



Headteacher's Letter: Friday 19 June, 2026

Upcoming Events

Mon 22 June	Year 10 End of Year Assessments
Tue 23 June	Year 12 Biology Trip to Wakehurst Year 12 Homerton Visit
Thur 25 June	Summer Concert, 6.30pm (evening) - tickets letter below 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 Technical Theatre Backstage Tour of Garsington Opera
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	Final Crew Rowing Formation Trip, Nottingham, 9-14 July 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

Announcing three price points for our fundraiser for the Marlow & Schools District Boathouse with live music, wine tasting, and guest speakers on Finals Day of Henley.
£145 VIP All Day tickets including full afternoon tea [here](#) - **deadline Tuesday 23 June**
£80 All Day 'Drinks Only' [here](#)
£25 'Two Drink Drop-In' come and visit for an hour at your convenience [here](#)



The Friends of Borlase: Upcoming Events

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



Smartphone Survey for Parents and Carers

At Borlase we have a simple policy on students' use of phones: from when students arrive at school until 3.30pm, their phone must not be seen, heard, or used. Sixth Form students are allowed to use their phones in designated areas.

With the Prime Minister having announced the impending ban on social media for Under 16s, we are keen to hear the views of parents and carers. Please complete [this Form](#) by Monday 6 July.

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Brighter Futures Together:** We're inviting LGBTQ+ young people aged 13–18 to join a small planning conversation to help shape a future Q Hub Summer Pride Social and share ideas about activities and opportunities they would like to see. The session will take place in Marlow on Thursday 25 June 6-730 and is open to both young people already involved with Q Hub (our LGBTQ+ Youth Groups) and those who are new to the project or who want to get involved. [Information](#)
- Summer Concert (Y7-10) - Thursday 25 June, 6.30pm; [Letter](#)



Archway Closure

The archway will be closed from Monday for the planned roofing works to commence. It will remain closed for the remainder of this term and possibly until the October half-term. Entry and exit from the school will be via the Chapel Gate (not the Sports Hall) on West Street and remain from the Spinfield public footpath.



Hot Weather Uniform

With the temperature expected to be over 30 degrees next week, students have been told that they may come into school in their Borlase PE kit if they would feel more comfortable. For Sixth Form students, this should be dark shorts or a skort, and a plain sports t-shirt, covering the shoulders and reaching the waist.

Year 7

- **Bushcraft:** we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support in making this experience possible for our students. We're delighted that so many of you have shared positive feedback about the trip, and grateful for the kind messages and thoughtful gestures we've received from families.
- **Year 7(8) Language Allocations:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Founder's Day Walk, 29 June:** [letter](#)
- **Year 7 Parents' Evening, 30 June:** [letter](#)

Year 8

- **UKSA Medical Consent:** Please use the QR code on [this letter](#) or [this link](#) to complete your online medical form in addition to the school medical consent form. Thank you.
- **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

- **Year 10 (11) Macbeth 'Revision on Tour' - Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, 16 March 2027:** [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](#).

PLEASE NOTE: the timetable has been updated as there has been a change to the order of the assessments on Monday 29 June. The link above is to the new version. During next week some students will have 3 assessments in one day, the line up times are 8.20am, 11.20am and 2.15pm. Due to timings, please make sure they bring in a drink and snacks in case they are unable to use the canteen between exams. Please note that assessments may end later than the end of the school day.

- **Reminder: June 26 Work Insight Day.** Please submit all information on Unifrog

Year 11

- There are no Year 11-specific items this week

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 Levels 2026** : Well done to Year 13 for completing your A Level exams.
- **Year 13 Pre-Prom Drinks invitation to students and parents** : 24 June 2026, 5.30pm - [letter](#)

This Week at Borlase...



We have been celebrating Pride Month with Pride Week at Borlase. Our Equalities Captains, Ella and Lucia, have spoken in assemblies and, under the guidance of Mr T, put on a fantastic range of activities including a bake sale on Monday, bracelet making, merch store, and adorned Home Square and Chapel Lawn 26th bunting to make sure everybody knows what is going on. This lunchtime Ed managed to surrender the microphone (that has never been far from his hand since Monday) for the karaoke in the Theatre which was very well attended.



Following the visit of the French Exchange students just two weeks ago, our Year 10 students have been on the return leg to Marlow's twinned town of Marly-le-roi this week. The weather has been exceptionally kind to them, unlike when our visitors were here. Followers of the @borlasevisits Instagram account will have seen various pictures of them on their travels including visits to the Louvre and their human recreation of Le Tour Eiffel.



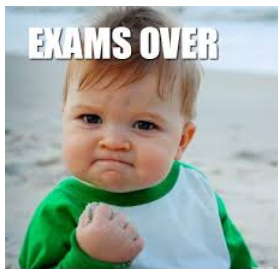
At the beginning of the week, Year 7 were at Peshurst Place for their Bushcraft residential, a new addition and very successful addition to our Visits calendar. During the visit they were taught various skills like trap building, fire building and lighting, shelter building, and field first aid which was very timely when they discovered that the teachers had just been victims of a plane crash and needed their urgent attention... For all the excitement of sleeping under canvas with their friends and challenges of no showers and having to do their own washing up, every Year 7 learned something and further developed one of the most important skills anyone can, teamwork.



With Wednesday having been national "Thank a Teacher" day, my thanks go to all the staff at Borlase who go beyond what is required of them to create such opportunities for the students and my thanks go to all of you who take the time to show your appreciation for their efforts - a kind word means a lot and often more than you would know.



A further thank you goes to the current and former parents who worked hard to organise and run the annual Borlase Golf Day. Thank you again, and to those who took part and to our generous sponsors for successfully raising £5,500 to support the school's hockey programme which is thriving under Mr McCarthy.



And finally, a huge well done to all of the Year 11 and Year 13 students who completed the final GCSE and A Level exams this week, very neatly timed before next week's heat wave. Huge thanks go to our Exams team and invigilators for running such a smooth process this year. Have a lovely, long summer break, and here's hoping that your results in the summer reflect all your hard work over the last weeks and months.

Have a lovely weekend

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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