

Belle Vue Girls' School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

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This has been a long term but full of exciting events, activities, and encouragement to ensure all our students are working hard, making progress and are on the way to meeting their academic targets. We have celebrated Eid and are now preparing to celebrate Christmas. Our Awards evening on Thursday 15 December 2011 will be our usual end of year celebration. This year we have also invited past students to an alumni event prior to the awards evening where we hope to record some inspirational footage demonstrating the value of good education and what you can achieve as a Belle Vue Girl! Mock exams have started this week and we encourage parents to support students who must work hard and treat them as real examinations. The results of these examinations will be further indicators of our progress towards targets and intervention strategies required for particular students.

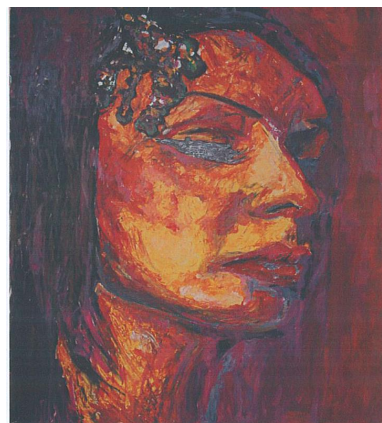
I am pleased to say that we will be meeting with our architect on Thursday 15 December 2011 in order to open the tenders for our new buildings. We are confident that work can start in January and

still be completed before the start of the next academic year.

Last week I attended the Future House Art Gallery Winter Exhibition organised by Bradford Council. Aruba Mahmood was presented with her prize as runner up in the Christmas Card Competition. There were approximately 300 entries, and I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Aruba. Ayesha Zahoor also won the overall secondary age range competition and the pupils and staff of Belle Vue Girls' School art department were awarded a special joint award for outstanding achievement in portrait and fabric work. Well done to everyone!

On a very different note, three of our staff from the catering department were invited to attend a training course with staff from Bradford's famous Lahores restaurant. Mr Taylor, Mr Firth and Mrs

Mahmood all attended a session in the restaurant kitchens on Thursday 27 October. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have brought some new ideas back to school for our menus. A big thank you to Lahores for the time and effort they put into this event.



School will close for students on Friday 16 December 2011 at 12pm there will no buses so please ensure that your daughter is collected ensure alternative arrangements are made to get her home.

May I wish everyone a happy holiday.

Thank you

**Mrs M Copeland
Headteacher**



Katharine Merry

Katharine visited Belle Vue Girls' School on 18 November 2011 and spoke to year 8 students about "Be the Best You Can Be".

Katharine is one of Britain's most outstanding female athletes of all time. Having been the fastest girl in the world aged 14 she then, 12 years later, became the fastest woman in the world over 400m. Labelled as one of Britain's most talented female sprinters, Katharine's success at junior level was outstanding.

She set a World Age record aged 12 of 25.4 seconds over 200m in 1987 and made her GB under 20 debut at the astonishingly young age of 13 years old, going on to a record 6 years as a GB junior international.

Aged just 14 she ran a stunning 7.35 seconds indoors for the 60m, becoming the fastest girl in the world ever over the distance.



Katharine came into

the 2000 season with one sole objective, The Olympics. With a 112,000 crowd watching Katharine ran a fantastic race where she came third and collected the Bronze medal, breaking the magical 50 second barrier for the first time.

She still holds UK age records in a variety of events and is part of the BBC's live Great North Run and London Marathon Presenting Team.

An Audience with Theo Paphitis

On Monday 3 October I took our Year 13 girls studying for the Applied GCE in Business (Double Award) to Savilles Hall, Leeds to spend an afternoon in the company of the well known entrepreneur and "Dragon", Theo Paphitis.

The event was organised by the Royal Armouries and was designed to engage students with business and enterprise.

The event started with a variety of entrepreneurs including Chris Owen giving an insight into his Franchise opportunity – "White Box Photography". Some young Entrepreneurs from the University of Huddersfield studying on BA (Hons) Enterprise Development also gave an insight into the course. Our

students were very interested to learn how these students studying on this course have set up their own businesses.

Claire Young, Runner up on "The Apprentice" give an insight into her life and formula to success. She certainly motivated us to continue to think out of the box and achieve success.

Theo was accompanied by some of the Directors from Wedge Welly and Magic Whiteboard. Both of these businesses gained investment in the Den from Theo.

Each speaker offered advice, guidance and shared experiences with the audience.

Students were also given

information on the BA (Hons) in Enterprise Development offered by the University of Huddersfield that Theo Paphitis himself endorses.

The afternoon ended with a motivational speech and an interactive Q&A with Theo and the businesses he supported in the Den. This focussed on the attitude of following your dreams, never giving up and promoting a "can do" approach to life.

Saqib Akram



Year 12 visit to Huddersfield University



45 students went on a HE Experience day to Huddersfield

University. The main focus of the day was study skills - students made timetables to highlight the amount of 'study time' they had and how to use this time effectively.

