



## Headteacher's Letter: 10 October 2025

### Upcoming Events

Sat 11 October	Year 10 Spanish Exchange students in the UK, 11-17 October 2025
Wed 15 October	Year 10 Spanish Exchange joint trip to Legoland
Thurs 16 October	Rocktober! - <a href="#">letter</a>
Fri 17 October	Non-school uniform day in aid of Britons' House charity, <i>Cancer Research UK</i> Year 13 Educational Visit to Washington and New York, 17-25 October 2025
Thurs 6 November	Year 11 English theatre trip to Macbeth, RSC Stratford-upon-Avon Year 12-13 Drama to Hamlet Workshop, National Theatre
Fri 7 November	Year 13 Politics to the US Conference, British Library
Tue 11 November	Year 12 Politics to Westminster
Thurs 13 November	Year 12 EMC Literary Conference, Friends House, London
Fri 14 November	The Friends of Borlase Hockey - Quiz Night - <a href="#">tickets</a>

## Information and Reminders

### Whole School

- **School Photographs are ready to be collected from reception:** If you have ordered anything from a print to a snow globe they are ready to be collected by either parents/carers or students any time up to 4.14pm during the week next week
- **Rocktober!** Thursday 16 October [letter](#)
- **Friday 17 October:** Non-School Uniform Day in aid of Britons' House charity, Cancer Research UK
- **The Old Borlasian Club Curry Night:** For any parent who is also a former member of the school, the Old Borlasian Club is holding their annual curry night on 15 November. Tickets are available via Ticket Source on the Web Site [here](#)
- **Saddle Safari Cycle to School Event - Get Ready for Winter - 18 October:** [here](#)

### Year 7

- **Visit by author Chris Bradford, 10 November:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Maths Information and Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- Remember that **Wednesday's after school** in the M11U is **homework club** (SAPS) where year 7s can both do their homework and/or get support from ur learning mentors. It's a relaxed space that can be really useful for those that attend.
- **Year 7 homework guidance and timetable:** [here](#)
- **Meet the tutor afternoon** (25th November) letter and information on how to book your appointment will come out shortly
- **PSHE topics this half term** - we have been learning about Google Classrooms, online safety and we are now learning about core values and how to be a positive bystander. A healthy discussion between parents and child about what has been learned would be helpful.
- **Year 7 boys rugby** have their first game at Burnham Grammar next Thursday - all match info will be on the [School Sports Webpage](#). They will depart school at 3.30pm and return by 6pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch and take their child home directly from BGS.

## Year 8

- **Visit by author Chris Bradford, 10 November:** [letter](#)
- **Year 8 homework guidance and timetable:** [here](#)
- **Year 8 Maths Information and Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **PSHE topics this half term** - we have been learning about caffeine, nicotine (cigarettes and vapes) and alcohol this half term. A healthy discussion between parents and children about what has been learned would be useful.
- **Uniform:** Year 8s should only come to school in kit on the days they have Dance (not Games or P.E).

## Year 9

- **Visit by author Chris Bradford, 10 November:** [letter](#)
- **Year 9 Maths Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **Uniform reminder:** Year 9s should attend school in school uniform and changing Dance, P.E & Games

## Year 10

- **Year 10 History trip to Berlin: May half term holiday, 26-29 May 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar *Revision Mastery*:** supporting your child with their revision - Tuesday 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **Year 10 German exchange 2025 - 2026:** Please attend a briefing giving full details about the exchange on **Tuesday 4 November at 5:00 - 5.45 pm** in the Stuart Lever Room
- **Support your Child's Mental Health Years 10/11:** [here](#)
- **Year 10 Maths Learning Objectives:** [here](#)

