

BELMONT UPDATE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy half term at Belmont.

I look forward to welcoming prospective parents to a transition evening on 29th June 2017.

We will also be hosting our first ever Pride of Belmont Awards Evening at the Durham Centre, to celebrate students' achievements outside the classroom.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many trips, events and successes of our students in the following pages.

Regards

Mr P Marsden
(Headteacher)



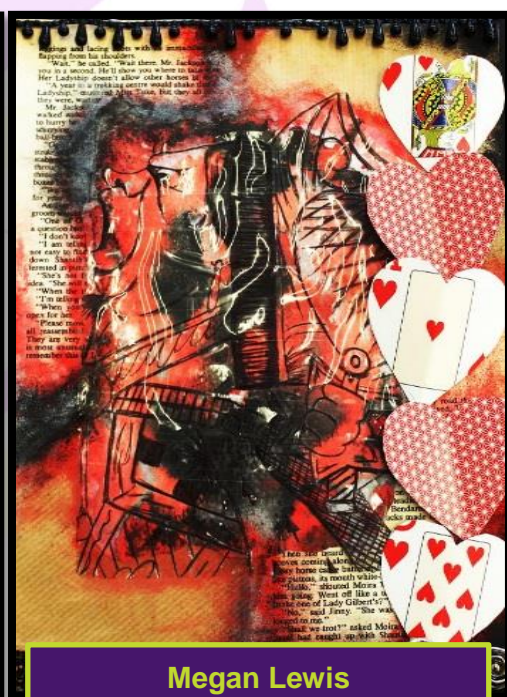
Alexis Gillet
GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY
Y11



Anna Chambers
GCSE ART
Y11



Anna Simon
GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY
Y11



Megan Lewis
GCSE ART
Y11



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The Belmont Pledges

We believe that in a rapidly changing world, supporting all children to develop robust and resilient characters is ever more important. Consequently, from September we shall be launching our Belmont Pledges. We hope that every child will take up the challenge!

Our Core Values are:

- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Care
- ❖ Responsibility
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Resilience
- ❖ Work Ethic

Our promise:

- ❖ We will actively support students in their social development.
- ❖ We will provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership, teamwork and other social skills.

The 10 Belmont Pledges:

1. I will have the opportunity to express my views on issues in and out of school
2. I will develop my oracy skills by speaking in a performance or a debate
3. I will have my achievements recognised and celebrated in school
4. I will develop my resilience by taking part in a residential trip
5. I will prepare for working life by participating in a careers event each year
6. I will develop my leadership skills by planning and participating in an event
7. I will challenge myself by learning a new skill
8. I will develop my caring side by volunteering to help a community/charity project
9. I will develop my teamwork by competing in a House event
10. I will develop my literacy skills by reading regularly in and out of school

NCD CAREERS DAY



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On 10th June Year 10 were given the opportunity to explore career options with a visit from New College Durham. Students chose from twelve industries and had sessions working with professionals from that field. Sessions ranged from make-up industry and catering to kit car building, welding and engineering. The day was a resounding success and students' feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Students were particularly inspired by the arrival of the kit car and motorbike on the back of a trailer in the centre of the school yard. This is the first time this type of activity has been organised at Belmont School or, in fact County Durham. With the help of Andrea Cockroft, from New College Durham, Mr McMahon and Miss Clarke were able to pilot this scheme which we have since learned is to be rolled out to other Durham schools - a reward for all the hours planning it took to create this experience for Year 10.



SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017

Emblematic, our uniform provider, will be in school between 2.30pm and 5.30pm on Tuesday 4th July 2017 for you to purchase/order uniform. At this event, Emblematic will accept payment by cash, cheque or card.

Alternatively orders can be placed at emblematic.co.uk. Please place your order before 1st August to ensure delivery in time for the new school year.

ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TOUR



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Josh Charlton in Year 9 recently took part in the Isle of Man Youth Tour. The race was over 3 days and 3 separate stages with 450 of the best cyclists in the country converging on the Island to battle it out in a mixture of time-trial, criterium and hills.

Josh came 4th place in his first national youth tour. Well done Josh!



PARENTS' EVENING FOR M.A. STUDENTS

The school recently held an evening event for parents of More Able students. The event was focused on informing parents/carers about the many exciting and rewarding opportunities available here at Belmont: which students should seriously consider developing their academic skills, enhancing their leadership qualities and contributing to creating well-rounded individuals. Furthermore, leaders of the core subjects delivered presentations updating the audience with important information regarding the new requirements and the importance of hard work and revision starting right from Year 7.

The event closed with some words about higher education and the importance of choosing the best pathway from an early age to ensure students create the best opportunity to attend the top universities.

