



Headteacher's Letter: Friday 15 May, 2026

Upcoming Events

w/c 18 May	Year 9 Assessments Year 10 Drama Exams
Wed 20 May	Year 12 Masterclass
Thur 21 May	Year 8 Mosque and Gurdwara Visit
Fri 22 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations: letter and consent Half Term ends at 3.30pm
Tue 26 May	Year 10 History Trip to Berlin, 26-29 May
Sat 30 May	Year 10 French Exchange, 30 May - 5 June (French students in UK)
Wed 3 June	Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door Year 10 French Exchange, Joint Trip to London (SWBGS and French students)
Mon 8 June	Year 9 Battlefields Trip, 8-10 June
Tue 9 June	Year 7 and 8 Trip to 'Oxford Instruments - Women in STEM'
Fri 12 June	Year 12 PE Trip to Loughborough University



The Friends of Borlase Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

Thu 25 June - Summer Concert
Thu 9 July - 'Borlase Summer Unplugged' Festival

Information and Reminders

Year 7

- **Year 7, 8 and 9 Warhammer World Trip:** Monday 18 May Online Meeting 5pm: Meeting Link: [here](#)
- **Year 7 Founder's Day Walk, 29 June:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Bushcraft 15-17 June Itinerary:** [letter](#) and [parent info link](#)
- Year 7 End of year Assessments **week beginning 11 May 2026 For 2 weeks** - [Information here](#)
- **PSHE upcoming topics:** Digital deception: Understanding deepfakes and manipulated images: Motivations and consequences and tackling deepfakes.

Year 8

- **Year 8 Theatre trip to the Boy who Harnessed the Wind, 16 July 2026:** [letter](#)
- **HPV Vaccinations 22 May for Year 8:** [letter and consent](#) **Please complete**
- **Year 7, 8 and 9 Warhammer World Trip:** Monday 18 May Online Meeting 5pm: Meeting Link: [here](#)
- **Year 8 Religious Studies Faiths trip, 21 May 2026:** [letter](#) **Please make payments for this trip**
- **PSHE Upcoming topics:** Belonging and community: addressing discrimination and extremism - bias and stereotypes; discrimination and protected characteristics; values and constructive disagreement.

Year 9

- **Year 9 Mop Up Assessments for Rowers Only:** [here](#)
- **Drama trip to A Midsummer Night's Dream, Regent's Park Theatre, 1 July 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7, 8 and 9 Warhammer World Trip:** Monday 18 May Online Meeting 5pm: Meeting Link: [here](#)

- **Year 9(10) French Exchange 2026/27 to Marly-le-Roi:** [letter](#)
- **Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Lulworth Cove, 3 June 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Proposal for the Year 9 Ski Trip 2027:** [letter](#)

Year 10

- **Year 10 (Going into Year 11) Science** - Separate Sciences and Combined Science: [letter](#)
- **Year 10 Work Insight Day 26 June 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Academic Support Sessions:** [letter](#)
- **Year 10 Revision Checklist:** [link](#)

Year 11

- **GCSE Study Leave Revision Sessions :** [letter](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter:** [here](#)
- **Prom - Thank you for all those that have confirmed places, some students have been sent a reminder. Please contact Mr Holloran, if you cannot access it on ParentPay.**

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

- **Year 12 Sport Trip to Loughborough University, Friday 12 June 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 12 Attendance** - Students are now permitted to leave school at lunchtime if they have a supervised study period during Period 5. This privilege is conditional upon maintaining good attendance and punctuality and may be withdrawn if these standards are not met.
- **University Entrance Testing** - A number of university courses require applicants to sit admissions tests, including the LNAT, ESAT, TMUA and TARA. At Borlase. We are keen to support students by offering dedicated preparation training days to help them perform at their best. To plan this provision, we are asking students to register their interest via a form already issued to year 12. Please encourage your child to complete the form to indicate which sessions they wish to attend. UCAT preparation for Medicine and Dentistry applicants has already taken place.
- **University Law Applicants LNAT Training, Monday 6 July -** [letter](#)

Year 13

- **A Level Study Leave Revision Sessions:** [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:

Reply date:

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.

- **Invitation to parents & students to attend pre-prom celebrations in Cloisters on 24 June:** [letter](#)

This Week at Borlase...



This week's Chapel assemblies have been on the related but not inseparable concepts of Growing Up and Growing Old. With Years 11 and 13 no longer in school, the assembly celebrates the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough and considers the opportunities that we have thrust upon us and those that we seek out. It is an exhortation to enjoy the moment and not rush the maturing process in order to be able to reflect on a life well-lived.



I'm sure Sir David would have enjoyed the circling of what must have been two dozen or more red kites above Colonel's Meadow on Thursday. Despite having fewer students to scavenge from (or perhaps because of this), they were out in force and all students have been reminded of the danger of consuming food in the open and of putting food waste into bins immediately, with these large birds becoming increasingly emboldened.



There was fascination on the field at break time on Thursday. Many will need no further convincing that the machines are taking all the jobs but the GPS-guided line painting robot was doing a remarkable job, marking out the athletics track, 100m track, and rounders pitches. Its accuracy was reported to be within one centimetre while its work was already being put to good use by two Sixth Form girls at lunch who, inspired by Mr Hughes-D'Aeth's assembly on his achievement in the London Marathon, were practising for the 4x100m relay on Sports Day.



One student who has clearly been training very effectively is Harriet in Year 10 who competed at the Track & Field County Championships in Milton Keynes at the weekend. Over the course of the meet, she recorded PBs in all six of the events in which she was entered coming 3rd in 300m, 1st in Long Jump, 2nd in 100m, 1st in 200m, 2nd in High Jump, and 1st in 80m hurdles. "Well done" doesn't really cover it, while Harriet's own response to congratulation was "Don't worry, I've still got plenty in the tank for the school competitions this week!" Awesome attitude!



In other sports, we welcomed back Chess Grand Master, Matthew Wadsworth, who played 31 games in the Theatre... SIMULTANEOUSLY! Chess is flourishing at Borlase under the tutorship of Mr Campbell but neither he nor any of his protégés were able to overturn the Grand Master. Meanwhile, Mr Sharps took a group of Year 7s to a BMX event where they were able to develop their skills and learn tricks while Mr Sharps himself became part of the act, valiantly lying on the floor to provide a jump obstacle for the session leader. There is no evidence showing whether he was prepared to continue in this role for the Year 7s' attempts...



On Thursday evening, Piper and Rufus performed in the regional finals of the Shakespeare by Heart competition. Declared the Rufus will now go on to deliver the famous "Friends, Romans, Countrymen..." speech by Marc Anthony from *Julius Caesar* in the national final at The Globe Theatre on 25 June.



And finally, Year 12 enjoyed a lecture today by children's author, Lela Burbridge, who spoke about her childhood, growing up in Uganda and promoting literacy in Ugandan communities, kindly leaving the school with signed copies of her book, *Lela: Ashes from Childhood*.

Enjoy your weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Ed Goodall".

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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