



Headteacher's Letter: 3 October 2025

Upcoming Events

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| Mon 6 October | Whole School Cross Country |
| Tue 7 October | Year 13 Parents' Information Evening: 6pm in the Theatre |
| Wed 8 October | Year 8 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Aylesbury Waterside Theatre |
| Thurs 9 October | Year 11-13 Drama theatre trip to Bacchae, National Theatre Autumn Chamber Concert: letter |
| Fri 10 October | Wear something yellow for World mental health Day |
| Sat 11 October | Year 10 Spanish Exchange students in the UK, 11-17 October 2025 |
| Wed 15 October | Year 10 Spanish Exchange join trip to Legoland |
| Thurs 16 October | Rocktober - letter |
| Fri 17 October | Non-school uniform day Year 13 Educational Visit to Washington and New York, 17-15 October 2025 |
| Fri 14 November | The Friends of Borlase Hockey - Quiz Night - Tickets |



Wellbeing Week (6-10 October)

Next Friday is World Mental Health Day so we've planned activities in school for the week around Mind's 5 Ways to Wellbeing. In the final column are some suggestions for families at home and students will have a Google Form to share photos of their activities.



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| Monday | Get Active! | Whole School Cross Country | A Family Walk? |
| Tuesday | Keep Learning | Character Tutor Activity | Watch a documentary |
| Wednesday | Connect | Random Act of Kindness | Plan & cook a dinner |
| Thursday | Give | One Can Trust Food Collection | Do a chore for someone |
| Friday | Take Notice | Wear Yellow (accessory) | Go outside: look & listen |



Comedy Night at Borlase! Friday 10 October

The last tickets are available for The Laughing Chili Comedy Club who return to The Mountfield Theatre at 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 are available [here](#).

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Privacy Notice:** [This notice](#) explains what personal data we hold about you, how we collect it, how we use it and how we may share it. We are required to provide this as part of Data Protection Laws.
- **Thursday 9 October:** Autumn Chamber Concert: [letter](#)
- **Friday 10 October:** Wear Something Yellow to support [Young Minds and World Mental Health Day](#). Please note this is **not** a non-school uniform day!

- **Rocktober!** Thursday 16 October [letter](#)
- **The Old Borlasian Club Curry Night:** For any parent who is also a former member of the school, the Old Borlasian Club is holding their annual curry night on 15 November. Please contact the Club Secretary, Cathie Wells, at cathiewells@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested in attending.
- **Saddle Safari Cycle to School Event - Get Ready for Winter - 18 October:** [here](#)

Year 7

- **Year 7 Maths Information and Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **Year 7 Trip to Hercules at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane - 11 December 2025:** [letter](#)

Year 8

- **Year 8 Maths Information and Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **Uniform:** Year 8s should only come to school in kit on the days they have Dance (not Games or P.E).

Year 9

- **Year 9 Maths Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh:** [presentation](#) and [letter](#)
- **Uniform reminder:** Year 9s should attend school in school uniform and changing Dance, P.E & Games

Year 10

- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar Revision Mastery:** supporting your child with their revision - Mon 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **Support your Child's Mental Health Years 10/11:** [here](#)
- **Year 10 Maths Learning Objectives:** [here](#)
- **Silver Duke of Edinburgh:** [presentation](#) and [letter](#)

Year 11

- **Sixth Form Open Evening:** Thank you to those who have booked onto the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 15 October. The Headteacher's talk is a ticketed event with presentations by the Headteacher, Head and Asst. Head of Sixth Form, and current students. We have reserved booking slots for our internal students so please ensure that you have booked a time. Before and after your talk, Heads of Department will be delivering their own subject talks about their respective A-Level subject. These talks will be held in the Heads of Departments' classrooms across the site and will last for 10 minutes.
- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar Revision Mastery:** supporting your child with their revision - Mon 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter:** [here](#)
- **Support your Child's Mental Health Years 10/11:** [here](#)
- **Year 11 Theatre Trip to A Christmas Carol, 9 December 2025:** [letter](#)
- **Year 11 Mocks:** 24 November - 8 December
- **Year 11 Prom:** At present, we have sadly not had any parent or carer come forward to support the organisation of this event. If you are able to help, please get in touch via Year11enquiries@swbgs.com

