



# Belfast Model School for Girls

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Dear Community,

Not long now until we hopefully hear the clippety-clop of Santa's reindeers, and the sleigh bells ring-a-ling-a-ling! Be sure to leave a wee treat for Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph if you want them to return next year. The Christmas break is nearly upon us to take a well-deserved period of rest and recuperation. However, please take a moment during this time to reflect and ask yourself, what is Christmas about? and what does it really mean to you?

The true meaning of Christmas goes far beyond decorations, gifts, and festivities. At its core, Christmas should be a celebration of love, joy, hope, and generosity. It commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, symbolising light and salvation for Christians worldwide and importantly the spirit of Christmas also reflects kindness, compassion, and unity across all faiths and cultures.

It's a time to reflect on the importance of family, friendship, and giving to those in need. Christmas reminds us to cherish the simple joys, spread goodwill, and embrace the shared humanity that brings us all together, and to be grateful for what we have that's good and special in our life and not be angry or disappointed for what we don't have.

Try to surround yourself with loved ones to be happy and enjoy the times you will soon share with them, give a few hugs, laugh together, and give freely and generously of your time, attention, and love to the people you care about. Remember and cherish your experiences, feelings, and memories as this will lift your spirit and wellbeing.

Believe it or not, for our students coming to school is a little bit like Christmas! It is an important and formative time in their lives as this is where they forge some of their most memorable and enduring memories. They find and develop their friendships, have fun, engage in activities and clubs, develop new skills, and experience many new challenges. Teachers and support staff work tirelessly to create a culture of building strong relationships with our students and to give them professional love and care, and the time and attention they require to keep them safe, meet their needs, enjoy school, and make progress in their learning. I hope you have enjoyed seeing and reading our social media posts to see what our brilliant students have been up to since September and join me in feeling very proud of their achievements and successes.

I do hope you will get to spend some quality time with your loved ones this Christmas and share gifts with your family and friends, eat heartily at your Christmas dinner table, play board games without falling out! and maybe watch a few classic Christmas movies together, and dance and sing to some classic Christmas songs!

On behalf of the staff at Belfast Model School for Girls I hope the Christmas period is a time of happiness, good health, and peace for you and your family and you get some time off to relax and just enjoy yourself!

Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community and I look forward to the New Year and the amazing opportunities it will bring for our school community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Perry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr P. Perry  
Principal