

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

Weekly Newsletter – Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September 2026



What's coming up ...

Year Group	Date & Details
Whole School	Thursday 17th September – Year 7 Open Evening for September 2027 – Students will be dismissed at 12.15pm Friday 18th September – Late Start, students to be in school by 10.25am to start Period 3 at 10.35am
Year 7	No additional events this week
Year 8	No additional events this week
Year 9	No additional events this week
Year 10	No additional events this week
Year 11	No additional events this week
Year 12	No additional events this week
Year 13	No additional events this week

Message from the Headteacher

Our **Year 7 Open Evening for September 2027** is taking place on Thursday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective students and families on site to experience our ethos and culture and meet teachers and current students. It is one of our real highlights of the school calendar. Please note the early finish on Thursday 17th September (12.15pm) and late start on Friday 18th September (on site by 10.25am for a prompt start to Period 3 at 10.35am). This is to support the organisation of the evening and all those taking part.



This weeks year group assemblies have stressed the importance of **high attendance**. All the national evidence, including our own day to day practice, demonstrates how crucial attendance is for student success, especially for their academic outcomes and wellbeing and flourishing.

We have had a very successful first full week back and our students have made a fantastic and enthusiastic start. I have thoroughly enjoyed popping into lessons and talking to students across the day about what they are enjoying and their experience so far.

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

Important Notices

Nuts and Seeds



We have many students in school with nut and/or seed allergies and we therefore ask **both staff and students to refrain from bringing in to school any products that contain nuts, nut products or seeds.**



If your child does have a nut or seed allergy, please ask them to look out for products within the catering area that state they “may contain” on the packaging. As you may know we have a system in place where all students who have allergens are flagged up when paying for goods in either the Dining Hall or the other food outlets around school. However, it is essential students who do have allergens read all the packaging carefully when selecting items and ask a member of staff if they are unsure. There is now a dedicated staff member from Cucina in the Dining Hall who students are signposted to speaking to if they need to regarding their allergies.

If your child does have a nut or seed allergy, please ensure that the school is made aware and that we hold the correct medication for your child. If you are uncertain, please contact our First Aid Officer, Mrs Onchere, via email donchere@bwsgirls.org.

Wellbeing Dogs

Parents and Carers may be aware that the school has three wellbeing dogs (Sherlock, Tilly and Rosie) who attend school across the school week. The dogs are mainly based in The Nest (SEND) and can often be seen being walked around the school site at lunchtime. Students are asked if they have any allergies to dogs at the start of the school year if they visit the Nest regularly but we are aware that allergies can arise at any time. If your child has a new allergy of any type - please do ensure our student files are up to date and any student who visits the Nest can inform the SEND Manager, Mrs Lyseight ([SEND Request for Communication](#)).

School Blouse

As outlined in our letter on 15th May, the school blouse is now a plain white short-sleeve reverse blouse, as shown. Students can continue to wear the Tussore blouses until stocks run out.



Forgotten Items

Can all parents/carers ensure their child has all the equipment they need for their school day. **We are unable to deliver forgotten items, such as PE kits, school books, packed lunches to students in class.** Can you also please remind your child to carry their timetable with them as we are unable to print these for students.

Dinner Money Account Balance

Can we please remind all parents and carers to monitor your child's dinner money account balance regularly. Students are not permitted to call home during the school day.

Parents and Carers who have downloaded the Schoolgateway App will receive an automatic notification alerting you when the balance on your child's dinner money has reached below £5.00 and needs to be topped up.

To receive the App notifications, parents/carers must be signed in to Schoolgateway. If you have previously given your permission for Biometric Approval, your child can also check their dinner account balance by visiting the Dining Hall and scanning their fingerprint at the tills.

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



Parent and Carer Contact Details

Can we please request all parents and carers notify us of any changes to your contact details (such as telephone number or email address) so we can ensure the emergency contact details we have for your child are as up to date as possible – please email office@BWSG.lumero.org with any changes.

Free School Meals

Further to the letter we sent you on 11th June, 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 them at fsm@bromley.gov.uk. You can find a copy of the letter [HERE](#) on our website along with other information.

Lost or Damaged Library Books

If a student loses a book or if it has been damaged in some way, parents/carers will need to pay for a new copy or buy a replacement themselves to give to the Library. A good condition second hand copy is acceptable. In the first instance, they should speak to Miss Beck, Librarian, who will inform them of the relevant details including the cost of the book if they choose to pay for it.

School Production of 'Six' – February 2027

Our rehearsals for Six start week commencing Monday 14th September.

All Cast – every Wednesday after school in the Main Hall until 4.30pm.

