishes cooked were Chicken Tikka Masala with



pilau rice and nan bread followed by Vanilla Cupcakes. The courses were cooked by them from beginning to end with a minimum of supervision. Then two of them served the dishes and the other student worked on the till. The number of hot meals served on that day was up by 40% compared with an average day.

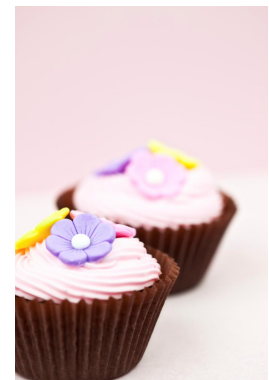
They were still in the kitchen

at 1.30 pm helping to clear up.

My team and I would like to pass on our thanks to them for everything they have done."

Richard Taylor, Canteen Manager

Val Wolff



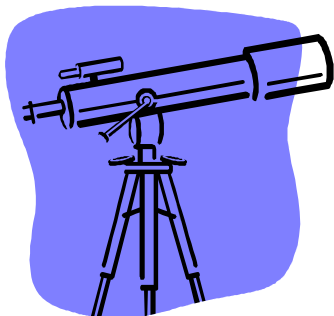
GCSE Science Live Leeds Town Hall

I took 12 year 11 girls to the above event where they listened to a series of lectures given by eminent scientists in their field.

Dr Kate Lancaster is an experimental researcher. Her research is based around using high powered lasers to generate fusion energy and develop the method as a long term, clean energy source for the future. She gave her lecture on this topic.

Dr Andrea Sella appears on TV regularly, he is an organic chemist whose speciality is the

synthesis of new materials and compounds he is based at University College, London.



Professor Steve Jones is a professor of genetics and head of the biology department at University College London. Much of his research has been concerned with snails and what they can tell us about biodiversity and genetics.

Professor Dave Cliff is a professor in the MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab USA. He spoke about computer science developments and some deep

challenges.

Professor Jim Al-Khalili OBE presents on TV often and he spoke about the possibilities of time travel.

Stewart Chenery is an examiner and one of the main markers in the country and he gave two sessions containing lots of advice about exam techniques and ideas for exam preparation.

It was a full on day, very informative and inspirational.

Jacqueline Scott



Music Trip

We took 8 Year 12 Performing Arts Students to Liverpool to visit the Beatles Story Museum, travelling by train.

It was really informative and the pupils were well behaved. They learned a lot and seem

inspired for their Performance studies production which they have to devise. We did not go on the Ferry across the Mersey as it was really horrible weather.

Tom Howell



GCSE Poetry Live

I took 59 Year 11 students to Leeds Town Hall for a GCSE Poetry Live event on Monday 31 January 2011, accompanied by 3 other members of staff. The students watched a range of poets



perform their own work and were given the opportunity to ask questions. Some of these poets are those whose work is being studied by the students for their English and English Literature exams in the summer. Peter

Buckroyd, one of the senior examiners, also made two speeches about how to succeed in exams.

The students were impeccably behaved and all seemed to enjoy the day.

Mark Douglas

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THE **ZARA**
SPORTS CENTRE



The Zara Sports Centre (Belle Vue Campus)

is open to the community:

4.30pm – 10pm Monday to Friday

9am – 7pm Saturdays

Sundays by prior agreement

We have a fitness suite (gym) where we run Women's only and mixed sessions, a sports hall, cricket nets and tennis courts all available for hire and fitness classes:

Monday: Women's Only Aerobics 5.30-6.30pm

Tuesday: Mixed Circuit 5.30-6.30pm

Saturday: Mixed Circuit 3-4pm

Come in to see us for more details or phone **01274 362040**

Gym Opening Hours

Monday-Friday 12 pm—1pm

Monday-Friday 4.30 pm—9.30 pm

For Saturday and Sunday and Women's Sessions ring the number above.

Parental Involvement Worker

Zara Sports Centre From 3:10—4pm

Tuesday:-

Fitness (all year groups)

Cheerleading (years 7 and 8)

Wednesday

Fitness (all year groups)

Netball Fixtures (year 7)

Thursday

Netball (all year groups)

Your daughter/s are all invited to attend all these clubs. The after school clubs are based at the Zara Sports Centre and run from 3:10pm – 4pm, when they will either need collecting or make their own way home.

Courses available for Parents

Numeracy Course

Every Tuesday- 9:15am-10:45am

Come along to our numeracy course, which is run by one of our maths teachers. We have had very positive feedback from parents that have been attending so far. Please call me to book your place.

Computing for Beginners

Every Wednesday 12.45 pm—2.45 pm

Learn to speak English with Confidence

Every Monday 9.30 am—11.30 am

Contact Saeeqa to book a place (details above)
01274 492341 or 07846853939