The presentation is now available for all on the school website and is well worth a look. If you would like further information or guidance, please contact Mrs R. Duarte (Assistant Headteacher) at the school.

PRISON ME NO WAY!

YEAR 9



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We were pleased to welcome the “No Way” Trust team into school recently. The Trust is a national educational charity with a core aim of raising awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime.

Our students had a fun and informative day whilst hopefully gaining skills on how to stay safe, deal with life challenges and lead law abiding and positive lifestyles.

The volunteers who came into school to deliver the sessions were very complimentary about our students. Phil Wilson, Director of Community Liaison, said “The students in Year 9 were a credit to themselves, as well as the school, and it was good to see all abilities rewarded in the closing session, which just goes to show that with a little encouragement and a unique approach, everyone can benefit.

J.Piercy, Year 9 said; “I liked 'Street Scene' because I found it hilarious and a good way of presenting an example without using slides or boring presentations.

'Choices and Consequences': I found it really interesting.”



K.Smith, Year 9 said; “The street scene was funny and it was easy to understand how drinking can make you do things you wouldn't normally do and how you can harass and even harm people around you.”

H.Jones, Year 9 said; “I liked in the street scene that they included you in the acting. In Choices and Consequences, we found out what the prisoners' lives were like and it really intrigued me.”

B.Dowell, Year 9 said about Street Scene;
“It was funny and interesting and I learnt how to be careful while having fun. However, Choices and Consequences was my favourite. I enjoyed being able to witness real life stories and be involved in asking the girls questions.”



BAKE OFF



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We held a Bake Off in school before the Easter holidays which was a big success. Both students and staff put in an enormous amount of effort. Thank you to all who took part and a huge thank you to Mr Jones for judging the fantastic Cakes.

Year 7:

Winners - Bailey Sheppard & Libby Jackson

Runner up - Molly Jackson

Staff Entries:

Winner 1 - Mrs Curry for effort

Winner 2 - Mrs France for appearance

Year 8:

Winners - Sophie Staplin, Alice McDonald
& Damien Henderson

Runners Up - Joshua Byles & Jack Carter



BELMONT'S GOT TALENT

A huge thank you to Mrs Curry for organising the first Belmont's Got Talent. This was a fantastic competition with a huge variety of talent. Well done to all who took part.

Winners:

Student – Jessica Railton

Staff – Mrs Curry



CEIAG

**CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION,
ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**



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At Belmont Community School each student has an entitlement to receive a comprehensive Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme delivered by experienced external providers and enthusiastic teaching staff. The CEIAG programme is supported by a number of partners including Careerwave, The University of Durham and the University of Newcastle, New College Durham (NCD), East Durham College (EDC), Durham Sixth Form Centre (DSFC), Parents and Carers, Belmont Community School Staff, Employer Partners and the Durham Education Business Partnership (DEBP).

The school is committed to its CEIAG programme for students and as such is undertaking the accreditation of 'Investors in Careers' and aims to have full accreditation before the end of 2017.

At our school the lead is Scott McMahon, he can be contacted by email

S.McMahon@Belmontschool.org.uk

Belmont Community School staff, Employer Partners and the Business Community work together to provide Work Related Learning projects for students that link to and extend learning in Academic and Specialist subjects.

Students themselves are central to an effective programme. Other professionals including Industry Leaders, Teachers and the CEIAG lead and independent, impartial Careers Advisers make a vital contribution to ensuring that our students develop the skills they need to make well-informed realistic decisions that will enable them to achieve their full potential in the future. All students will be consulted on the entitlement to CEIAG and help shape what it should include.

The overall aim of an effective Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme is to help students to:

- Gain information about jobs and employment (the labour market) in a variety of areas
- Understand themselves better and develop their personal capabilities
- Acquire the skills necessary for making realistic decisions
- Make informed choices about their own career paths
- Be aware of all education, training and career opportunities Post 16 and Post 18
- Have the career management skills needed to manage transitions to new roles and situations

At Belmont, all students will have:

- Access to opportunities within different industrial sectors to help them learn more about what is involved. This will be led by industry professionals where possible and can include speakers, work inspiration events and visits
- Access to a planned and structured careers education programme to help develop key skills around self-awareness and informed decision making
- Access to up to date, impartial and comprehensive careers information covering educational, vocational training and career opportunities
- Access to individual advice and guidance interview with an impartial, professional Careers Adviser.

SINGING EXAM

Congratulations to all involved in the singing exam with the University of West London/London College of Music.

Distinctions

Lois Lorraine-Smith
Molly Chaundy
Jessica Railton

Merit

Kate Parnaby
Abigail Hindaugh

SUMMER PRODUCTION



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Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th July 2017



Keep a look out for more
information.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Remember we return to
school on**

Monday 5th June 2017