



BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Principal: Ms P Stuart, B. Ed, PQH NI, M. Ed

6th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach February midterm break, I wish to thank you for your on-going support and commitment. I am very pleased to report that it has been another very busy and very successful half term.

We began the new term with parent teacher consultations, which were very well attended by parents and carers. Thank you.

Open Evening, our first since 2019, welcomed 200+ P7 pupils and their families to visit our school and to experience the first-class provision on offer within Belfast Model School for Girls.

As they continue their Model journey, our Year 8 students participated in their first Learning Conference and really impressed the guest speakers and presenters from the business world.

On Thursday 2nd February, students in Years 11 and 12 received the results of their external GCSE module examinations in English, Mathematics, and Science. The students achieved remarkable results, as detailed below. This is, in no small part, due to the hard work, commitment, expertise, care, support and challenge of a fantastic team of staff – teaching and nonteaching. I offer my warmest congratulations and sincere thanks to all.

English Language Unit 4	74%	A* - C (122/165)
Mathematics GCSE CASH IN	56%	A* - C (90/162)
<i>More students have already now passed their full GCSE maths this year than last year.</i>		
Mathematics Unit 8	100%	A* - C (38/45 students achieved a Grade A in this unit)
Mathematics Unit 7	86%	A* - C (18/21)
Mathematics Unit 4	100%	A* - C
Mathematics Unit 2	31%	A* - C (8/26)
Science DA Biology Unit 1(H)	100%	A* - C (20/20 - 7 students achieved Grade A)
Science DA Biology Unit 1(F)	77%	A* - C (10/13)
Science SA Chemistry Unit 2(H)	100%	A*- C (18/18-12 students achieved Grade A)
Science SA Chemistry Unit 2(F)	79%	A* - C (15/19)

I hope you would agree - these results are a class act. And February saw another act being launched in school - Sister Act - the musical! Students came forward in large numbers to audition for key roles and chorus lines. They will take to the stage in October 2023, and I have no doubt it will be a divine experience and a sell out!





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Success continues with our senior Public Speaking team, who have made it to the final of the Business and Professional Women's Organization competition, to be held on Saturday 11th February 2023, at Newforge Country Club [off the Malone Road] at 2pm.

Following midterm break, staff and students begin the options process within Year 12 and Year 10. From September 2023, we are delighted to be extending our offer at Post 16, which will now include A Level Mathematics, A Level Government and Politics and A Level Environmental Technology.

Also, after midterm, senior students will also be completing their GCSE Science module examinations and Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in school, so it is expected that they complete revision during the midterm holidays.

Thank you to all parents for your support with school uniform. We receive many compliments into school about how well our students are presented. We expect all students to continue to present to the highest standards. For full details of our school uniform, please visit our school website.

We include piercings and long nails as part of the school's uniform policy. By way of a reminder, students are not permitted to have nose rings, eyebrow, lip, or upper ear piercings. Students will be asked to remove them. It is often cited that the piercing cannot be removed for several weeks as it has only just been done. It is our expectation that this is taken into consideration and that students are mindful of the 8 weeks of summer holiday that allow ample time for the piercing to heal. This applies to all students, including Sixth Form.

All students in Year 8-14 are not allowed to have long nails and will be asked to have them shortened with immediate effect.

Finally, I would like to wish all who belong to our school and local community a very enjoyable and relaxing midterm break. **School re-opens for ALL students at 8.45am on MONDAY 20th February 2023 for another busy term before the Easter holidays.**

Yours faithfully,

Ms Paula Stuart
Principal