Sixth Form

- **Trip to Munich CANCELLED due to low uptake:** [letter](#)
- **Year 12-13 Maths:** [letter](#)

Year 12

- **Year 12 Politics Visit to Westminster, 11 November 2025:** [letter](#)
- **Year 12 Further Maths Visit to Maths Fest, 4 February 2026:** [letter](#)
- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar Revision Mastery:** supporting your child with their revision - Mon 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- Students were given [this](#) presentation about the use of Unifrog. They have been asked to complete two tasks in Unifrog: 1) Course 101; 2) Record current post-18 intentions. Deadline is Monday 3 November.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award:** [presentation](#) and [letter](#)

Year 13

- **Year 10-13 Parent webinar *Revision Mastery***: supporting your child with their revision - Mon 4 November 6-7pm (online) [letter](#)
- **2026 Summer Exam Series Letter**: [here](#)

UCAS 'Pay and Send' Deadlines

- Early applicants (Oxbridge, Med, Dent. Vet) should have completed Pay and Send by now.
- All other applicants: by 9:00am, Monday 3 November 2025

UCAS Final Deadlines

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

Conservatoire Applications (Music, Dance, Drama)

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

Year 13 Parents' Information Evening - Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6:00pm (Theatre)

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...



Kindness, Courtesy and Support

This week there have been a number of occasions when the tone and language of visitors and parents towards members of staff in person, on the phone, and via email has not been as courteous or respectful as we would expect. I am reminded of a September tweet I saw from a school (I can't find it now) which said, "This year, as every year, we will do our best. We may make mistakes but please be understanding." Please can I ask, on behalf of all of my colleagues, that you show that understanding. We will do our best to solve any problem and provide any explanation but it's more gladly done when requested kindly. Thank you.



As trailed in last week's letter, this week started with no small amount of trepidation ahead of the judging of the MFL Bake Off on Monday morning - I don't know how Paula and Prue do it every year. This year's entries were a class apart from anything that we have witnessed before in quantity and in quality! Our followers on Instagram will have seen the fly-by video of the entries arranged in the Stuart Lever Room. The Burnt Basque Cheesecake had Señora Roman dreaming of home while more entries from the brilliant IKEA warehouse, Filipino Mamon cake, and a gravity-defying matcha cake in the style of a bowl of ramen, complete with chopsticks wowed the judges. The overall winner was Hazel & Bella's incredible Spanish Tile Cake but THANK YOU to all the bakers for your great spirit and creativity and well done for raising £350 for Deaf Aid from the resulting cake sale.



In Key Stage assemblies our School Captains and Vice Captains have been launching the Form elections for members of the SVC (Student Voice Committee) while Careers Captains Harriet and Martin launched the search for our Junior Careers Champions. Student Leadership is such an important part of life at Borlase. Whether it is in the senior Captain positions, supporting staff as duty prefects, coaching junior sports teams, providing academic mentoring in-school or with our partner primary schools, it encapsulates the sense of service that we try to inculcate, it supports the smooth running of the school, and it develops competencies that might otherwise lie dormant which benefit our students in their aspirations beyond the school walls.



Mrs Walder's Chapel Assemblies over the last fortnight have charted the recent and not-so-recent history of AI, exploring the possibilities but also the pitfalls of its development and our increasing use of it.



And finally, if you look out of your window and you won't need me to tell you it's not summer any more but from the scorelines in some of our sports fixtures this week, you would be forgiven for thinking that it was still the cricket season. On Wednesday the Girls 1st XI won 9-0, the Boys' 1st XV won 87-5, and the Year 8 Boys' football team won 6-3! It's not about winning, it's about taking part. But, as the evenings draw in and the temptation not to turn up to practice might be a little greater, hopefully these results encourage everyone to maintain the participation and the effort. Well done, Borlase!



Have a lovely weekend

Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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