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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the four-week break, we would like to share some suggestions to help keep our students engaged, healthy, and productive during this period. Holidays are a wonderful opportunity for students to rest and recharge; however, they also provide valuable time to continue their learning, build positive habits, and explore new interests.

Supporting Your Child During the Break

• Maintain Healthy Routines:

Encourage children to follow balanced daily routines that include enough sleep, regular physical activity, and healthy eating. Simple habits—such as reducing sugary snacks, staying hydrated, and eating fresh fruits and vegetables—can make a great difference in their well-being.

• Stay Active:

Sports and movement are essential for students' physical and mental health. Walking, cycling, swimming, or participating in family sports activities can help children stay energetic and motivated.

• Engage in Meaningful Learning:

Reading every day, exploring educational websites, practicing language skills, or engaging in creative projects (such as arts, crafts, or science experiments) can keep their minds active and curious throughout the break.

• Reinforce Knowledge Through Practice:

Encourage your children to revise key concepts learned during Term 1. Short, consistent daily review sessions are more effective than long, irregular study hours.

Special Focus for Year 11 Students

This break is especially important for our Year 11 students. We encourage parents and students to work together to ensure that the upcoming weeks are used productively to prepare for the official IGCSE examinations scheduled for April to June.

- Review both Year 10 and Year 11 subject specifications
- Complete and reflect on past paper questions regularly
- Plan a realistic revision timetable
- Seek support from teachers if clarification is needed



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Consistent practice during the break will help students return to school more confident and better prepared.

A Final Message

We wish all our students and families a relaxing, enjoyable, and productive vacation. We hope this time brings rest, quality family moments, and opportunities for personal growth.

We look forward to welcoming our students back—energised, refreshed, and ready for a successful Term 2.

Warm regards,

Isorat Daou

School Principal
Belvedere International School - Al Ain



Announcement

Special Acknowledgment – Al Ain Farms, Official Sponsor of Our National Day Celebrations

We are pleased to announce that Al Ain Farms proudly served as an official sponsor for our National Day Celebrations this year.

Their generous support contributed greatly to the success of this important event, helping us create a memorable and meaningful experience for our students, staff, and families.

On behalf of the entire Belvedere International School community, we extend our sincere appreciation to **Al Ain Farms** for their partnership and commitment to supporting education and cultural celebrations in the UAE. We look forward to continued collaboration in the future.



Extra Curricular Activities

We are pleased to inform our parents that the Term 2 ECA Programme will begin on Monday, 12th January 2026. Please note that our ECA schedule has been updated, and activities will now take place only on Mondays and Tuesdays only.

Term 2 will be a busy but shortened term for extracurricular activities. With Ramadan beginning in mid-February, the ECA Programme will run for five weeks only. The ECA booklet, containing full details of all available activities, will be shared shortly.

Once received, we kindly ask parents to complete the registration form as soon as you have selected your child's preferred activities. Please be aware that some ECA's will have limited spaces and will operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are also excited to share that one of BIS's most anticipated events, Enterprise Day, will take place in Term 2. Further details regarding planning and participation will be communicated soon.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful holiday and look forward to an exciting and successful Term 2 ahead.

Learning Activities

FS2

FS2 experienced exciting moments full of learning and pride. Our field trip to Al Ain Zoo was a day to remember! The children loved exploring the animal habitats, seeing wildlife up close, and sharing their discoveries with friends. Their laughter, curiosity, and endless excitement showed just how much fun they had.

We are also extremely proud of FS2's outstanding National Day performance. The children performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and great teamwork, lighting up the stage with their big smiles and beautiful singing and movement. We are truly proud of their achievements and the progress they continue to make each day.



Learning Activities

PRIMARY

Over the past few weeks, we successfully concluded our Term 1 assessments across all year groups. We are proud of the effort, dedication, and progress our students have demonstrated throughout the term.

Last Thursday, we also celebrated our National Day with a vibrant showcase of performances, traditional activities, and cultural displays. It was truly heart-warming to see our students take pride in the UAE's heritage, and we deeply appreciate the strong turnout and support from our parents and school community.

As we approach the holiday break, we wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for a productive and successful Term 2.



