



What's coming up ...

Year Group	Date & Details
Whole School	
Year 7	All Week – Year 7 English As An Additional Language (EAL) Assessments
Year 8	Wednesday 30 th September and Thursday 1 st October – Year 8 Rivers Trip to Juniper Hall
Year 9	No additional events this week
Year 10	Thursday 1 st October – Year 10 Parent Information Evening (In School)
Year 11	Thursday 1 st October – Year 11 “GCSE Ready” Parent Information Evening (In School)
Year 12	No additional events this week
Year 13	No additional events this week

Message from the Headteacher

We are very much looking forward to welcoming **prospective Year 7 2027 families to the first of our Open Mornings** which is taking place on Thursday. It will be really good to share our welcoming, warm, high achieving day to day ethos and experience with our visitors.



This week we start our celebrations for **Black History Month** in the Headteacher's assembly and then with events taking place into October. Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE outlines *“This year's theme, ‘Honouring Our Communities’, is not simply about place or postcode. It is about people. Black people. It is about recognising individuals whose contributions are part of everyday life, yet too often go unseen.”*

I am looking forward to meeting parents and carers at our **Year 11 “GCSE Ready” Parent Information Evening and Year 10 Information Evening** on Thursday. These are essential evenings to ensure everyone is fully informed about the expectations, support and resources available to ensure our young people achieve highly and flourish fully over this GCSE period. I am so very proud of our offer here and how well our students achieve in our nurturing and ambitious school as we *strive to our utmost*.

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs German (mgerman@BWSG.lumero.org)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Hemmings (mhemmings@BWSG.lumero.org)

General Notices

General Queries: office@BWSG.lumero.org

Reminder – Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Further to the letter we sent you on 11th June and the reminders in earlier newsletters, applications for Free School Meals should have been submitted to Bromley by 17th July 2026. If you believe you are eligible but have not yet completed your application, please email the Borough directly at fsm@bromley.gov.uk. You can find a copy of the letter [HERE](#) on our website along with other information.

National Poetry Day – Thursday 1st October

Next Thursday, 1st October, is National Poetry Day and we will be holding an event in the library at lunchtime. The theme this year is 'Wonder' and there will be competitions and word searches to complete, plus a poetry display. We hope that students will, therefore, come along and help us celebrate. In the meantime, if students would like to receive more details, they should see Ms Gowing or Miss Beck (Librarian) for more details.

Dinner Money and Forgotten Items

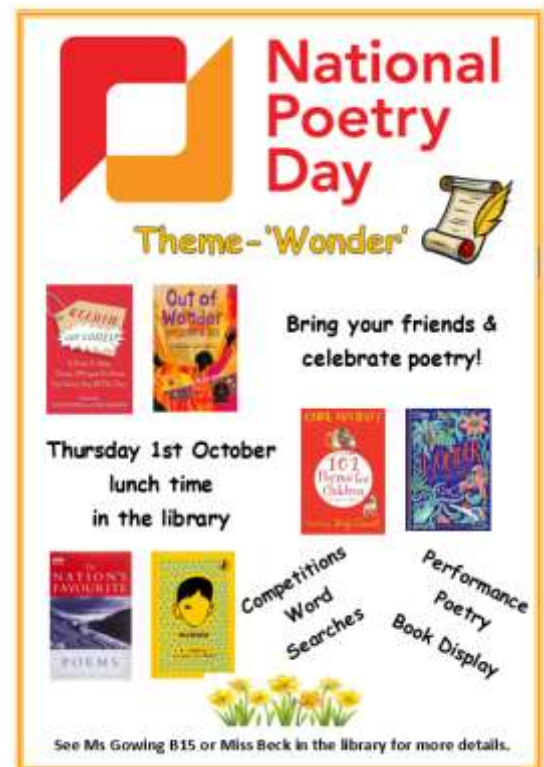
Can we please remind all parents and carers to check your child's dinner money balance regularly.

Students are not permitted to call home during the day asking for their accounts to be topped up.

For any Schoolgateway queries, please email: office@BWSG.lumero.org.

Can you also please ensure your child packs all the equipment they need for their school day including a copy of their timetable.

We are unable to deliver forgotten items, such as PE kits, school books, packed lunches to students in class.



