



## Headteacher's Letter: Friday 12 June, 2026

### Upcoming Events

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
Tue 23 June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Wakehurst Year 12 Homerton Visit
Thur 25 June	Summer Concert, 6.30pm (evening) - tickets letter <a href="#">HERE</a> 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
Tue 30 June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wed 1 July	Year 9-10 Drama Theatre Trip to A Midsummer Night's Dream
Thur 2 July	Year 12 Trip to Oxford University Open Day
Fri 3 July	Year 10 Creative Writing Trip to Dorset, 3-5 July
Wed 8 July	Year 9 Theatre Trip to Warhorse
Thu 9 July	Advanced notice: Summer Unplugged - tickets letter below
Fri 10 July	Year 12 Trip to Cambridge University Open Day
Sun 12 July	Year 12 English Romantic Poetry Trip to the Lake District, 12-14 July
Mon 13 July	Tabletop Games Club Trip to Warhammer World - 40k Competition, Nottingham
Wed 15 July	Year 9-10 Music GCSE Trip to Garsington Opera, La Traviata
Thur 16 July	Year 8 Theatre Trip to The Boy who Harnessed the Wind



### 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](#)



### Henley Royal Regatta Finals Day Fundraiser: Sunday 5 July

We are excited to announce an amazing opportunity to raise funds to support the development of the Boat House to benefit rowing students at Borlase and GMS. Please join us for fizz, Pimm's afternoon tea in our exclusive pavilion at the Regatta and meeting OBs Jack Beaumont (Olympic Silver medalist) and Paul Hawkins, founder of Hawkeye Technologies, who completed the Transatlantic 'World's Toughest Row'. This is a charity fundraiser so dig deep and take a chance to inspire your children and future generations. We may even be cheering a Borlase crew this year. Details and tickets [here](#).



### The Friends of Borlase: Upcoming Events

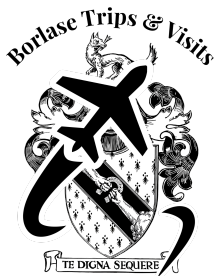
Thu 25 June - Summer Concert

Thu 9 July - 'Borlase Summer Unplugged' Festival

## Information and Reminders

### Whole School

- Summer Concert (Y7-10) - Thursday 25 June, 6.30pm; [Letter](#)



### @borlasevisits Instagram

We are now using a new [@borlasevisits](#) instagram page to provide parents and carers with live updates from trips and visits. We will also use it to communicate any changes to departure and/or arrival times. The page was used for the first time this week for the Year 9 Battlefields trip and will be used for the Year 10 French Exchange and Year 7 Bushcraft trips in the coming days, and for the Year 8 UKSA trip in July. The account will not follow any parent or student accounts and all posts will be monitored to ensure they follow school policy. Any urgent messages will be communicated in the usual way.

### Year 7

- **Year 7(8) Language Allocations:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Founder's Day Walk, 29 June:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Parents' Evening, 30 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](#) The weather is looking warm for next week so please follow the kit list guidance carefully. During the trip the emergency contact number for parents is 07784 922594. If we need to contact parents individually then we will.

Please read the [@borlasevisits Instagram statement above](#); we have sent an email to parents directly with some final reminders.

### Year 8

- **Year 8(9) Hockey trip to the Netherlands cancellation:** [letter](#)
- **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 items this week

### Year 10

- **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

- **UCAS 2027** - The University applications process for 2027 entry has now begun. Students should complete the first 11 fields of their UCAS application by Friday 3 July, and submit their first draft of personal statements to their mentor by Monday 6 July.
- **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.

## 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. For students wishing to re-apply for 2027 entry, a meeting will be held on how this process will be conducted in September 2026.
- **Invitation to parents & students to attend pre-prom celebrations in Cloisters on 24 June:** [letter](#)

## This Week at Borlase...



Rain has (and hasn't) stopped play this week. On Wednesday, we were due to host a visiting side from Yadavindra Public School, Mohali in Ajigarh, India. Sadly the fixture couldn't go ahead due to the heavy rainfall but you may have seen the team walking Marlow High Street in their striking white kit. Nevertheless, they were given a tour of the school and they kindly presented us with a commemorative plate to honour what was supposed to have been a more eventful day in their tour of the UK.

Despite the wet weather limiting outside activity, Borlase students have not been deterred from finding ways to entertain themselves in this most unseasonable weather. The tabletop gaming group have been using the time to polish their performances ahead of going up to Nottingham for the Warhammer schools' championships later this term. Meanwhile, with litter around the school site a perennial bugbear of mine, a rainy lunchtime was used to craft this wrapper into a sculpture of Steven Spielberg's ET. I know it's only a small picture but if you squint...

People who seem to take the sunshine with them wherever they go are the Duke of Edinburgh Award students. Over half term, the Silver and Gold qualifying expeditions took place in the stifling heat that now seems a distant memory. Congratulations go to all who have now completed this element of the programme. One of the incentives for those completing the Gold Award is an invitation to receive their award at Buckingham Palace and last week our Attendance Officer and DofE administrator, Mrs Mitchell, attended the celebration with members of Year 14 who were collecting their Gold Awards.

With Year 7 heading off on their inaugural Bushcraft residential on Monday, Year 9 returned to the battlefields of the First World War earlier this week for what has been reported as one of our best ever visits. Despite some weather which could be best described as authentic (it is impossible to go to these sites and complain given the conditions and suffering of those involved in the fighting just over 100 years ago), the students got a huge amount from the busy schedule which Mr Lofthouse and Mr Mead had put together. Regular stops at Passchendaele Museum, Tyne Cot, Langemarck German cemetery, the town of Ypres, and the service held at the Arras memorial were augmented with visits to the Christmas Truce memorial and the brooding soldier - a tribute to the site of the first gas attack. This year's trip was particularly poignant with a choir of Year 9 GCSE musicians singing at the Menin Gate ceremony, Mr Lofthouse accepting the honour of reading the Citation, and the students being present at the funeral of four servicemen who died in 1918 being interred at Tyne Cot cemetery. We will remember them.

Sticking with the international theme, it is wonderful to be able to celebrate the achievement of four students in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators, organised by Queen's College, Oxford. Jack (Y13) and Liza (Y10) were commended for Mandarin and German, respectively. Eloise (Y11) was highly commended for French, while Syd (Y10) was the Area Winner for the South East in Spanish! Bien hecho!



Following on from the brilliant Masterclasses sessions, you may have seen [this article](#) in the Bucks Free Press celebrating the contributions made by two members of our extended community to offer work experience placements to Borlase students at Oxford Instruments and TTI. We are incredibly grateful for all your support.

To those heading to the Marlow Town Regatta & Fair this weekend, take care of yourselves and each other and, if you're on the banks, do give a raucous cheer for the Borlase crews who will be out in great force alongside GMS and host of crews from other schools and clubs. If it gets you in the mood, there are still tickets remaining for the Henley Royal Regatta fundraiser for the Marlow & District Schools' Boathouse, of equal interest to those who like rowing and those who like a good party!

Have a lovely, hopefully sunny, weekend

**Ed Goodall**  
Headteacher

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