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End of Autumn term update

As we thank you for your continued support and to celebrate what has been a really positive and busy start to the academic year at Bullers Wood School for Boys.

Attendance and punctuality

One of our biggest successes this term has been attendance. Thank you to you and to our boys for the daily commitment to being in school, on time, and ready to learn. Our attendance remains strong and we are proud to be one of the best schools in the borough for attendance. This collective effort genuinely makes a difference to academic progress, wellbeing and school culture. Our current year-to-date attendance is above the national average, with persistent absence significantly lower than national figures, which is a fantastic reflection of our shared high expectations.

Enrichment, opportunities and school life

We have also seen many other encouraging highlights across the school. Our open afternoon was a great success, with a large number of visitors and a wonderful sense of pride in the school community. Our extra-curricular and intervention offer continues to grow, giving boys a wide range of opportunities before school, at lunch and after school. The Extended Learning Day was a brilliant example of our boys embracing challenge, working with maturity and demonstrating the values we want to see every day.

"Be Bullers"

This term we also launched our "Be Bullers" language for learning, and we are already seeing a positive impact in classrooms. The shared routines and agreed language are helping to strengthen focus, consistency and high expectations across lessons. Staff drop-ins have highlighted calm, productive classrooms, strong relationships and growing confidence in using this language to support learning.

Staffing and absence challenges

We do, however, want to acknowledge the challenges we have faced. The flu/COVID bug that has been in the news has hit our students and staff especially hard, and in a smaller school this has a bigger impact than we would like. Alongside a small number of longer-term absences, this has meant some classes, particularly in KS3, have experienced more cover than normal. We have worked hard to rotate teachers carefully and source specialist supply cover where available, while prioritising key exam groups. Thank you for your understanding and support during this challenging period.

Year 11 and mock examinations

A special well done to Year 11, who approached their mock exams with maturity and determination. The feedback from staff and the valuable conversations at parents' evening will help them sharpen their focus and improve again in the next round of mocks early in 2026. Their attitude this term gives us real confidence for the months ahead.

Spring term

Looking forward, we are determined to start strongly in January. We already have plans in place to support any classes that have had more cover than we would like, so that learning is secure, confidence is rebuilt where needed, and momentum continues into the new term.

Winter Concert

We also closed the term with one of the most enjoyable events of the year, our Winter Concert, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate talent, teamwork and the spirit of our school community.

Thanks and appreciation

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership with the school. I am grateful to our staff for their commitment and professionalism, and to our boys for the way they have represented Bullers this term academically, socially and through the wider life of the school.

I wish you and your families a restful break, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

G.Streatfield
Headteacher

Celebrating inclusion at the Bromley SEND Stars Awards

On 27 November 2025, members of our school community were proud to be involved in the Bromley SEND Stars Awards, which celebrate the achievements of young people with SEND, alongside the dedication of carers, educators and SEND services across the borough.

Ed, a member of Bromley's SEND Focus Group Champions for Change (C4C), was invited to judge two award categories and co-present one of these alongside Lewis Teasdale, Head of SEND Services for Bromley. We were also delighted to see Joshua recognised for his outstanding support and encouragement of young people during his work experience placement, finishing in the top three of his category.

Our Head Teacher, Mr Streatfield, was invited to present several awards and received warm praise for his continued advocacy for young people with SEND in Bromley. The evening was a powerful reminder of the impact that collaborative, inclusive practice can have across our wider community.

Congratulations, Adil!

You are the first student to date to successfully complete the Lexia programme, and we are exceptionally proud of your hard work and dedication.

Your commitment to working at home, during holidays, and at weekends has been outstanding. You have progressed beyond recognition – from the student we met at the beginning of the programme to the confident learner who has now graduated.

We are incredibly pleased to have you, Adil, as an example of what can be achieved through perseverance, determination, and full engagement with the programme.

Well done on this remarkable achievement. We are very proud of you.

