



## Headteacher's Letter: Friday 01 May, 2026

### Upcoming Events

Thur 7 May	Year 10 Drama Theatre Trip to The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service followed by Leavers' Celebrations
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	<b>Comedy Night Tickets now on sale Click <a href="#">HERE</a></b>
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 Gurdwara
Fri 22 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations: <a href="#">letter and consent</a> Half Term ends at 3.30pm
Sat 30 May	Year 10 French Exchange, 30 May - 5 June (French students in UK)
Wed 3 June	Year 10 French Exchange, Joint Trip to London (SWBGS and French students)



### 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



### Fundraising Volunteers Invited...

You will be able to read about the success of our rowers in **This Week at Borlase...** below. There are ambitious plans to build a boathouse to shelter both the rowers and the boats on the site shared with GMS and RGS. Headed up by Jim Biggs, a former Borlase parent, is seeking to form a fundraising committee from contacts across all the schools. Please read [this document](#) for more information and contact Jim Biggs at [jamesbiggs99@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesbiggs99@hotmail.com)

## Information and Reminders

### Whole School

- *Les Baladins de Marly-le-Roi* perform in Marlow on Saturday 2nd May. They will be performing in French and we will provide you with a full synopsis in English." <https://marlowplayers.org.uk/box-office/>
- **School Trips Overnight Rooming Process:** [Please Read](#)
- **National Year of Reading Recommendations for May:**
  - [Students](#)
  - [Adults](#)

## Year 7

- **Bushcraft trip 15–17 June - online parent info session: 5:00pm on Thursday 14 May 2026** [link to session](#)
- **Bushcraft kit list** LINKED here
- **Bushcraft parent guide** LINKED here
- Year 7 End of year Assessments **week beginning 11 May 2026 For 2 weeks** - [Information here](#)

## Year 8

- **GCSE [Option Evening Slides](#)**
- **Year 8 Religious Studies Faiths trip, 21 May 2026:** [letter](#)
- **UKSA** - Thank you to those parents who attended the UKSA information evening last night. For those of you who were unable to attend, the slides are [here](#). 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.
- **UKSA** rooming. Your child has been emailed a google form to complete for their rooming at UKSA. Please help your child to decide their choices.
- **HPV Vaccinations 22 May for Year 8:** [letter and consent](#)
- **[Year 8 End of Year Assessments](#) - 11 - 20 May Assessments in Class**

## Year 9

- **Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Lulworth Cove, 3 June 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 9 End of Year Assessments** - Starting 18 May 2026: [timetable](#)
- **Proposal for the Year 9 Ski Trip 2027:** [Letter](#)

## Year 10

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

## 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](#)

## GCSE & A Level Exams Information Handbooks

All students taking a public exam this year have been sent an information handbook following the exam information assemblies. They should read it carefully and refer to it during the exam season as there is lots of “what if” information in it if something happens during the season. We would recommend parents & carers reading these as well, so they are linked below.

For year 12, this is separate to the handbook that governs their mock exams that are currently taking place. The one below only applies to those taking a public exam.

[Year 13](#)

[Year 12](#)

[GCSE Handbook](#)

## Sixth Form

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

## Year 12

- **Cambridge University Open Day Trip 10 July 2026:** **Letter** we have a few spaces on the Cambridge University Open Day Trip. If you would like to book the offer closes on Monday 5 May at 9am

- **Oxford University Open day Trip 2 July 2026:** [Letter](#) we have a few spaces on the Oxford University Open Day Trip. If you would like to book the offer closes on Monday 5 May at 9am
- **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!

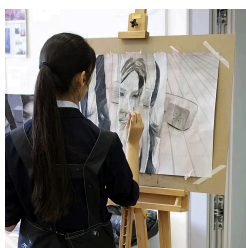
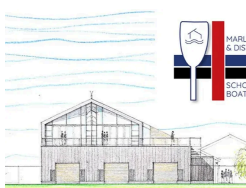
## Year 13

- **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:
 

<b>Last decision received:</b>	<b>Reply date:</b>
On or before 31 March 2026	6 May 2026
On or before 13 May 2026	3 June 2026
On or before 15 July 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.
- **Year 13 Prom - request for parent chaperones.** We are requesting parent chaperones to accompany students at their Prom on Wednesday 24 June 2026, 7pm onwards, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Marlow. Entry for chaperones is free and a meal is provided. If you are able to volunteer, please email [ks5@swbgs.com](mailto:ks5@swbgs.com)

## This Week at Borlase...



While the weather ahead of us might beg to differ, we are now very much in the summer sport season. It has been lovely to see the number of students who have signed up for Mr McCarthy's after school tennis sessions, athletics with Miss Jesseman, and rounders with Mr Sharps while, through my office window, I get to see the procession of students heading down to Marlow Sports Club trailing their enormous cricket bags behind them, rumbling down the lavender-lined, concrete path of Cloisters. Our Sport and PE Team do a brilliant job providing so many opportunities for our students but they also walk the walk (or, rather, run the run) as Mr Hughes-D'Aeth did in London on Saturday, completing the marathon in a very impressive 2hrs 41 minutes. Well done, Sir, and to Mr Rennie, and the other 59,000 runners.

Summer is also regatta season for the boat club and I hope that parents and carers have duly noted the call-to-arms to get involved with the Marlow & District Schools' Boat House fundraising campaign above and linked again here.

The rowers themselves will be taking advantage of the Bank Holiday weekend, competing at Marlow Spring Regatta on Saturday, Wallingford Regatta on Sunday, and the Junior Sculling Regatta on Monday with crews from Year 9 upwards on the water. This follows a very impressive season-opener at the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham last weekend at which 14 Borlase rowers were selected to compete for the Thames Upriver East region at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta. At the same venue on Sunday, the last round of the Great Britain U19 selection trials were held. In the Women's sculling, Amy (Y13) came a brilliant first overall, the fastest sculler in the country, winning the time trial and the A Final, and Aleeza (Y12) came 33rd. In the Open category, Gabriel (Y12) came 3rd, Fin (Y13) came 5th, and Fred (Y12) came 10th... in the country! These are phenomenal performances - huge congratulations go to the athletes and enormous thanks to their coaches (who have achieved all this despite not having a roof over their heads, or their boats!), indicating an exciting season ahead.

Sport may be one of the ways in which you can tell it's summer in school but, as Years 11 and 13 know only too well with their last week in school ahead of them, and Year 12 who have been completing their first week of assessments this week, it is also exam season. The Languages team have reported that the students completing their 193 (!) oral exams since we returned after the Easter break have conducted themselves superbly - punctual, precise and well-prepared. Merci, graças, and vielen dank to all! Meanwhile the A Level and GCSE artists have now completed their courses, completing their respective 15 and 10 hour practical exams. Mr Marx reports that they produced some excellent work but sadly, due to exam regulations, we can't publish any of it here.

For the culture vultures in the readership, the summer season may include a trip to the opera at Glyndebourne. For our lucky GCSE musicians, the opera came to them this week when, on Tuesday, Year 9 and 10 GCSE Music students spent an inspiring day with a conductor, opera singer, and director from internationally renowned Garsington Opera, based at the Wormsley Estate near Stokenchurch. Students explored scenes from Verdi's opera La Traviata through song, dance, and acting, and directed their own versions of Violetta's tragic demise at the end of the opera. The students will see Verdi's original in a performance at Garsington Opera in July. A rare and wonderful opportunity to get up-close to great music in the hands of professionals.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend



**Ed Goodall**  
Headteacher

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