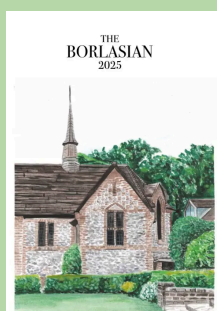




Headteacher's Letter: 5 September 2025

Upcoming Events

Mon 8 Sept	Performing Arts Fayre
Wed 10 Sept	School Photos HELM Fayre
Wed 10 Sept	Year 12 Parent Information Evening (submit questions in advance here)
Thur 11 Sept	Year 7 Parent Information Evening (submit questions in advance here) followed by cheese and wine in Centenary Hall Year 11 and Year 13 Drama trip to Inter Alia
Fri 12 Sept	STEM Fayre in Centenary Hall
Tue 16 Sept	Year 11 Geography trip to West Wittering (group A) Year 9 Parents Information Evening (submit questions in advance here)
Thur 18 Sept	Year 10 Parents Information Evening (submit questions in advance here) Year 11 Parents Information Evening (submit questions in advance here) Year 11 Geography trip to West Wittering (group B)



The Borlasian 2025

The 2025 edition of *The Borlasian*, the school magazine which has been published every year since 1885 is now available for preorder via ParentPay or via our Box Office [here](#) for £6.50.

Previous copies of *The Borlasian* are available on our digital archive [here](#). A copy featured as a key clue in the first of Robert Thorogood's *Marlow Murders* series!



Comedy Night at Borlase! 10th October

The Laughing Chili Comedy Club returns to The Mountfield Theatre at Borlase, courtesy of the Friends of Borlase. Doors open at 7.30pm with drinks and snacks on sale and laughs from 8.30-11pm. Over 18s only. Tickets cost £20 and will be available [here](#) from Monday.

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Borlase Hockey Review 2024/25 and Hockey Subscription for 2025/26:** [Here](#)
- **Societies Fayres:** All students are invited to explore the Societies Fayres which take place next week, offering the opportunity to sign up to the dazzling array of co-curricular activities at Borlase
 - **Monday 8 September – Performing Arts Fayre (Theatre)**
 - **Wednesday 10 September – HELM Fayre (Centenary Hall)**
 - **Friday 12 September – STEM Fayre (Centenary Hall)**

- **Vikings House Ties:** Hawkinsport have now re-stocked after a run on Vikings house ties

Year 7

Well done to all our new Year 7s and the parents/carers for a positive start to a new year at a new school.

- **Setting up laptops** at school - next week the classes will need to bring in their laptops to be set up on the following days:

7A Mon 8 September Period 1 / 7D Tues 9 September Period 1 / 7C Weds 10 September Period 3

7B Weds 10 September Period 4 / 7E Weds 10 September Period 5

Once laptops have been set up students will be required to have them everyday and charged ready so that they can be used when directed by teaching staff. In practice, this won't be often, but they will still need to be prepared.

- Please see details of the Year 7 Parents' Information Evening, followed by the Friends of Borlase Cheese & Wine event in the 'Upcoming Events' section above
- Year 7 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- Year 7 Strength and Conditioning - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- **School Photos:** Please make sure students all bring the correct uniform for the school photos on Wednesday

Year 8

- Year 8-11 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- Year 8 Strength and Conditioning - Autumn term: [letter](#)

A reminder that Year 8s should only come to school in kit (wearing black jogging bottoms) on the days they have Dance (not Games or P.E). Year 9s should attend school in school uniform and change for all subjects (Dance, P.E, Games)

- **School Photos:** Please make sure students all bring the correct uniform for the school photos on Wednesday

Year 9

- Year 8-11 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Award: [letter](#)
- English Literature set texts: [letter](#)
- **School Photos:** Please make sure students all bring the correct uniform for the school photos on Wednesday

Year 10

- Year 8-11 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Award: [letter](#)
- **School Photos:** Please make sure students all bring the correct uniform for the school photos on Wednesday

Year 11

- Year 8-11 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- Year 11 Theatre Trip to Macbeth, 6 November 2025: [letter](#)
- Year 11 Mocks - 24 November - 8 December
- **School Photos:** Please make sure students all bring the correct uniform for the school photos on Wednesday

Sixth Form

- Year 12-13 Indoor Hockey - Autumn term: [letter](#)
- 16-19 Bursary - please refer to [this link](#) to check if your son/daughter is eligible for Bursary. Please contact Mrs Laughton for further information.
- Year 13 students who received Bursary last academic year must reapply.

Year 12

- Warm welcome to all Year 12s to the Sixth Form. They have made a flying start!
- The week ended with House Rounders matches - scores to be announced on Monday.
- Student Support Officers (SSOs) are available to support all students in their transition into A Levels. Over the next few weeks, each student in year 12 will meet with their SSO. They are Mrs Fortnam (Britons, Danes, Normans) and Mrs Bull/Mrs Furley (Romans, Saxons, Vikings).
- Wednesday 10 September 2025, 6pm in Mountfield Theatre - Year 12 Parents' Information Evening. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Year 13

Welcome Back to Year 13!