Safeguarding and Wellbeing

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Online Harm Groups

Information is available below on a safeguarding concern involving COM groups (short for community). These are groups of people who use online platforms to manipulate, control, threaten or exploit young people. Please take time to read the link provided as it reminds us, as parents and carers, of the risks our children are exposed to whilst online. If you are concerned regarding your child's online activities – do speak with them and reassure them that support is available. Under 18 year olds can also contact the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre at www.ceop.police.uk and also contact the school to let us know of your concerns.

[Guidance for 11-18 year olds on online harm groups](#)



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Wellbeing Webinars

For Young People

Stress & Worry Management

Mon 13 July @ 5:00pm
Mon 28 Sept @ 5:00pm
Sat 14 Nov @ 10:00am
Fri 11 Dec @ 5:00pm



Managing Academic Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits

Fri 18 Sept @ 5:00pm
Sat 17 Oct @ 10:00am
Mon 9 Nov @ 5:00pm

For Parents & Carers

Helping Your Child With Fears & Worries (Primary)

Fri 31 July @ 10:00 am
Fri 25 Sept @ 12:00pm
Fri 20 Nov @ 10:00am

Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries (Secondary)

Fri 17 July @ 10:00am
Fri 23 Oct @ 10:00am
Mon 14 Dec @ 10:00am

Changing from Primary to Secondary School

Fri 3 July @ 10:00am
Mon 20 July @ 10:00am
Mon 3 Aug @ 10:00am
Fri 14 Aug @ 10:00am
Sat 5 Sept @ 10:00am



Helping Your Child With Sleep (Primary)

Mon 6 July @ 12:00pm
Fri 11 Sept @ 12:00pm
Mon 26 Oct @ 12:00pm
Sat 5 Dec @ 10:00am

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Fri 28 Aug @ 10:00am
Mon 14 Sept @ 10:00am
Fri 6 Nov @ 10:00am

Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) to book your place

 bromley-y.org [@bromley_y_](https://www.instagram.com/bromley_y_) [@bromley_y_](https://twitter.com/bromley_y_) [bromleywellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/bromleywellbeing)

Please click [HERE](#) to book your place.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord Nitro, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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For Parents and
Carers of Young
People with SEND

@bromleyparentvoice

COFFEE DROP-INS

10am-11:30am

Autumn 2026

**11th September - Drop in +
Bromley Mencap discuss their
16+ offer**



**25th September - RSD Talk by
Sunflower Autism Consultancy**

9th October - Drop in



NEW VENUE



The 1917 Chill Cafe
Widmore Road, BR1 1RY

Some useful links ...

Please do look into the support available for families if you have neurodivergent children and would like some support - [Parenting neurodivergent children online parenting course](#) | [Family Lives](#)

Dyslexia - [Dyslexia Association of Bexley Bromley Greenwich & Lewisham - DABBGL](#)

