



Headteacher's Letter: Friday 26 June, 2026

Upcoming Events

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: Sunday 5 July

Announcing two price points for our fundraiser for the Marlow & Schools District Boathouse with live music, wine tasting, and guest speakers on Finals Day of Henley.

£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

Mon 29 June - Summer Concert (rearranged following school closure)

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.

Parent/Carer RHSE/PHSE Consultation

The government has updated national guidance, and schools must fully follow the new statutory RSHE requirements by September 2026.

We have combined RSHE and PSHE into one document, [Linked Here](#) for the sake of clarity. The definitions of RSHE and PHSE and their connection to each other are outlined within the policy. The programmes of study include current including online safety and digital footprints, mental health and wellbeing, vaping, drugs and alcohol awareness, financial scams and staying safe with money, consent, harassment and abusive relationships.

The new policy reflects Borlase's continued commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and age-appropriate curriculum that supports pupils' wellbeing, personal development, and respect for others. The policy has been reviewed and updated to ensure it aligns with the latest Department for Education (DfE) guidance and expectations. One of the key elements is the school's commitment to engaging with parents/carers with regard to lesson content and topics. The policy clarifies how parents can view RSHE resources used in lessons should they so wish as well as the right to withdraw their child from sex education. Please note that elements of the Programme of Study will be subject to change.

This consultation process of the new policy will be open from now until Friday July 3rd during which time you, as a parent/carers, will have the opportunity to read the policy and provide comments or other feedback via this [Google Form](#).

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Lost Property:** Lost something? Only **3 weeks left** to collect it! Please send your child to Lost Property on Wednesday lunchtimes, ground floor of the Sixth Form block. We have LOTS of named coats, blazers, midlayers & sweatshirts. As the end of term is fast approaching **ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE UNIFORM SHOP/CHARITY/RECYCLED on 16/07/2026** due to space restrictions
Second Hand Uniform: - Wednesday 2nd break (lunch)
Where? Second-hand Uniform Shop (ground floor, Sixth Form block, next to Lost Property)
Please consider buying second-hand for your uniform needs. It is more sustainable as well as great value for money. Items are available to try on. Please bring cash if possible.
NEW! We have a selection of ladies' jackets suitable for 6th Form. Please send your Year 11/12 daughter along to try on. All £10. Please bring exact money.
- **Request for coat hangers**, mainly ones to hang coats as opposed to skirt/trouser hangers. Please leave with reception. Many thanks



Archway Closure

The archway entrance is now closed 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.

Year 7

- **IMPORTANT! Please be advised that we have had a number of parents not yet give consent for their child to complete the walk on Monday. Without consent we will place students into their normal lessons instead of completing the walk. Year 7 Founder's Day Walk, 29 June: [letter](#)**
- **Year 7 Parents' Evening, 30 June: [letter](#)**

Year 8

- **Year 8(9) theatre trip to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, 10 September 2026: [letter](#)**

- **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

- **Year 9(10) History study visit to Krakow, May half term, 29 May - 1 June 2027:** [letter](#)

Year 10

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

Year 11

- There is no Year 11 specific information 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 Level Results day and UCAS next steps** - [Letter](#)

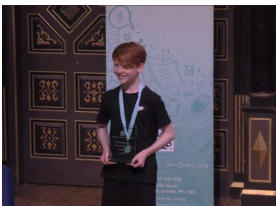
This Week at Borlase...



I hope that you have all been able to stay cool over the last 3 days - thank you for your patience and understanding as we have navigated the high temperatures and red weather warning this week. Working in school on Wednesday and Thursday, I was reminded of an episode of *Yes, Minister* in which a hospital has no patients and yet is fully staffed and found to be meeting all of its targets in terms of waiting times and the like. An unkind analogy, perhaps. Fortunately, time has not been spent so fruitlessly here. Nevertheless, despite students having only been in school for two days, there is still much to report.



On Wednesday evening, the Year 11 and 13 Proms took place simultaneously at Court Garden and Crowne Plaza respectively. On a very warm evening, everyone looked incredibly smart in their Prom outfits. Some Year 11s who have been chivvied for 5 years to wear their blazer and tuck their shirt in looked every bit ready for Sixth Form in elegant dresses and sharp 3-piece suits. We hope that everyone had a lovely time and thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to organise and chaperone the evenings which were a great success and a fitting reward for the students' hard work for their exams. Now for a long summer holiday (unless you're a Year 11 and you're coming into school on Tuesday next week!).



Also on Wednesday evening, Rufus was at the Wanamaker Theatre, competing in the national finals of the Shakespeare by Heart competition. Delivering Marc Antony's "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" speech from *Julius Caesar* in temperatures which created an authentic experience of the forum Romanum, Rufus came second overall. An incredible achievement in a competition that the school has a long history of engagement with.



At our Staff INSET on Friday we came together in the air-conditioned theatre to escape the heat outside. School would not have been a good place of learning for 1,200 students this week. However, when they come back, they will be able to benefit from the excellent shared learning that our CPD Champions, Mrs Ashby and Miss Holmes, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Obertelli, Miss O'Riordan, and Miss Vijayan had developed with their respective Teaching & Learning communities on SEND, independent learning, extended writing, critical thinking and use of digital technology respectively.



Meanwhile, we get ready for the next three weeks and all the excitement that they will bring. For the boat club, we are reaching the season finale. The Girls' and Boys' 1st quads have both pre-qualified for Henley Royal Regatta next week while the Boys' 2nd quad, Girls' 8+, and Boys' 8+ will be competing in the qualifying time trial on Saturday morning. We will publicise their race times via the Instagram page. On Monday we have the re-scheduled Summer Concert and the following week we have Borlase Unplugged Summer Festival and Sports Day to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend and here's to temperatures returning to a more comfortable level next week,

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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