## Year 11

- **Large parties/social events** - Following on from our Year 11 Parent Information Evening, a few reminders from Ms Harper (DSL) with regard to parties or social events for your children. Know where your child is and who they're with. Ensure adequate adult supervision is in place at any gatherings. Have open conversations with your child about staying safe, including the risks associated with alcohol and peer pressure. Contact other parents if you have concerns about planned gatherings. If you're aware of a party or gathering taking place, please ensure there will be responsible adult supervision throughout.
- **Sixth Form Open Evening:** Thank you to those who have booked onto the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 15 October. The Headteacher's talk is a ticketed event with presentations by the Headteacher, Head and Asst. Head of Sixth Form, and current students. We have reserved booking slots for our internal students so please ensure that you have booked a time. Before and after your talk, Heads of Department will be delivering their own subject talks about their respective A-Level subject. These talks will be held in the Heads of Departments' classrooms across the site and will last for 10 minutes.
- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar *Revision Mastery*:** supporting your child with their revision - Tuesday 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter:** [here](#)
- **Support your Child's Mental Health Years 10/11:** [here](#)
- **Year 11 Mocks:** 24 November - 8 December
- **Year 11 Prom:** At present, we have sadly not had any parent or carer come forward to support the organisation of this event. If you are able to help, please get in touch via [Year11enquiries@swbgs.com](mailto:Year11enquiries@swbgs.com)

## Sixth Form

- **Year 12-13 Physics workshop and careers talk at RGS, 20 November 2025:** [letter](#)
- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar *Revision Mastery*:** supporting your child with their revision - Tuesday 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter:** [here](#)

## Year 12

- **Year 12 Politics Visit to Westminster, 11 November 2025:** [letter](#)
- Students were given [this](#) presentation about the use of Unifrog. They have been asked to complete two tasks in Unifrog: 1) Course 101; 2) Record current post-18 intentions. Deadline is Monday 3 November.

## **Year 13**

### **UCAS 'Pay and Send' Deadlines**

- All non-early applicants by 9:00am, Monday 3 November 2025

### **UCAS Final Deadlines**

- Early applicants: Wednesday 15 October 2025
- Non-early applicants: Thursday 15 January 2026, however, we aim to submit all applications by Thursday 18 December 2025.

### **Conservatoire Applications (Music, Dance, Drama)**

- Applications are made either via UCAS or directly to institutions.
- Students should check specific entry requirements carefully.

**Year 13 Parents' Information Evening (7 Oct) - See slides [Here](#)**

## This Week at Borlase...



The week began with the annual extravaganza that is whole-school Cross Country when 1,200 students “run” - it’s a pretty liberal interpretation by some students - a 2km or 5km circuit around Higginson Mark, finishing at Marlow Sports Club. With the sun out, it was particularly glorious this year and a far cry from 2024 when the event had to be postponed because the river was too high and the ground was absolutely sodden. Well done to all the participants, particularly those who opted to run the longer distance, rewarded with an even greater haul of house points!



The Cross Country kicked off Wellbeing Week with various activities punctuating the week as we took a different point from Mind’s ‘Five Ways to Wellbeing’ as a focus for each day, culminating in today’s **Wear it Yellow Day** in recognition of World Mental Health Day. Thanks go to all the students and staff who accessorised.



On Wednesday afternoon the 1st XV graced Colonel’s Fortress for their first home match of the season against Chesham Grammar School. While the warm weather was lovely for spectators, the pitch was baked hard with a cloud of dust emitted as tackled players hit the ground. It was a well-balanced contest with Borlase prevailing 33-22. Meanwhile the Girls 1st XI Hockey team were away at Cokethorpe coming away with a very impressive 5-1 victory.



I often find myself talking about comings and goings in these weekly summaries. It was particularly poignant this week as the Year 13 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, the last occasion for some parents who may have been coming to these evenings for seven or more years depending on the number of children coming through Borlase, being sandwiched by two Open Mornings for prospective Year 7 parents. Both occasions were very enjoyable and it is great to juxtapose the satisfaction and appreciation of the departing group with the excitement and hope of those incoming. To anyone receiving news today, National Offer Day, I hope it is what you were hoping for.



On Thursday evening it was the Autumn Chamber Concert with 33 students from Years 7 to 13 performing a variety of solo, ensemble and accompanied numbers. There were at least three sets of siblings by my reckoning and, as per the paragraph above, it is fantastic to hear the talents of the next generation of students coming through, picking up the baton from those who have gone before them. The rendition of Teddy Bears’ Picnic was brilliant, as well as a stunning piano piece by Valerie in Year 7, Arts Captain Junwen’s fine solo and a show-ending number from *The Greatest Showman*!



And finally, a picture of one of the newest members of the school and unofficial mascot. There to welcome and bid farewell to students and staff almost every day and monitoring Open Evening and Open Morning proceedings, I introduce you to the Borlase cat, Billie, aka Sir William Paw-lase (despite being female!).

Have a lovely weekend

**Ed Goodall**  
Headteacher

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