



Headteacher's Letter: Friday 22 May, 2026

Upcoming Events

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)
Thur 4 June	PTA Meeting 7pm - The Barn, the Two Brewers Pub SL7 1NQ
Mon 8 June	Year 9 Battlefields Trip, 8-10 June
Tue 9 June	Year 7 and 8 Trip to 'Oxford Instruments - Women in STEM'
Thur 11 June	Parent Fora (Years 7-9 4.30pm and 10-13 5.30pm)
Fri 12 June	Year 12 PE Trip to Loughborough University
Sat 13 June	Year 10 French Exchange, 13-19 June (SWBGS students to Marly-le-Roi)
Mon 15 June	Year 7 Bushcraft Trip, 15-17 June
Wed 17 June	Year 10 End of Year Assessments begin
Thur 25 June	Summer Concert, 6.30pm (evening) - tickets on sale after half term
	Year 12 Drama Theatre Trip to Misanthrope
Mon 29 June	Year 7 Founder's Day Walk
Tue 30 June	Year 8 UKSA Trip to the Isle of Wight, 30 June - 3 July
Thu 9 July	Advanced notice: Summer Unplugged - tickets letter below



Borlase Summer Unplugged, Thursday 9 July - [tickets on sale NOW!](#)

Summer Unplugged will be a wonderful summer's evening event for all the family: alongside a programme of fantastic current and alumni bands including *Offbeat*, *Knight*, *Meli & The Burnt Sugar*, *The Fundamentals* and *Purple Forest* - as well as soloists and other musical ensembles - the school field will be transformed into a festival, with free activities and games for children, local business stalls, charity stalls and a BBQ and fully licensed bar provided by the Friends of Borlase. Marlow FM will also be broadcasting the event live. The gates will open at 6pm, with music starting from 6.15pm. The evening will finish at 9.00pm. Tickets are available at £10 for adults, £5 for students and FREE for under 5's. We look forward to seeing you there! [Letter](#)



The Friends of Borlase Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

Thu 4 June - PTA Meeting - The Barn, The Two Brewers Pub SL7 1NQ - 7pm
Thu 25 June - Summer Concert
Thu 9 July - 'Borlase Summer Unplugged' Festival

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Politics Newsletter:** [Here](#)
- Summer Safeguarding [Newsletter](#)
- **Parent Fora 11th June.** Years 7-9 4.30pm and Years 10-13 5.30pm. If you cannot make one time slot

then please come along for the other! The topic this term is online behaviours and technology use including mobile phones. If you have any questions to raise before the meeting please fill out [this Google form](#). All welcome.

Year 7

- **Year 7 Founder's Day Walk, 29 June:** [letter](#)
- **We Are Writers! 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Bushcraft 15-17 June Itinerary:** [letter](#) / [parent info ink](#) / [link to video of online parent info session from last week](#)

Year 8

- **PSHE Upcoming topics:** Belonging and community: addressing discrimination and extremism - bias and stereotypes; discrimination and protected characteristics; values and constructive disagreement.

Year 9

- There are no Year 9-specific announcements this week

Year 10

- **Year 10 (Going into Year 11) Science** - Separate Sciences and Combined Science: [letter](#)
- **Academic Support Sessions:** [letter](#)
- **Year 10 Revision Checklist:** [link](#)
- **Year 10 Assessments - Wednesday 17 June to Tuesday 30 June 2026:** the End of Year Assessments for Year 10 will take place from Wednesday 17 June 2026. Please see the [timetable](#) and [handbook](#).
- **Reminder: June 26 Work Insight Day.** Please submit all information on Unifrog

Year 11

- **GCSE Study Leave Revision Sessions :** [letter](#)

Sixth Form

Year 12

- **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:

On or before 13 May 2026

On or before 15 July 2026

Reply date:

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.

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

This Week at Borlase...



Woah, we're half way there... At least that is the case for Year 11, the vast majority of whom have now sat half of their external exams. As a parent of a Year 11, I offer with empathy and sympathy for all the parents and carers who may feel like they or their child may be currently livin' on a prayer. Nonetheless, Year 10 Drama students got in on the act (no pun intended, honestly! I only saw this when I proof-read pre-send) this week performing their devised pieces in the Drama Studio. For them all and for Year 13, some of whom haven't begun their external examinations yet, the half term break will hopefully provide them all with the chance not only for revision, but also the all-important rest, exercise and good nutrition. Huge thanks and appreciation go to our indefatigable Exams Team for managing and invigilating the exams so successfully, and to the Year 11s and Year 13s for their impeccable conduct.



Last weekend a number of our student bands gave fantastic performances at Pub in the Park, including *Offbeat*, *Knight* and *Meli & The Burnt Sugar*. We are very much looking forward to hearing from them again, along with bands from Years 7 to 10, Borlase alumni, and a number of other ensembles, at our own community music festival, Summer Unplugged, tickets for which go on sale today (see details above).