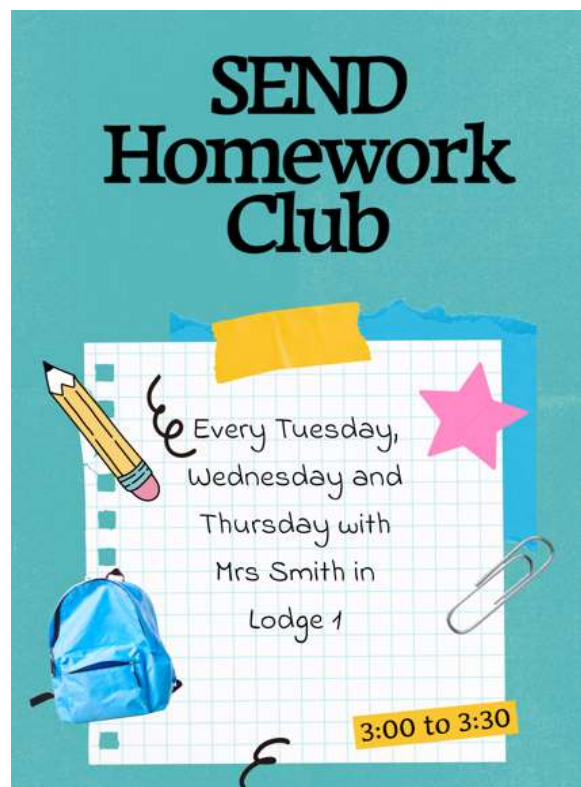
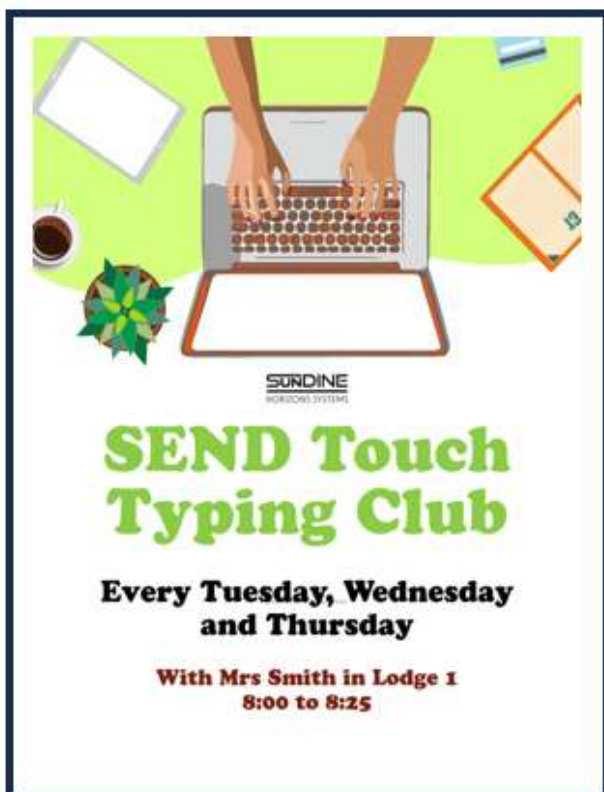
Quizlet - [Study Tools & Learning Resources for Students and Teachers](#) | [Quizlet](#)

Anki - [Anki - powerful, intelligent flashcards](#)

Memrise - [Learn a language. Memrise is authentic, useful & personalised.](#)

Supermemo - [SuperMemo - language courses](#)

Flashcard Deluxe - [Flashcards Deluxe App - App Store](#)



Friends of Bullers Wood

The Friends have some received some donations of preloved uniform so if you are looking for any items, please let us know. Specifically we have branded PE jackets in all sizes for sale at £3.00 each, perfect for outdoor winter PE lessons!

Our Christmas Raffle is online this year to open ticket sales up to a much wider audience, therefore raising even more money for school projects. If you own a local business and are able to donate a prize or if you have been holding on to something suitable at home, please send an email to: friendsofbullerswoodgirls@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 1st October 2026 - Preloved GCSE revision guide sale in the Dalo from 6.00pm-6.30pm
- Friday 11th December 2026 - Year 7 disco, further information to follow

If you are able to commit to a monthly donation, please do so by completing this short [FORM](#).

Many of us are speedily heading towards the end of our time at Bullers Wood. If you are interested in joining the team, please come along to our meeting in September, date tbc.

A very BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who have supported the Friends of Bullers Wood!

Kind Regards
Veronica Huxtable
Chair On behalf of the Friends of Bullers Wood

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and after school clubs for all year groups so please do keep an eye on our website which is regularly updated: [Extra Curricular Activities](#)

All Clubs run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm (unless stated on the list) and students can just turn up unless otherwise stated on the list. The Club's list is updated on the website on a regular basis. When Paid Clubs are available information will be sent out as to how places will be allocated and how to apply for a place.



COMMERCIAL DANCE CLUB

TUESDAY: YEAR 7 & 8 CLUB
3:15PM - 4:15PM

THURSDAY: YEAR 9 - 11 CLUB
3:15PM - 4:15PM

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!
Trial lessons are available upon request

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK, PLEASE CONTACT US USING ANY OF THE OPTIONS BELOW:

WWW.PERFORMR.CO.UK INFO@PERFORMR.CO.UK ☎ 07533043615

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Key Dates

Please click [HERE](#) to see our Term Dates

Staff Development Days

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Wednesday 13th January 2027
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027

Parent/Carer Evenings

- Year 7 - Thursday 3rd December 2026 (Online)
- Year 8 - Tuesday 12th January 2027 (In School)
- Year 9 - Wednesday 10th February 2027 (Online)
- Year 10 - Thursday 22nd April 2027 (In School)
- Year 11 - Thursday 28th January 2027 (In School)
- Year 12 - Thursday 18th March 2027 (In School)
- Year 13 - Thursday 26th November 2026 (In School)