We hope you had a restful summer. As we begin this crucial year, please take note of the following important dates and information:

In-Class Assessments

- Dates: Tuesday 3 September – Thursday 19 September 2025
- Details: Subject teachers will inform students of specific dates and times for their assessments.

UCAS & Post-18 Pathways

- Final UCAS Predicted Grades Issued: Thursday 26 September 2025
- Students should now be submitting the final drafts of their UCAS personal statements to their mentors for review.
- If your son/daughter is still uncertain about university options or course choices, please encourage them to speak with their mentor or a member of the Sixth Form team.

Early UCAS Applicants

This applies to students applying to:

- University of Oxford or Cambridge
- Medicine, Dentistry, or Veterinary Medicine
- These students should complete the Early Application Google Form sent earlier this week, by Monday 8 September 2025.

UCAS 'Pay and Send' Process

- 'Pay and Send' means the student has completed their UCAS application, paid the fee (£28.95), and submitted it for the school's final checks. The fee is waived for applicants that received free school meals during their secondary education.
- Applications are not sent to universities at this stage.
- Each student will subsequently have a final one-on-one meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team to review and submit their application.

'Pay and Send' Deadlines

- Early applicants: by 9:00am, Friday 27 September 2025
- All other applicants: by 9:00am, Monday 3 November 2025

UCAS Final Deadlines

- Early applicants: Wednesday 15 October 2025
- Non-early applicants: Wednesday 15 January 2026, however, we aim to submit all applications by Thursday 18 December 2025.

Other Post-18 Pathways including Conservatoire Applications (Music, Dance, Drama):

- Applications are made either via UCAS or directly to institutions.
- Students should check specific entry requirements carefully.

Degree Apprenticeships:

- Requirements vary. Students should research individual application processes and deadlines.

Overseas University Applications:

- The Sixth Form team can support students with students wishing to apply to Universities overseas.

Students applying to Conservatoires, for Degree Apprenticeships, or to universities abroad should complete the relevant Google Form (sent earlier in the week) by Friday 12 September 2025.

Year 13 Parents' Information Evening - Tuesday 6 October 2025 at 6:00pm.

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. We will share key information, including about university applications, post-18 options, and how we will support your child in the coming months.

This Week at Borlase...



Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer break. The weather on Wednesday and Thursday signalled clearly that the holiday was over but, talking with students, the vast majority seem happy to be back at school (even if some are less keen than others to admit it!). The first week has now been completed with Staff INSET training taking place on Monday and Tuesday detailing key business for the school. We welcomed in our new Year 11 and 13 cohorts on Wednesday before the whole school returned on Thursday, larger than ever, with a total of 1,217 students on roll.

Fresh from their Transition Camps the previous week, Year 7s have had a busy time. They were the only year group to get into the Chapel for their first assembly at which they sang the school song with great gusto. They have then finished the week with the Performing Arts day, learning dance, drama and musical routines, performed to each other at the end of the day in the Theatre including the school's "second song", *Wonderwall*!

While the year may have only started officially this week, it didn't stop summer being busy in school. Site works took place and students received their exam results but the rowers, the rugby players and the hockey players have all been in too for pre-season training. I'd also like to celebrate with you the achievements of Amy and Lauren, both in Year 13, who represented Great Britain at the Coupe de la Jeunesse and Junior World Championships respectively, both of them winning bronze medals in their respective boats. Congratulations, Amy and Lauren!

Our introductory assembly addressed the "World Class Basics" which rugby coach, Iain McGeechan, espoused on the 1996 Lions tour to Argentina and in a more recent edition of the *High Performance* podcast as the key to elite performance. That is our aspiration and that is our focus, alongside the development of our Character Education programme through tutor time this year. These are simple but important messages which will be common to almost every school up and down the country. Last year we recommended the drama series, *Adolescence*, to our parent body. Now it is Channel 4's fly-on-the-school-wall documentary, *Educating Yorkshire*. Returning to Thornhill Community Academy 10 years after the first series, it lifts the lid on some of the challenges that schools and students face and how, together, we can work to resolve them. We won't be changing *te digna sequere* any time soon but, as a catchy alternative, you could do a lot worse than Thornhill's *Work Hard; Be Nice*.

At the end of a short but busy and enjoyable first week back, I hope that you get time to relax over the weekend. One person who will be doing anything but that is our Head of Politics, Mrs Pryor, who will be riding 56 miles alongside Sir Chris Hoy and Sir Andy Murray in the *Tour de Four*, raising money for cancer screening and raising awareness. If you would like to support her, please visit her sponsorship link [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend and see you back next week

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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