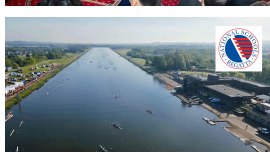
The event of the week was the Year 12 Masterclasses on Wednesday when we welcomed 32 professionals from various fields including Formula 1, Medical Sciences, The Ministry of Defence, Creative Media, Tech Start-Ups, Architecture, Aeronautical Engineering, Research Science and Human Resources. Every student not only attended two talks linked to areas of specific interest to them, having submitted their CVs in advance, they were also part of group interviews where their skills and qualifications were scrutinised, all part of their preparation to join the real world (Borlase is not the real world) in the months and years to come. The event closed with Olympic gold medallist and former Borlase parent, Greg Searle, delivering a keynote speech on his experiences. *If not you, who? If not now, when?*



He also warned students of the dangers of either internalising or externalising the reasons for success or failure, encouraging a wholesome embrace of the process. Thanks this time go to all the alumni, parents and contacts within the Borlase community who helped Mrs Wingrove, Mrs Clayton and Mrs Murgatroyd put on such a successful and valuable opportunity for our students.



On Thursday, Year 8 visited the Maidenhead Mosque and Gurdwara. The students were very attentive and were made to feel very welcome by their hosts.



In the next instalment of *Mr Sharps tries...* fresh from the BMX masterclass last week, a group of Borlase girls took part in the British Schools triathlon event. Meanwhile, the Boat Club have taken up their oars again at the National Schools Regatta at Eton Dorney Lake. The J14s and J15s in Years 9 and 10 have done brilliantly to qualify for a number of A, B and C Finals at the point of writing while the "Biggest" boyssss and girlssss take to the water on Saturday and Sunday against the best crews from the length and breadth of the country. Good luck to them and to all the students heading out to Berlin and on their Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions over the half term break.



Wherever you'll be and whomever you are with, have a lovely half term break,

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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We are indebted to the generosity of past and present members of our community, without whose financial support we could not provide the opportunities on offer at Borlase. Please click [here](#) to find out what your support helps to provide, and how you could make a donation.

House Cup Points

Congratulations go to Britons who are currently leading the race for the House Cup but with plenty more still to play for before the end of the year, not least Sports Day on Friday 10 July.

	TOTALS	Competitions																																			
		Inter-form House Comp 1	Y12 Rounders Competition	MFL Bake-off	Inter-form House Comp 2	House Cross Country	Inter-form House Comp 3	SIMS House Points Autumn Half Term 1	Inter-form House Comp 4	Inter-form House Comp 5	Tutor Group Board Competition	Inter-form House Comp 6	Inter-House Sports Y7 1	Inter-House Sports Y8	Inter-House Sports Y9	SIMS House Points Autumn Half Term 2	Inter-House Sports Y11	Inter-form House Comp 7	House Music	Inter-House Sports Y10	Inter-form House Comp 8	SIMS House Points Spring Half Term 1	Inter-form House Comp 9	Inter-form House Comp 10	Y7 STEM Competition	House Public Speaking & Debating	Inter-form House Comp 11	SIMS House Points Spring Half Term 2	House Chess	Inter-form House Comp 12	Inter-House Sports Y7 2	Inter-House Sports Y8 2	Inter-House Sports Y9 2	Inter-House Sports Y10 2	Inter-form House Comp 13	Inter-form House Comp 14	SIMS House Points Summer Half Term 1
Britons	1276	12	45	35	15	100	20	30	20	12	60	15	60	50	60	30	25	20	70	35	25	40	8	20	60	70	25	25	20	20	60	50	45	35	15	4	40
Vikings	1159	15	20	50	8	120	8	20	15	20	35	8	35	45	45	15	60	15	120	50	12	20	4	4	20	50	4	40	60	4	50	60	50	50	4	8	15
Saxons	1123	20	50	45	20	50	15	15	25	25	20	20	45	60	25	20	50	25	100	45	15	10	12	8	25	120	8	10	35	25	20	35	20	45	25	25	10
Romans	1116	25	25	60	25	80	25	40	12	4	50	12	25	25	50	40	25	4	60	25	20	30	20	25	45	80	20	30	25	12	45	20	45	25	12	20	30
Normans	1059	4	60	20	12	60	12	10	8	15	45	25	25	45	25	10	45	8	50	60	8	15	25	12	50	60	12	20	50	8	35	45	60	60	20	15	25
Danes	971	8	45	25	4	70	4	25	4	8	35	4	50	20	35	25	35	15	80	25	4	25	20	15	35	100	15	20	45	15	25	25	45	25	8	12	20

Tier 1 Competitions: 1st place - 120 points; 2nd place - 100 points; 3rd place - 80 points; 4th place - 70 points; 5th place - 60 points; 6th place - 50 points

Tier 2 Competitions: 1st place - 60 points; 2nd place - 50 points; 3rd place - 45 points; 4th place - 35 points; 5th place - 25 points; 6th place - 20 points

Tier 3 Competitions: 1st place - 25 points; 2nd place - 20 points; 3rd place - 15 points; 4th place - 12 points; 5th place - 8 points; 6th place - 4 points

SIMs House Points Placings (half termly): 1st place - 40 points, 2nd place - 30 points, 3rd place - 25 points, 4th place - 20 points, 5th place - 15 points, 6th place - 10 points