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Headteacher's Letter: 09 October 2026

Upcoming Events

Mon 12 Oct	Year 11 (staying safe at festivals) and 13 (next chapter) - It Happens 'Substances'
Tues 13 Oct	Year 7 Open Morning
Wed 14 Oct	Year 10 Spanish Exchange Joint Trip to London
Thur 15 Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening
Fri 16 Oct	**Non-Uniform Day** in aid of Cancer Research
	Solutions not Sides Year 10
	Year 8 and Year 10 Restart a Heart Training
	Year 13 Washington and New York Trip, 16-24 October
	Half Term Starts at 3.30pm
Thur 5 Nov (after half term)	*Rocktober!* Tickets on sale now - see letter below

The Friends of Borlase: Upcoming Events

Fri 16 October: **The Laughing Chili Comedy Club at The Mountfield Theatre** - last tickets here
Thu 26 November: **Christmas Wreath Making, 6.30-9.30pm, Centenary Hall:** tickets here
If you would like to join the Friends of Borlase, contact them at friendsofborlase@gmail.com



The Politics Review

Cutting through to the most important stories of the day on the new Prime Minister, the Conservative Party conference, and the impact of colonial destabilisation on modern migration, you can read the latest edition of the Borlase *Politics Review* here.

Information and Reminders

Whole School

- **Hockey Subscription 2026/27:** letter
- **Rocktober! 5 November 2026: Tickets on sale now!** Letter
- **Non Uniform Day on Friday 16 October** in aid of Cancer Research: Donations via Parent Pay.

Year 7

- How parents can support their child at home with reading. Parent Guide to supporting reading
- **PSHE current topics to discuss at home**: Understanding what my core values are and the importance of having and the 'Ship of Theseus' paradox!

Year 8

- **Year 8 Trip to *The Last Wild*, 23 February 2027:** letter
- **PSHE current topics to discuss at home: What is AI?** and how it is used in daily life; explain how AI systems work and affect people's lives; evaluate potential challenges of AI becoming part of daily life

Year 9

- There is no Year 9-specific information this week

Year 10

- **PSHE - It Happens:** letter
- **Parent webinar *Revision Mastery*: supporting your child with their revision -** Wed 4 November 6-7pm (online). Led by *Exam Study Expert* founder William Wadsworth : letter

Year 11

- **Borlase Sixth Form Open Evening:** Thursday 16 October. Whether you're determined to return to Borlase or to go elsewhere, we strongly recommend casting your net wide and looking at all the options available to compare and contrast and make the best decision for your needs and interests.
- **2027 Summer Examination Series:** letter
- **PSHE - It Happens:** letter
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Sixth Form

- **Year 12-13 English/Drama trip to *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* 26 November 2026:** letter
- **2027 Summer Examination Series Letter:** here
- **PSHE - It Happens:** letter
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Year 12

- There is no Year 12-specific information this week

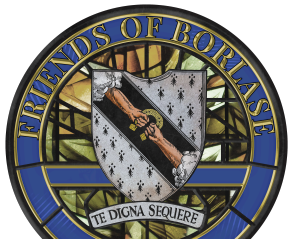
Year 13

- **Year 13 Eccles Institute *US Politics* Conference, 9 November 2026:** letter
- **UCAS Early Applications Deadline:** Thursday 15 October 2026
- **UCAS Pay and Send Deadline for non-Early Entry Students:** Monday 2 November 2026

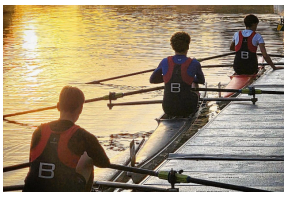
This Week at Borlase...















With just one week to go until the half term break, this has certainly been a week in which students (and staff, and quite possibly a good number of parents and carers) have been busy.

The week started with the annual treat which is the Modern Foreign Languages Bake Off to celebrate the European Day of Languages. Followers of the school's Instagram account, @borlasegrammar, will have seen the quality of the baked goods that were brought in, assessed, assiduously tasted, and then sold at lunchtime to raise over £500 for the Translators Without Borders charity. Huge thanks go to the 88 students who brought in entries, a school record, and for all the support and encouragement that was given from home. It really was a remarkable array of cakes representing more than 20 countries around the world. You can see more pictures and who the winners of each category are here.

Thank you so much to all of the families who have answered the call for support in the Information Evenings. Through this week I have been reminded of the tremendous effort put in by members of our community in voluntary roles with the first meeting of the Local Governing Body on Monday evening and the Friends of Borlase AGM on Thursday evening. Both groups, in their different ways, provide invaluable support to the school through their industry expertise and accountability, and through the incredible fundraising efforts to help the school meet its ambitious goal to provide the best education and experience possible to our 1,250 students.

Also on Thursday was the first of our music performances with the Autumn Chamber Concert taking place in the Recital Room and providing a platform for some of the younger ensembles and solo artists.

On the sporting front, it has been another busy week and it was lovely to see parents coming in to support the indoor hockey against Headington School last Friday, on the touchline for the Year 7s first contact rugby match against Burnham Grammar on Tuesday, and for the 1st XV match against Chesham Grammar on Wednesday. The Borlase teams have fared exceptionally well:

- The 1st VII and Year 10 netball teams overcoming Great Marlow School in a really enjoyable and competitive matches - Ini didn't miss with her shooting!
- The boys' 1st XI football team progressed to the next round of the County Cup with Ellis scoring a hat trick against Princes Risborough School
- The 1st XV carried on their impressive start to the season with a 38-0 victory over Chesham ahead of their National Vase match versus Emanuel School
- The rowers had a great fixture, courtesy of Windsor Boys' School Boat Club ahead of their first race of the season at Bedford Head on Sunday

As we ready ourselves for next week's Sixth Form Open Evening, Mr Hussain took 9 of our current Year 12s who joined us from Gillotts School in Henley back to their old school for their post-16 evening. It is a great strength of the Sixth Form that we bring students together from lots of different schools and it was lovely to hear reports of these students having passed on stories of how enjoyable their first five weeks with us have been, and how much interest there was in the Borlase offer.

Have a lovely weekend,



Ed Goodall
Headteacher

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