Upcoming dates

Monday 5 January
Start of Term - 7:45am start

Tuesday 13 January
Year 11 Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 14 January
INSET DAY

Monday 19 January
Extended Learning Day

Creative & Expressive Arts

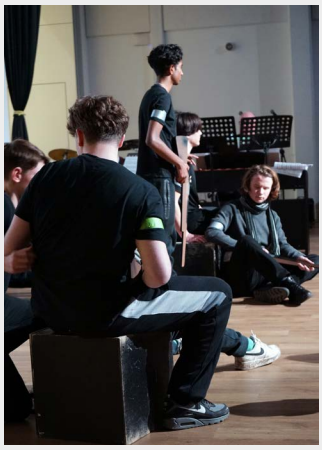
A magical Winter Concert to remember

This week, our school community came together for the much-anticipated Winter Concert, and it was truly a fabulous evening.

We were delighted to see such wonderful support from parents, carers, families and staff, all of whom helped create a warm and celebratory atmosphere.

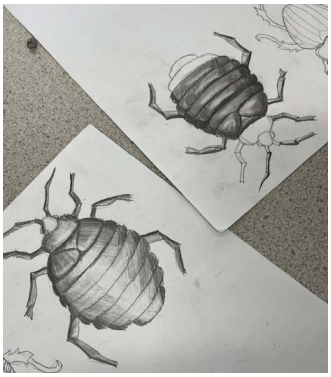
An evening of music, drama and outstanding teamwork

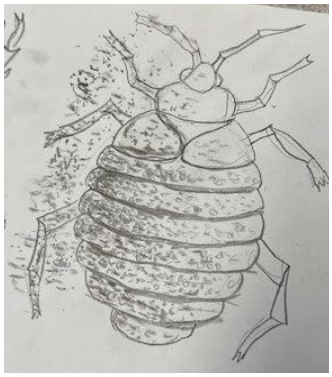
Congratulations to all the students and staff involved for their exceptional efforts. The performance showcased a seamless blend of Music and Drama, taking the audience on an emotional journey filled with both laughter and heartfelt moments. Sincere thanks go to all staff who contributed behind the scenes, with special recognition to Mr Winn, Ms Russo and Mr Donnelly for their dedication in bringing the concert together. It was a wonderful way to round off the calendar year.



Creepy crawlies come to life in Year 7 Art

The Year 7 students have produced a fantastic collection of bug drawings, showcasing a strong use of tone and shading to create depth and detail.





They have worked confidently and creatively, experimenting with a wide range of mark-making techniques and using different lines, patterns and textures to bring their insects to life.

Miss Yandle
Teacher of Art

Year 8 explore African mask art through Sgraffito

In Art, Year 8 students have been exploring African masks, with a focus on pattern, line and shape.

As part of this project, they created sgraffito mask designs using an oil pastel base, which was then covered with black paint. Students carefully etched their African-inspired designs into the surface, revealing colourful images beneath and producing bold, eye-catching results.

Ms Massarella
Teacher of Art

Humanities

Standing together against digital violence

As part of the UN-backed 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, staff at our school marked End Digital Violence Against Women Day by wearing orange. Orange is the UN's chosen colour to symbolise a future free from violence and discrimination.

Challenging harmful behaviour in the digital world

By recognising this important day, we reinforced key messages around respect, responsibility, and safe behaviour in the digital world. The initiative highlighted the role everyone plays in challenging harmful online behaviour and promoting equality, in and out of school.

Activities like this support our ongoing commitment to educating young people about positive relationships, consent, and respectful online conduct, helping to create a safer and more inclusive community for all.

PE

Making a splash at our first Swimming Gala

Well done to the students who put themselves forward to compete in the Kent Secondary Schools Team Swimming Competition back in September. This was the first time that students have represented the school in a swimming gala.

The competition was fierce, but our students gained valuable experience of competitive swimming and equipped themselves admirably.

A big thank you also to the parents/carers who transported their sons to Margate and supported them on the day.

Hospitality & Catering

Sweet treats and big smiles all around!

Our recent bake sale was a huge success, and we would like to say a big thank you to all the students, parents, and teachers who generously baked cakes and cookies to support the Hospitality and Catering department.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and kindness, an amazing £290 was raised. The money will go towards supporting practical lessons and future activities within the department.

