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Dear Parents, Carers and students,

Headteacher's Update

I was writing this letter with the sound of the Fundamentals blasting out their own compositions at last night's Rocktober event. This is student leadership at its absolute best. The event has been organised and is being managed by students from staging, sound, lighting and the front of house team to the incredibly talented bands themselves - self-rehearsed, lots of original compositions. It's great to see the older bands inspiring younger bands and to have such an enthusiastic student, staff and parent audience. Brilliant!

The week has been very busy for sport too. Our Hockey Squads, Rugby and Netball teams have had some great results - it is incredible to see the number of matches played and the quality of play achieved week in week out by Borlase Sport. There were some fantastic Hockey games tonight - Take a look on the sports website for results - <http://www.swbgssport.com> The Boat Club too is thriving with record numbers training for the Heads races at the moment.

Sixth Form students have been very busy as usual; this week it was the Spanish study day and the Psychology's Lecture in London. Year 11 students, have of course, been sitting their mock MFL orals - we have all been incredibly impressed by the way they are approaching these.

Our Charities prefects, Emma and James have announced what the school raised for Breast Cancer Now. Borlase raised £1,526 from the Mufti Day and a further £244.20 from the cake sale.

We have now transferred the total of £1,770.20 to Breast Cancer Now.

The Fashion Show organised earlier this term by Freya and Toby raised £473.20 for Wycombe Mind.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Dr Parsons' Year 11 study skills lecture on Wednesday evening; it's fantastic to have such well supported events and such engaged parents here at Borlase. There will be more of these coming up. The presentations are available on the web site under Parents and Carers/Recent Mailings/Year 11.

We have lots of events to look forward to in the coming weeks -

Our Senior Play - A View from the Bridge is now on Sale - Do try and get a ticket! 6, 7, 8 December

We will write separately about the Carol Service.

I would also like to promote an excellent evening of carols at All Saints Church - you can see the programme of services by clicking [here](#)

We are aware that some families will be significantly affected by the increase in the cost of living and we would like to tell you that due to a generous donation by the company PHS we have free sanitary products for our students. Students can go to Mrs Goodman, our Health and Wellbeing

Lead or Mrs Woodgate and we will give supplies that students can take home. We also have a cupboard in the Healthcare Centre that students can access without asking, for day to day needs.

As usual, this year, each tutor group is putting together a collection of items to donate to the One Can Trust, our local food bank in High Wycombe. This [link](#) will take you to the poster showing the specific items that the food bank has requested; please could you son / daughter bring in an item from the list next week and add it to the box in their tutor group. The groups are also decorating their boxes and we will be taking them to the One Can Trust on Friday 2nd December. Many thanks for your support with this.

Thank you everyone for your continued support as ever,
Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes,

Kay Mountfield,
Headteacher