



Headteacher's Letter: Friday 24 April, 2026

Upcoming Events

Mon 27 April	Year 12 End of Year Exams begin
Thur 30 April	Year 11 Drama Theatre Trip to Noughts and Crosses
Thur 7 May	Year 10 Drama Theatre Trip to The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service followed by Leavers' Celebrations
Fri 8 May	Comedy Night Tickets now on sale Click HERE
Sat 9 May	Year 10 German Exchange Trip to Saarburg, 9-15 May
Thur 14 May	Year 12 Drama Trip Dangerous Liaisons Year 7 Parent on line session for the Bushcraft Trip
W/c 18 May	Year 7, 8 and 9 Assessments Year 10 Drama Exams
Wed 20 May	Masterclass
Thur 21 May	Year 8 Trip to a Mosque and a Synagogue
Fri 22 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations: letter and consent Half Term ends at 3.30pm



The Friends of Borlase

Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

Fri 8 May - Comedy Night: Tickets now on sale - click [HERE](#)

Thu 25 June - Summer Concert

Thu 9 July - 'Borlase Summer Unplugged' Festival

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- Please would all Parents and Carers who drop their children by car kindly refrain from doing so immediately outside school. On two occasions in the last week, this has nearly led to an accident involving our students as other road users pull out to pass vehicles that have pulled over. It will also help to build your child's resilience by walking a little further.
- **School Trips Overnight Rooming Process:** [Please Read](#)

Year 7

- **Year 7 Strength and Conditioning, Summer term:** [letter](#)
- **Bushcraft trip 15-17 June - online parent info session: 5:00pm on Thursday 14 May 2026** [LINK TO SESSION](#)
- Year 7 End of year Assessments **week beginning 11 May 2026 For 2 weeks** - [INFORMATION HERE](#)
- **Year 7 and 8 Tennis after school:** There was an unprecedented number of players on Wednesday for the Y7 and Y8 tennis. With only 24 signups in this age group last year we were expecting similar but we had 72 turn up! This is amazing. However the logistics with these numbers don't work with only 6 courts. In light of this we are going to split the trainings over two days -
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Year 8

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- **Year 8 Religious Studies Faiths trip, 21 May 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 8 Strength and Conditioning, Summer term:** [letter](#)
- **UKSA** - Please find attached a [parent information pack from UKSA](#) in preparation for the upcoming Year 8 UKSA trip from Tuesday 30 June to Friday 3 July. In addition we would like to invite you to an online parent meeting on **Thursday 30 April from 5.30pm - 6.00pm** for further information (including specific timings and detail) and to answer any questions you may have. The link for the parent meeting is [here](#). Please fill out [this google form](#) for any questions you may have ahead of the parent meeting so we can address them at the meeting. This information has also been emailed to you.
- **HPV Vaccinations 22 May for Year 8:** [letter and consent](#)
- **[Year 8 End of Year Assessments - 11 - 20 May Assessments in Class](#)**

Year 9

- 'STEM On Track' is a national challenge for KS3 and KS4 students, where young people build their own racing karts, learn the STEM theory behind it and race against other competing schools Please click [here](#) for more information
- **Year 9 End of Year Assessments** - Starting 18 May 2026: [Timetable](#)

Year 10

- **Year 10 Work Insight Day 26 June 2026:** [Letter](#)
- **Academic Support Sessions:** [letter](#)

Centre Assessed Marks for GCSE & A Level- Important

Some subjects have NEA elements that are marked internally and then moderated by the exam boards:

GCSE - Art, Dance, Drama, DT, Music, PE, English Language spoken endorsement

A level - Art, Computing, Drama, English, Geography, History, PE, EPQ, Science practical endorsements

JCQ rules state that schools must inform candidates of their centre assessed marks as students are allowed to request a review of the marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body. Unlike written papers, reviews of marking for NEA cannot be requested in the summer after results have been issued.

If your child is taking a subject with NEA/an endorsement, please read [this letter](#) and the policy linked in it.

