



09 December, 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and students,

It was an absolute pleasure this week to sit and watch the excellent senior production of Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*. The complex and mature themes and characters were portrayed with conviction by the performers; their stories were completely believable. Congratulations to Mr Tekarian and everyone involved on stage and off. There will be more in the Borlase Review.

At break time today I had twelve students join me for tea in my study to talk about their achievements. It was lovely to hear about their different stories including stage management, hockey, mentoring, maths competitions, English literature, GB Rowing, Football and GB Dance Aerobics - Thank you Joel, Thomas, Fin, Freddie, Daisy May, Georgie, Noa, Kees, Mahlee, Sofia and Ailish.

It will be the start of Christmas next week at Borlase. On Thursday and Friday evening there will be over 200 singers in All Saints Church joined by many of our alumni singers. They will also be taking part in the exciting new Marlow Christmas event - Christmas in the Park. At school on Monday 19th, we will also have a festive celebration to help raise funds for our new refectory project - Each House will have Christmas stalls and all can wear Christmas Jumpers.

There have been a number of children unwell with coughs and colds this week. Please also note a separate, urgent letter sent by the UK Health Security Agency sent out this morning regarding the increase in Scarlet Fever across the UK. If you have not read it please take the time to do so as it provides very clear guidance on what to look out for and what to do if you are concerned about your child. You can access the letter on our website or by clicking [here](#). If your child is diagnosed, please ensure you report it the school via absence@swbgs.com. On that note, please can you make sure you contact us on absence@swbgs.com before 8.00 a.m. if your child is out of school unwell in any way..

And finally, a message from the Friends of Borlase

Tickets for the Masquerade Ball are open. Date for your diary 25 February 2023.. I am going to link the poster advertising the event [here](#) but tickets are available via [Ticketsource](#) on the school website

Very best wishes everyone,

Kay Mountfield
Headteacher