For those who would like to continue supporting us, we also have an Amazon wishlist available (link below) for anyone who wishes to donate specific items to help enhance our practical lessons. Any support is very much appreciated.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a success.

Ms Tucker
Hospitality and Catering Technician

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/19RM1PVHJFUEL?ref_=wl_share

Christmas Jumper Day

Bullers Spreads Holiday Cheer with Christmas Jumper Day!

As part of our 12 Days of Christmas celebrations, we held a special Christmas Jumper Day. Students who generously donated to the Food Bank were invited to wear their favourite festive jumpers to school.

Thanks to the kindness of our school community, we collected lots of donations to help those in need this Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this event such a success!

Our school reception is also looking extra festive this year, thanks to a beautiful Christmas tree we were kindly able to get at a huge discount. A massive thank you to christmastreesbromley.com for helping bring holiday cheer to Bullers!

Year 11

Year 11 sets the standard with first qualification awards

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of these Year 11 boys, who are the first in their year group to receive certificates for a range of qualifications.

Their success represents what the future holds for all Year 11 students, and we are committed to working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to achieve equally positive outcomes.

Congratulations to each boy who received a certificate – your hard work and dedication are to be commended.

Mr Stevenson
Head of Year 11

Inter-House Competition

Gingerbread glory in Inter-House Bake-Off!

This month saw another exciting inter-house competition, this time hosted by the Hospitality department.

Twelve bakers and their assistants from Years 9, 10, and 11 took on the challenge of making and decorating gingerbread biscuits in just 40 minutes.

The heat was on, but all the boys gave it their best, producing some truly show-stopping treats. A large panel of judges, including Mr Streatfield, Mr Walker, and Ms Robins, were delighted to sample the biscuits. After much deliberation, first place was awarded to twin brothers Alex and Rafi for their marvellous creations

The twins generously split the house points between their two houses, Bowie and Wells, pushing Wells to the top of the current house leaderboard. A fantastic effort from all involved!

Library News

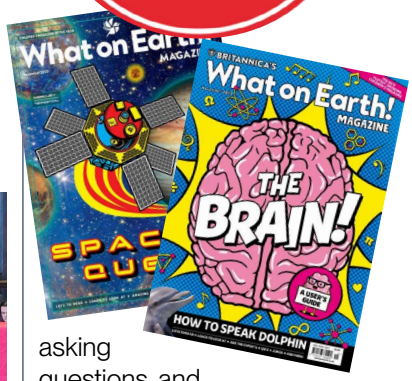
What on Earth Quiz final

We had a busy end to November. Our What on Earth quiz finalists travelled to the beautiful Stationer's Hall in London to compete against teams from all over the country.

The level of knowledge was formidable; it would not be surprising to see these teams on future University Challenge. While we didn't win, our team attacked the quiz with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, being the first team to offer handshakes and fist bumps to their competitors.

Britannica delivered an event that wholeheartedly celebrated curiosity and knowledge. It was a privilege to be part of such a special occasion, and it inspired our students to keep finding out, asking questions, and thinking about the world. If your children are curious and love discovering facts, you could try a subscription to this beautifully set out and curated magazine. We'll be looking for new team members for next year!

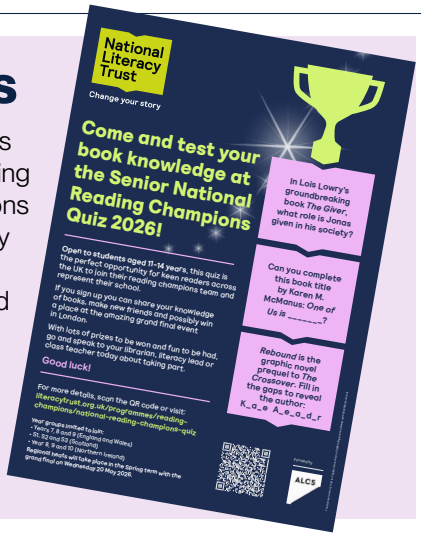
National Schools Quiz 2025



Upcoming quizzes

We are looking for avid readers in years 7-9 to join our book quiz teams for Spring 2026. We have a couple of competitions coming up – the annual Bromley library Fully Booked Quiz and the National Literacy Reading Champions Quiz (and just a few places left to fill).