They also tried a memory skills game and after being given some useful exam techniques did a '3 minute test'.

Students were given a tour of the campus and also had the opportunity to ask questions to a student panel.

Feedback from the students about the day are mainly positive and students have learnt some useful

information about applying to University, life at University and effective study skills.

Helen Bradley



Belle Vue Girls Visit to Liverpool Echo Arena to watch the Netball World Series.

The aim of the visit was for students currently taking the BTEC courses to observe elite players. Unit 8 - Technical Skills and Tactical Awareness requires students to assess the technical skills and tactical awareness of an elite performer, explaining their strengths and identifying areas for improvement. Over the last three months they have been playing netball each week and the course also requires girls to compare their skills with that of an elite performer. This process began in lessons and girls chose an England netball player to observe from you tube and video clips.

On 23 November 2011 girls were taken to Liverpool Echo Arena to watch these players and continue their observations. They had developed observation sheets in their BTEC lessons and had to independently observe their chosen

player. Girls were also asked to compare their performance to the range of players they saw that day.

The event started with the opening ceremony in which players from England, Jamaica, Fiji, New Zealand Australia and South Africa gathered in the Arena for the national anthems and speeches. The games the girls viewed on the day were Jamaica V Australia, England V Fiji and New Zealand V South Africa. Throughout the games they were continuously asked questions on how their play compares with that of an elite performer.

Having played netball throughout their school years and due to the level they participate at in lessons and after school clubs girls had an excellent background knowledge of the game and the players they were observing. This resulted in this

experience having an effective impact on both their play and coursework.

During lessons since the day girls have displayed a deeper understanding of the technical and tactical components required in the game of netball and we often refer back to the day to make reference to elite performance on skill, technique, tactics, and the components of fitness.

All those that attended produced work based on the observations of these elite performers to enable them to meet the Distinction requirements.

The whole day was an enjoyable, entertaining and educational throughout. The girls were also fantastic ambassadors for the school.



Health and Social Care

As part of our work for the Health and Social Care A2 Child Development Unit (Year 13) students made independent visits to Lilycroft Nursery on Monday 17 and Thursday 20 October.

The students spent the half-day session observing/participating in classroom activities as primary research for a section of coursework entitled "The Role of Play in Child Development".

The students found the visit very enjoyable and informative, especially ones who have had no work experience in such a setting and the visit enabled them to apply their secondary research on theories of play to real children.

Kath Parry

Zara Sports Centre

Get Fit for the New Year!

Zumba classes will be available for ladies at Zara sports centre on Saturdays commencing 14 January 2012 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

These will be FREE with membership otherwise £4.00 per class.

Ladies only times currently available for fitness use are:

Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.00pm
Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8.00pm,
Thursdays 7.00pm - 10.00pm and
Saturday 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Aerobics

Mondays 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

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Visit to Sue Ryder Hospice, Manorlands

A group of 7 students from Year 12 had the chance to attend Sue Ryder Hospice, Manorlands, Oxenhope. They thought that it was a fantastic opportunity to find out about a career in medicine by talking to junior Doctors about their journey through medical school. By attending this they now have the possibility to volunteer at the Hospice.

Neelam Hussain 12EB9 and Aisha
Aslam 12SA5



Holiday Schedule 2011/2012

Christmas

School closes on Friday 16 December 2011

And

Re-opens on Tuesday 3 January 2012

Spring Half Term

School closes on Friday 10 February 2012

And

Re-opens on Monday 20 February 2012



Parental Involvement News

My name is Saeqa Rehman. I am the Parental Involvement Worker at Belle Vue Girls' School. By working closely with parents and carers, I will liaise between you and the school.

Parental Involvement starts at home as a continuation of the support and care that you have given to your child. The school works in close partnership with parents and pupils, to give each child the highest education possible.

My Aims

Involve parents in their child's learning & school life

Promote positive relationships between home & school

Provide opportunities for parents

Benefits of Parental Involvement

For Parents

1. Opportunity to enhance their child's education
2. Parents achieve
3. Parents become more confident and are able to

4. support their children
4. Parents develop new skills

For Children

1. More time spent with parents support
2. Raise self esteem
3. Improve confidence
4. More positive attitude

Adult Numeracy Course

We are very pleased to offer an Adult Numeracy Course for parents. This will give you an opportunity to gain a maths qualification in school. The course is run by one of our teachers from the Maths department and starts on Tuesday 10 January 2012 from 10.30 to 12pm.

Refresh the skills you have and learn new ones on this useful course.

Adult Literacy Course

We will also be continuing our Adult Literacy Course in the new year. Improve your English, work towards a qualification in literacy and build your self confidence in a relaxed and fun setting.

COMING SOON

Coffee morning for parents

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a coffee morning where parents can chat and get to know each other and talk about any subject, not just school related.

Please contact me on the number below for more details.

Come and join us for a chat to see if any of these courses are suitable for you.

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