Year 11

- **Prom letter:** [here](#)
- **NEA Subject Specific Internal Dates 2026:** [here](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter:** [here](#)
- **Year 11 Study Leave:** Year 11's last day in school will be Friday 8 May
- **Academic Support Sessions:** [letter](#)
- **Post Formal Practice Exams - Student Support:** [letter](#)

Sixth Form

- **Summer 2026 Public Exams** [letter](#)

Year 12

- **End of Year Exams** : Year 12 end of year exams will be held from Monday 27 April to Friday 8 May 2026. Study leave will be granted during this period, although students are welcome to come into school for private study; they should sign in upon arrival and be in correct Uniform. Here is the exams [timetable](#) and information [handbook](#). Best of luck!
- **University Open Days** : Students are encouraged to begin exploring university and conservatoire options by attending open days. Up to three days leave of absence is granted for this purpose. Click [here](#) to view the list of upcoming Open Days.

Year 13

- **Leavers' Celebrations - Thursday 7 May 2026, 10.15am**: Parents of Year 13s are warmly invited to join us for tea and speeches on Cloisters Lawn at 10:15am on Thursday, 7 May 2026. Click [here](#) to view the letter of invitation and information on how to reserve places.
- Borlase Year 13 Leavers Hoodies: [letter](#)
- **UCAS** : Students should keep an eye on emails for correspondence from universities about offers and any further action they require. Deadlines for replying to your UCAS offers:

Last decision received:

On or before 31 March 2026

On or before 13 May 2026

On or before 15 July 2026

Reply date:

6 May 2026

3 June 2026

22 July 2026

Here is [UCAS guidance](#) on making the right decision, and [further information](#) about making the right decisions for confirming firm and insurance choices.

- **Important Calendar Dates**

- **Last teaching day:** Wednesday 6 May 2026
- **Leavers' Chapel Assembly followed by Leavers' Celebration:** Thursday 7 May 2026
- **Year 13 Prom: Crowne Plaza, Wed 24 June 2026** - a date for your diary

This Week at Borlase



Thank you to all the Year 8 students, parents and carers who joined us for the GCSE Options evening on Wednesday. Heads of Department have impassioned talks detailing what lies ahead on the GCSE course and where it could take students in the future. There was certainly no doubting their commitment to their respective subjects, nor their own talents, while Miss Rayner offered sage advice about what should be influential in choosing subjects (and what shouldn't). The evening showed, once again, that the quality of our staff is one of the greatest strengths of Borlase, as well as the rich range of options available for students to choose from.



On Monday lunchtime the SVC met with Lewis, our Catering Manager and Head Chef, to discuss the fare on offer in the Canteen and The Stage café. It was a two-way process as students offered feedback while Lewis brought a range of possible menu choices to the literal and metaphorical table. It was also the handover-point for the reporting Captains to the incoming team.



Leadership starts early at Borlase and on Tuesday we held the third and fourth of our Open Mornings for prospective Year 7s. After a short talk and Q&A session in the Theatre, guides from Year 8 (who have had a busy week) took groups around the school and answering the tricky questions posed to them. Exit feedback concentrated on how brilliant they had been and how they were a credit to the school.



On Thursday night our musicians took to the stage at the Summer Concert. As ever, there was a dazzling array of talent and musical numbers on display. C The night culminated in a fantastic Leavers' Medley which was uncharacteristically gentle in its sending up of the Performing Arts department it simultaneously sent up and thanked. This was the last occasion for Year 13 to perform on the Theatre Stage and they showed what a talented group they are, in their individual and collective rights, but also in the contribution they have given to the school and in inspiring the younger generations, many of whom were in the audience or on the stage with them in different groups and ensembles. Taking that theme once again from the All Blacks of 'leaving the jersey in a better place,' some words of thanks to the Year 13s who have done exactly that, and to all the staff of the Performing Arts who launder those jerseys and lay them out, ready for next year's students to assume. On the night, the audience enthusiastically accepted Mr Miall's request to applaud himself (which he *tells* us was a slip of the tongue!) before extending it to all of the staff.



Year 11 have acquitted themselves very well in their GCSE Language orals over the last fortnight in performance and also preparation, punctuality and organisation which is a great start to the exam season but both they and Year 13 are very much into the period of "This is my last..." As part of their Leavers' events, Year 13 congregated on the Field at break on Thursday for a Leavers' photo, shot by drone, by pilot Dara in Year 8. A fun first for Borlase (and a possible future career for Dara!).



Last but not least, good luck to Year 12 who start their Year 12 Assessments next week, returning from study leave as the leaders of the school. Before they left school on this lovely sunny day, they were treated to a lecture by Hannah Hobbs (OB 2024) about gap year opportunities, volunteering in Zambia, solo-backpacking in Central America, working as a ski instructor in Canada, and teaching English in El Salvador.

Have a great weekend

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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