



# Belleville Wix Academy

## Information for Prospective Families

### **Is BWA the right school for my child?**

Welcome to BWA and thank you so much for your interest in our amazing school.

The decision about what school to apply for is such a hard one for parents but this has been made even harder for you all during a pandemic. Please be assured that we are here to work with you to help you get a good picture of what we offer every child at BWA and importantly, to get a feel for the BWA community. At our usual Open Days you would have a tour of our school, meet staff and current parents, followed by a talk by me. Our challenge is to try to replicate that experience safely so we have kept our video for you to have a look at and are offering tours for small groups. We will also offer the [opportunity to speak with current BWA parents](#) if anyone would find that helpful.

Please do get in touch with any question you have. We are here to help you and will do all we can to answer any query you have. In 2020 we were the third hardest school to get into within Wandsworth, which we were obviously delighted about but things are different every year. Some of you may have read this article and it may have caused a little more anxiety for you during the school selection journey you are on. Please do not let it put you off applying for a place for your child at BWA. For anyone who didn't see the article I refer to, this is the link. <https://www.mylondon.news/news/south-london-news/schools-parents-admissions-open-days-19021847>

### **What would be most helpful for prospective parents?**

Having spoken to current parents to find out what they think would have been helpful to them when choosing a school for their child we created a virtual tour of what happens at BWA every day. This is what you would see during a school tour. I don't believe in putting on a show during open day events because I believe what we offer every child, every day is really great and what I want every parent to see is what your child would get every day if they attended BWA.

What I think is so hard to capture through any of these mediums is what it feels like to be a pupil at BWA. I can't tell you how fortunate I feel to be the head of such a fantastic school. Walking around BWA on any day, at any time, you will see pupils fully engaged in their learning. This is because our staff team are committed to every child and making sure they are safe, happy and ready to learn.

### **The BWA Community**

If you have time, I think the following links and videos will give you a feel for our school community. We didn't make all of these for this purpose but I think they give a really good feel for what happens in our school and the commitment we have to every child at BWA.

• School Tour	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/events-ChJ4/open-days-and-tours">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/events-ChJ4/open-days-and-tours</a>
• Headteacher Open Day Presentation	<a href="https://vimeo.com/491782418/c3d0e2591f">https://vimeo.com/491782418/c3d0e2591f</a>
• 2019-20 End of Year Video	<a href="https://vimeo.com/439705958/685eb26da7">https://vimeo.com/439705958/685eb26da7</a>
• Parent Survey	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/what-our-parents-say-about-bwa/">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/our-school/what-our-parents-say-about-bwa/</a>
• Weekly Newsletters	<a href="https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/headteachers-letters">https://www.bellevillewix.org.uk/news-events/headteachers-letters</a>

### **Our Phenomenal Parents**

We have a phenomenal parent body who are committed to working with us to ensure every child has the best opportunities we can give them. On a school tour you would usually have the opportunity to have a coffee and chat to them about their own experiences of having a child at BWA. They have kindly offered to speak with prospective parents who would like to speak to them about their experience of our school. We will set up a request sheet for this soon and send it to everyone who has expressed an interest in finding out more about our school.

Thank you for your interest in BWA. I hope this information is helpful and please don't hesitate to get in contact if we can help you in any way with this very difficult decision.

With kindest regards,

Miss Henry