

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

Weekly Newsletter – Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September 2026



What's coming up ...

Year Group	Date & Details
Whole School	
Year 7	Thursday 10 th September – School Photos
Year 8	No additional events this week
Year 9	No additional events this week
Year 10	Thursday 10 th September – School Photos
Year 11	No additional events this week
Year 12	Thursday 10 th September – School Photos Thursday 10 th to Saturday 12 th September – Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Year 13	No additional events this week

Message from the Headteacher

It has been fantastic **welcoming students** back to school after the summer break. It has been an excellent start of term and a pleasure talking to our young people on their return. They started the day with their form tutor, a whole school assembly with me and then into lessons. We also welcomed our new Year 7 and new Year 12 students who joined us for the first time on Thursday. They have started extremely well and are successfully getting to know our school, culture and ethos.



In my whole school assembly, alongside a reflection on the recent solar eclipse and our school values, I outlined the fantastic results and successes we received both at A Level and GCSE over August. At GCSE, our results place us in the top 12th percentile of schools nationally which is an excellent achievement! I will write to you outlining this and other things in more detail soon.

We have always had a highly successful **"Off and Away"** mobile phone policy and this was reiterated to students during form time and assemblies today. As we start this new academic year please find attached to this email a summary of our policy to **mobile phones** in school.

Advance Notice:

Thursday 17th September – Open Evening for Year 7 Entry September 2027 – Students dismissed at 12.15pm

Friday 18th September – Late start 10.25am ready for Period 3.

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

School Blouse

As outlined in our letter on 15th May, the school blouse is now a plain white short-sleeve revere 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.

Dinner Money Account Balance

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

After School Clubs

After school clubs are still being finalised and we hope to advertise them in the newsletter next week.

LAMDA SOCIETY



**Come to W1 on Wednesday afternoons at
3pm for games, acting skills, acting
techniques, scripts, exams and exam
practice!**

All year groups welcome!

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

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

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



ROBLOX

7+ | Roblox is an online platform where users can play, create, and share a wide variety of user-generated games and experiences. The game is free to play but includes in-game purchases using Roblox, and its chat and multiplayer features mean parental supervision is recommended for younger players.

PLATFORM OVERVIEW

Roblox is an online gaming platform where users can play and create games, known as "experiences," made by other players. It combines gaming, social interaction, and creativity, allowing players to explore millions of user-created worlds, customise their avatars, chat with others, and build their own games using Roblox Studio.

The platform is free to use, but it includes optional in-game purchases using a virtual currency called Roblox. Roblox is especially popular with children and teenagers, and it includes parental controls, safety features, and content labels to help families manage how young users interact with the platform.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- **Creativity & Imagination:** Designing games, avatars, and virtual worlds encourages storytelling, artistic expression, and basic game design skills.
- **Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking:** Puzzles, obstacle courses, and tycoon-style games help children think strategically and learn through trial and error.
- **Collaboration & Teamwork:** Multiplayer games and challenges promote cooperation, shared problem-solving, and social interaction.
- **Entertainment & Engagement:** Offers a fun, immersive platform with a wide variety of games and experiences suitable for different interests.
- **Learning Opportunities:** Exposure to coding, game design, and digital creativity can support skill development and confidence.

CORE FEATURES

- **Play & Create Games:** Explore millions of user-created worlds or design your own using Roblox Studio.
- **Social Interaction:** Chat and play with friends or other players, with age-based limits and parental controls.
- **Customisation & Rewards:** Personalise avatars and use Roblox for items, perks, and upgrades.
- **Creativity & Learning:** Encourages problem-solving, teamwork, and imaginative play through building, puzzles, and challenges.

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

- **Use Private Servers:** Encourage children to play on private servers to limit contact with strangers.
- **Invite Only Trusted Friends:** Only allow people your child knows in real life to join the server.
- **Monitor Content:** Even in private servers, check the game for inappropriate or adult-themed content.
- **Set Rules and Boundaries:** Discuss acceptable behaviour and remind children to report anything uncomfortable.
- **Combine with Parental Controls:** Use Roblox's safety settings alongside private servers for added protection.

POTENTIAL RISKS

- **Inappropriate Content:** Some games or experiences may not be suitable for children.
- **Stranger Interactions:** Children can encounter unknown players, even with chat restrictions.
- **Cyberbullying & Peer Pressure:** Chat and multiplayer play may lead to harassment or social pressure.
- **In-Game Spending & Scams:** Roblox purchases and fake "free Roblox" offers can lead to impulsive spending or account theft.
- **Privacy & Screen Time:** Children may share personal information or spend excessive time playing.