SECONDARY

As we conclude Term 1, we would like to acknowledge the hard work, determination, and commitment shown by our students. Their focus and effort throughout the assessment period have been truly commendable. We also extend our sincere thanks to all parents for their continuous encouragement and support in helping their children prepare for these important evaluations.

We are equally proud of our students' enthusiasm and teamwork during our National Day celebrations. Their willingness to assist, participate, and contribute played a significant role in making the event a wonderful success for our school community.

As we approach the winter break, we wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and successful Term 2.



Learning Activities

ARABIC DEPARTMENT

شهدت المدرسة فعاليات وطنية مميزة احتفاءً بيوم الوطن، شارك فيها الطلاب والمعلمون بفعالية وحماس. تضمنت الفعاليات أناشيد وطنية، وعروضاً طلابية تحكي تاريخ الوطن وإنجازاته، إضافة إلى أنشطة تعزز الهوية الوطنية. وأسهمت هذه الفعاليات في تعزيز روح الانتماء لدى الطلاب وخلق بيئة تعليمية مليئة بالحيوية.

كما تم خلال هذا الأسبوع الانتهاء من تصحيح الاختبارات والمهام لجميع الصفوف، مع الحرص على مراجعتها وتدقيقها بدقة لضمان العدالة في التقييم. وتم إدخال الدرجات في النظام الإلكتروني المعتمد وأعدت كذلك التقارير الخاصة بأداء الطلاب، متضمنة تقييم مستوياتهم وملاحظات حول نقاط القوة والجوانب التي تحتاج إلى دعم. وتم تجهيز هذه التقارير لتسليمها للإدارة ومشاركتها مع أولياء الأمور، بهدف تعزيز التواصل وتحسين العملية التعليمية.



WELLNESS: A Look Back and A Peek Ahead

The first term of 2025-2026 was dedicated to finding new ways to incorporate brain breaks and stress relief for both students and staff! We had a fantastic time, from making stress balls with secondary years to embracing self-compassion in our staff training sessions.

We are proud to share that we've successfully renovated our break rooms and playground and laid out a detailed plan to improve overall well-being across the school. Now, Well-being is formally included in the curricula of all subjects across all year groups. Our teachers will be introducing key well-being concepts during lessons on a weekly basis, covering topics like the safe use of devices and mindfulness breaks.

Crucially, we listened to our students' well-being requests—specifically, the need for more external sports matches and fun activities as a way to take brain breaks. Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be taking well-being to the next level next term! We have prepared fun in-school events (think themed "Brain Break" days!) and assemblies that promote wellness for everyone at school.

We can't share every detail just yet, but rest assured, healthy eating initiatives and promoting daily well-being practices in-class are definitely high on our agenda. We look forward to next term!

Learning Activities

PE

Students have shown impressive commitment and determination while representing the school in swimming and table tennis competitions organised by ADEK. Their performances have been consistently strong, reflecting both their technical development and their confidence under competitive pressure. Many students achieved notable results, demonstrating resilience, focus and pride in representing the school. Beyond the medals and rankings, these competitions have strengthened teamwork, sportsmanship and a sense of national and school identity, while also motivating other students to engage more actively in sport and strive for similar success.



LIBRARY

It's exam week, and the library has been a little quieter than usual as most students focus on their studies. For the children who are still coming to school during this week, the library is still a welcoming space! Jacob from Year 2 is excited to read stories to our younger visitors and share the joy of reading. Even during this busy time, it's wonderful to see the children enjoying books and exploring our cozy reading corner.

We wish everyone a successful exam week and a warm, joyful winter break. Thank you all for the wonderful moments shared in the library this term!



Learning Activities

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Lockdown and Incident Management Training

At Belvedere International School, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain at the heart of everything we do. On December 5, 2025, our team took part in a comprehensive Lockdown and Incident Management Training designed to strengthen our preparedness and reinforce our school-wide safety protocols.

The training covered essential areas, including:

- Lockdown procedures and protocols
- Incident management and response strategies
- Clear roles and responsibilities for staff and students
- Communication plans and designated emergency contacts
- Practical drills and real-life scenario simulations

The objective of this session was simple yet vital: to ensure that every member of our school community is equipped, confident, and ready to respond effectively in the event of any incident or lockdown.

Through continuous training and awareness, we remain committed to maintaining a safe, secure, and supportive learning environment for all.