Information Evenings (In School)

- Year 7 SEND Information Evening - Thursday 24th September 2026
- Year 7 Parent Information and Meet the Tutors Evening - Thursday 8th October 2026
- Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 4th March 2027
- Year 10 Information Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026
- Year 11 'GCSE Ready' Information Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026
- Year 12 SEND Information Evening - Thursday 24th September 2026
- Year 12 Parent Information Evening - Thursday 8th October 2026

Careers Events

- Year 9 Careers Day – Friday 5th February
- Year 10 Work Shadow Day – Monday 19th July
- Years 10-13 Careers Fair – Wednesday 17th March
- Life After Bullers – Thursday 13th May

OPEN EVENINGS FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2027

Year 7 Open Evening - Thursday 17th September 2026. Headteacher talks at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm. Booking is not necessary.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 19th November 2026, 5.45pm to 8.00pm. Booking is not necessary.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1

Start: Tuesday 1st September 2026
Finish: Friday 16th October 2026
Autumn break: Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Staff Development Day Tuesday & Wednesday 1st & 2nd September 2026

Term 2

Start: Monday 2nd November 2026
Finish: Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas break: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027
Staff Development Day Monday 2nd November 2026

Term 3

Start: Monday 4th January 2027
Finish: Friday 12th February 2027
February break: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
Staff Development Day Wednesday 13th January 2027

Term 4

Start: Monday 22nd February 2027
Finish: Thursday 25th March 2027
Spring break: Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027
Staff Development Day Monday 22nd February 2027

Term 5

Start: Monday 12th April 2027
Finish: Friday 28th May 2027
Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027
May break: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
Staff Development Day Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6

Start: Monday 7th June 2027
Finish: Wednesday 21st July 2027
Staff Development Day Friday 25th June 2027

IMPORTANT AND REGULAR REMINDERS

COMMUNICATION – Communication and contact with the school are extremely important to us. For details of how to contact the school please see the communications letters for each year group: [HERE](#)

These have been updated and include all the key contact information you need such as form tutor and safeguarding contacts as well as contacting the school regarding subject queries. For general queries, please email office@BWVG.lumero.org. Staff will endeavour to respond to all parent and carer emails/calls within two working days.

FIRST AID – If your child regularly suffers with ailments such as headaches or any other pain/discomfort, we can only provide medication you have sent in for your child. In those instances, we kindly request you complete our online form: [Consent for Medication](#) and return it to Ms Onchere, our First Aid Officer (donchere@BWVG.lumero.org). We will not provide pain relief medication to any student unless we have a completed form and the medication provided with their name on. If your child is unwell at school and requires pain relief, we will contact you and ask you to either collect your child or ask you to bring some medication to school for them.

PARKING - Can we please remind all parents and carers to **not** park or wait in cars on St Nicolas Lane **at any point during the school day**. Parked vehicles disrupt deliveries to school as well as our neighbours.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – An excellent attendance record is essential for students to be able to perform to the best of their ability at school. Should you need to request a leave of absence from school for your child, there is a form you should complete that is available on our website: [Request for Leave of Absence Form](#). Requests by email will **not** be accepted. This form should be sent to your child's Head of Year.

SEND

If any parents/carers need to contact our SEN department, please use this contact form: [Bullers Wood School for Girls SEND Request for Communication](#)

SEVERE WEATHER PROTOCOL – please review our [Severe Weather Protocol](#) available on our website.

STUDENT ABSENCE – If your child is unwell and has to stay at home, please contact the School Office **before 8.30am** each day of absence using the School Gateway app. If you are unable to use the App, please email office@BWVG.lumero.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND TERM DATES

[School Calendar](#)

[Term Dates 2026-2027](#)

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Please note, the school office is open from **8.00am until 4.00pm**. If you need to collect something, such as a confiscated phone or uniform, please call during these times only.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL – We would like to ensure we are able to work with our families and will always aim to meet with family members as arranged. If you would like to speak with a member of staff in person, please do arrange a suitable time by contacting the school office at office@BWVG.lumero.org or if you have the relevant Head of Year/Form Tutor details please do email them directly. We ask that parents do not walk around the site after the school day has ended in order that we can safeguard our site.