You need to be an eager reader and prepared to read widely! Anyone interested should email Ms Devine at fdevine@bwsboys.org.



Students help shape the future of Bromley Central Library

Bromley Central Library is set to move to the old Top Shop building on the High Street in Spring 2026. We have been an active stakeholder in the planning for the new library and welcomed our third visit from the architects managing the move. This visit was focussed on the detail, specifically the mural that will be in the children's area.

Student creativity at the heart of the library design

They showed us work of the artist commissioned to design the library murals, Alice Pattullo, and students then put their ideas on paper. The mural will depict three themes: nature, Bromley, and stories. Alice has now seen the work created by our students to inspire her design for our new library. It's a great opportunity to observe the process of design and to shape our future community.

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Bromley Police
High Street
BR11ER

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Subject: Robbery Crime Prevention Advice

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to raise your awareness around Robbery Prevention. Whilst the number of robberies is relatively low in Bromley, they do occur and when they do, they have a very negative impact on the victim.

Whilst those responsible for robberies will often target their victims at random, it's usually because they want to steal their phone or jacket. More and more reports that I read involve the theft of an expensive jacket and the thief has made their victim take it off and hand it over.

Whilst we may deserve nice things, we do not deserve to be victims of crime and so I ask that you consider what possessions your child is bringing to school. Having expensive items, particularly Jackets, may make them more vulnerable to theft. We want your children to be safe so please consider this.

I also ask that you encourage your child not to have any valuables on display and this includes a mobile phone. Not only are these expensive items to replace but they can take away your child's focus from what is going on around them.

I also ask that you advise your child to plan their route to and from school and avoid shortcuts into isolated places. Remember, if they are targeted, don't fight back, property can be replaced!

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your co-operation and awareness are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of our children.

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Yours Sincerely,

Simon Alexander PS 202 SN

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Winter Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food programme

Bromley is running a holiday club programme for eligible children and young people.

To find out more and to book
Scan the QR code or go to the Bromley website

www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme

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THE MUSIC KLUB
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HAF

WINTER PROGRAMME

WWW.THEMUSICKLUB.COM/HAF

OUR PROGRAMME

Our Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme offers young people aged 11-16 an inspiring space to learn, create, and connect through music and the arts.

WHERE

Holy Trinity Church
South Hall
Church Lane
Bromley
BR2 8LB

WHEN

Monday 22nd December 2025 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday 23rd December 2025 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday 29th December 2025 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday 30th December 2025 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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FOR MORE INFO: 02079670833
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Helping Local Families through the Power of Community

CHRISTMAS for Every Child

1 in 5 children in our borough - **over 16,000** - are growing up in **poverty**. For many, Christmas brings sadness instead of joy. Our **'Christmas for Every Child'** hampers give families the essentials and festive treats they need to feel included and celebrated

We need your help to bring Christmas magic, surprises and joy to these children.

Visit the BBB online Christmas Shop!

Buy gifts, PJs, books & supermarket vouchers

We know times are tough, if you can't donate, no worries! Just help us spread the word on social media by liking & sharing our posts

Donate 'pre-loved' Christmas Jumpers + unwanted gifts (MUST BE NEW)

Visit our website link below for donation drop-off volunteers in your area

Get your school, group or business involved!

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THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over 3 million young people on the dangers of the railways.

SCAN ME

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12	58%	42%
people died in accidents while trespassing	were struck by a train or tram	were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+	11,000+	20,000+
companies support the programme	schools in the UK have engaged	UK schools still need to be reached

Say something, save someone

Are you worried about a friend and their vaping habits?
Are you worried about where your friends may be getting vapes from?

You can ANONYMOUSLY report concerns you have about your peers and vaping to:
www.londontradingstandards.org.uk/say-something-save-someone

London Trading Standards

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