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BELMONT PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach half term there is much that we have achieved, but as always still more to do. We have secured funding to build a new vocational center on our school site and this is due to be completed in September 2018. It will provide us with state of the art facilities to deliver construction, music and media, catering as well as other courses. We believe these will provide many of our students with the qualifications and experiences for them to gain apprenticeships or further qualifications as appropriate for them. It will also enable us to develop our sixth form provision and support our students through to the age of 18 if required. In addition to this we have started working with the Tavistock and Portman Hospital which has a national and international reputation for the work it does supporting young people with social and emotional issues. They will be working with students but also providing training and support for our staff to develop their skills and knowledge.

Many of our students have been sitting their functional skills exams and the Year 11 students have now started their G.C.S.Es. I am really pleased to say that their behavior has been exceptional in the exam room, so a massive well done and thanks to them. Uniform in the school is now the best it has ever been, especially as students hand in their jackets and hoodies when they arrive at school.

Finally, it is with some sadness that we say goodbye to two colleagues Zed and Patrick who between them have worked at Belmont Park for 29 years. Zed joined as a learning mentor in 2010, before teaching P.E and then joining the Behaviour team in 2013. Despite his size I have always admired his calmness and gentleness with our students and he is well respected

by all of them. Zed is a talented musician and has won awards for records that he has released. It looks like his career is really about to take off. Listen out for Figure Flows coming to a radio station near to you soon!



I started working at Belmont Park for the first time in 1989 and I still remember Pat arriving two years later in 1991- he had slightly more hair then but his striking eyes still remain the same. Patrick worked here for seven years, took a career break before returning in 2002 and in total has spent 22 years at Belmont Park. Pat has been a major part of the school's success and he has touched the lives of hundreds of students who have attended here. He has made a real difference to many, both as young people but also as they have grown into adults and kept in touch with him. I personally will miss him for all that he is and all that he has done and I will always remember what he said to me this week – both for himself but for everyone who has been at Belmont Park – 'Leaving is the beginning if you let it be and not the end'.

I wish them both every success in their futures and a peaceful half term to all of the Belmont Park family.

Bruce Roberts
Head teacher