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Action for Happiness

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Self-Care September 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time
	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one
	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories
	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans
	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are				
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS	Happier · Kinder · Together						

★ DABBGL are proud to be one of the Mayor of Bromley's chosen charities of the year ★

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](#)

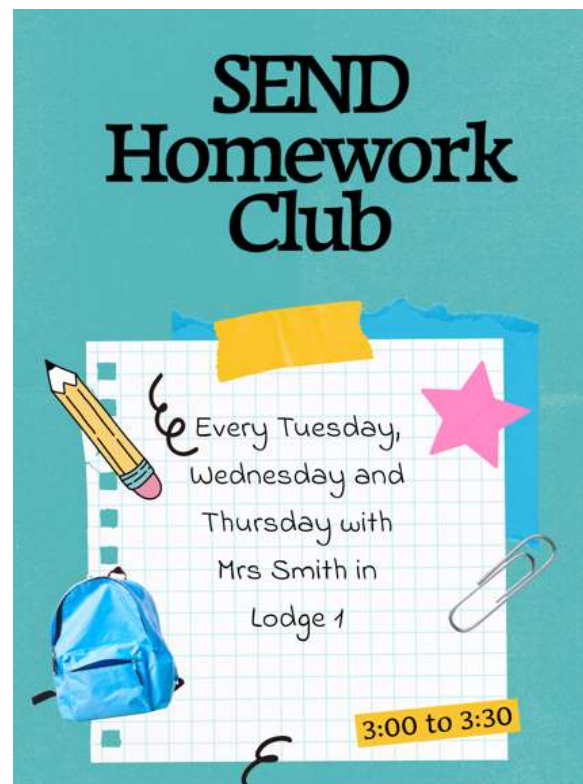
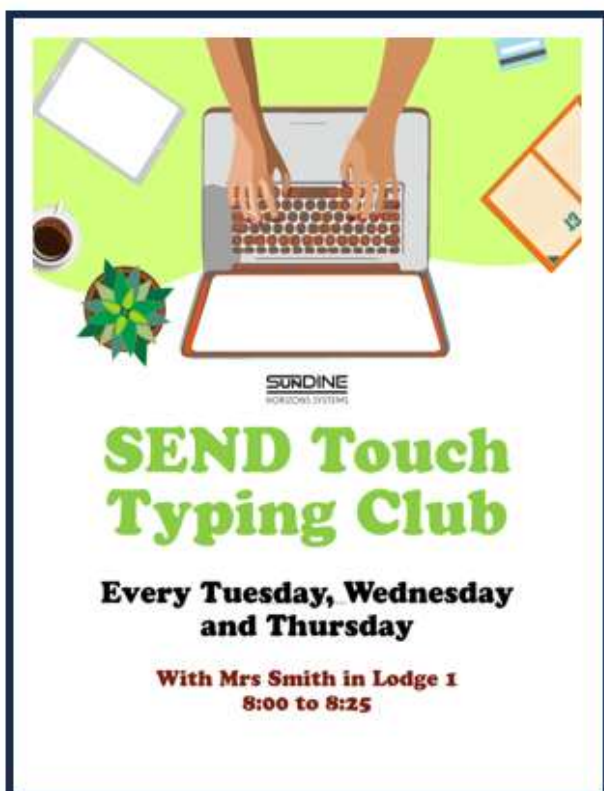
Quizlet - [Study Tools & Learning Resources for Students and Teachers](#) | [Quizlet](#)

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](#)



Friends of Bullers Wood

Email: friendsofbullerswoodgirls@gmail.com

The Friends of Bullers Wood are back, full of enthusiasm for the year ahead! You will find details of our upcoming events below.

We will be running our Christmas raffle 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 17th September** – Year 7 Open Evening. We will be serving refreshments and we are looking for volunteers to help at this event!
- ❖ **Friday 11th December** – Year 7 Disco, further information to follow.

Our preloved uniform sale was a HUGE success at the end of the summer term; we sold out in a record 39 minutes raising £2,000 for school! A few items have been donated during the summer break so if you are in need of anything, please do get in touch. We also have a few of the cream blouses available too.

A summary of our purchases for the school year 2025/2026 is below so as you can see every donation really does make a difference!

- Large interactive boards for Science, English and Maths. Clear, crisp pictures with improved sound quality to enhance learning in these classrooms.
- New geography text books for all years
- 100 GCSE English Literature texts and dictionaries
- Woks and Air Fryers for Food Tech
- A drum kit and two electric guitars for the Music department
- 8 sets of netball bibs for PE
- 50 A Level Business Studies Revision Guides
- 5 heating mantles, 16 quadrats and an Autoclave for the Science department
- Dyslexia materials, sensory materials, lunch club games, textbooks for SEND
- DSLR camera for the Art department along with various art supplies
- New desks to hold the new computers purchased by the Trust in the summer break
- Outdoor benches for 6th Form
- 6 smart red chairs for Bullers Wood House reception area
- Chairs for classrooms
- 30 white boards and pens for English

- Emergency repairs to the trampolines to keep Trampolining on the curriculum for school year 26/27
- 50 tennis balls
- Contact books for Year 7 beginning their Bullers Wood journey in September 2026

A total of **£45,000** donated back to school!

If you are able to commit to a monthly donation, please do so by completing this short form: [FoBW donation 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 to be confirmed).

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

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@BWSG.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@BWSG.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@BWSG.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@BWSG.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.