Queens and Ladies in waiting only – every Monday after school in T3 until 4.30pm.



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Our coaching team includes former international players and experienced coaches from England, Scotland and Denmark.



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Every Tuesday during term time
Park House Rugby Club
Barnet Wood Road, Hayes, BR2 7AA

U13 Girls | 6:00 – 7:15pm

U15 Girls | 7:15 – 8:30pm

FREE TRIAL

COME ALONG, MEET THE TEAM
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TO BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL:
bromleylacrosse@gmail.com

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Safeguarding and Wellbeing

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personally engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk diverting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school location, mullins, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says these data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 18 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 18 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process: educators should activate the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0800 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert

Darren Coxon is an educator with almost 36 years' experience across teaching, school leadership and governance. He works internationally supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance and [insert NC courses I have written].



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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

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

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A Guide to Primary and Secondary School Exam Access Arrangements



St. Nicholas Church Hall (Village Hall) • Church Lane • Chislehurst BR7 5PE

Wed 16th September 2026

Doors open 7.45pm

Event starts at 8pm

Speaker
Diana Edmonds

**REFRESHMENTS
& CAKES**



Advice and Support from the Dyslexia Association of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Lewisham

☎ 0300 999 1800 ✉ info@dyslexiawise.co.uk

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](#)

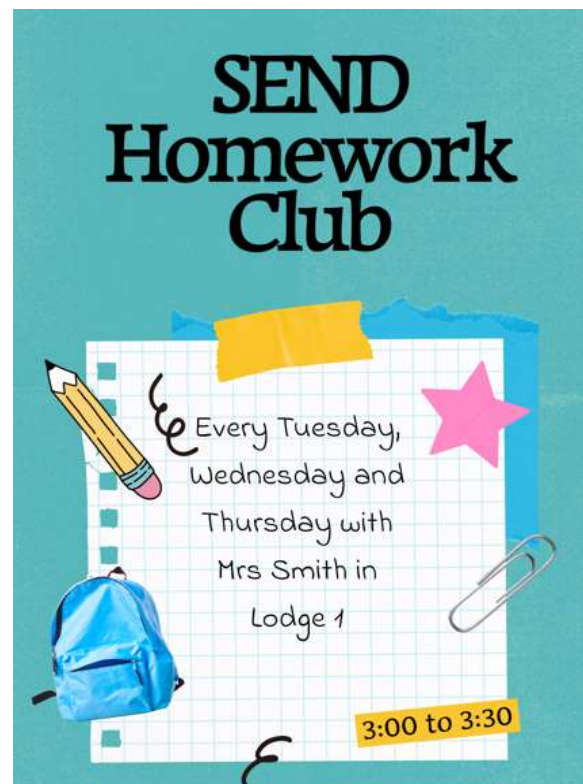
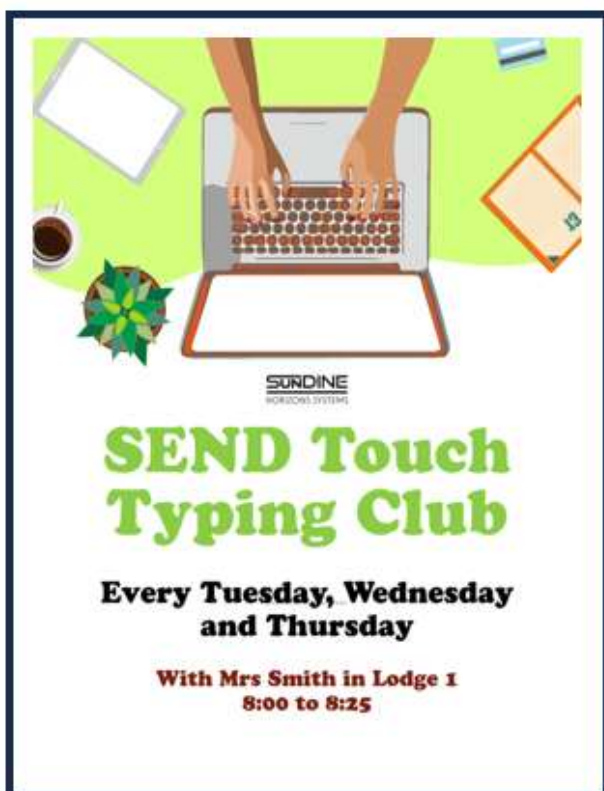
Quizlet - [Study Tools & Learning Resources for Students and Teachers](#) | [Quizlet](#)

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](#)



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 SEND 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](#)

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.