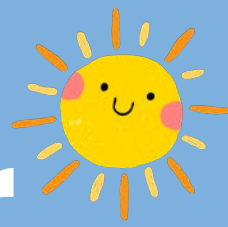


The Bolsover School Newsletter



Summer 2025

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Growth, resilience, and remarkable achievement...

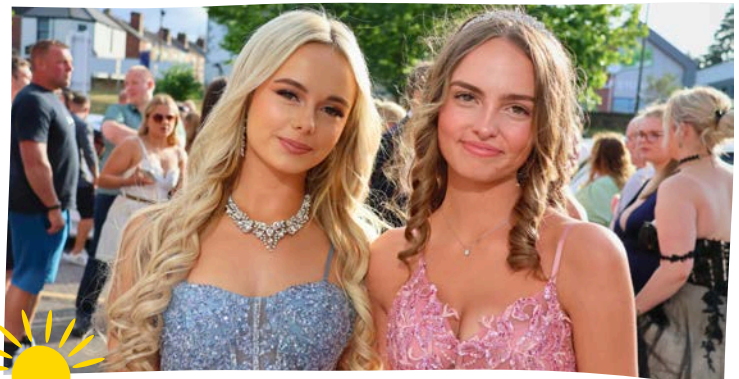


As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership have played a vital role in helping our students thrive, and we are truly grateful.

This year has been one of growth, resilience, and remarkable achievement for so many. All of us at school are incredibly proud of our students—not only for their academic accomplishments but for the character and commitment they have shown day in and day out. They have embraced new challenges with courage, stepped out of their comfort zones, and demonstrated a level of perseverance that is nothing short of inspiring.

Whether it was tackling a difficult subject, performing on stage, representing the school in sports, or simply showing kindness to others, our students have consistently risen to the occasion. Their resilience in the face of change and their willingness to push themselves have been a joy to witness.

To our Year 11 students, in particular, we commend you for your dedication during exam season. We know how much effort you have put in, and we are confident that your hard work will be rewarded.



I would also like to take a moment to thank our dedicated staff. Their commitment, care, and tireless efforts have made this year a success. From teaching and mentoring to supporting students' wellbeing and development, their work has been exceptional and deeply appreciated.

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As we close the year, we also say goodbye to several valued members of staff:

- Mrs Wilson (Operations Manager), who is also retiring. Her behind-the-scenes work has kept our school running smoothly, and her contribution has been invaluable.
- Mrs Knowles (Deputy Headteacher), who is moving on to a new role at a different school after an incredible 15 years of service. Her leadership, warmth, and dedication have made a lasting impact on our school community.
- Mrs Blizzard (Inclusion Officer), who is retiring after an extraordinary 29 years at the school. Her compassion and commitment to supporting every student has been truly inspiring.
- Miss King (Librarian), who is retiring after an incredible 38 years of service. Her inclusivity, love of literature and tireless work to foster a love of reading in our students will be greatly missed.

We thank them all for everything they have given to our school and wish them the very best in their next chapters.

Finally, Mrs Richmond (Head of Creatives and Teacher of Art), will be leaving us temporarily as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her back in the not-too-distant future.



Start of Term Reminders:

- Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school on Friday 5th September 2025.
- All other year groups return on Monday 8th September 2025.

As we look ahead to the summer break, I hope all our families find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our school community.

Warm regards,
Miss S. Spence
Head of School



Unauthorised parking on Harewood Close, Bolsover

Would parents/carers kindly refrain from parking on Harewood Close, which is adjacent to the school entrance, at drop off and pick up times. Please be aware that Harewood Close is a private road, this is indicated on the road name plates, and should not be used by any other people without consent. Moorfield Park (Bolsover) Management Company Ltd have asked that we share this information. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated.

House Points

A huge congratulations to **Peveril** who are this year's winning house with an incredible 1113 house points!

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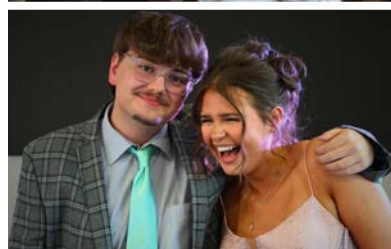


This year our Prom was held at the SMH Group Stadium in Chesterfield, home of Chesterfield FC.

It was great to see our Year 11 cohort celebrating the end of their time together at The Bolsover School.

Thanks to all students who ran and participated in the many fundraising activities on the run up to Prom that allowed for this to be an amazing night!

#classof2025





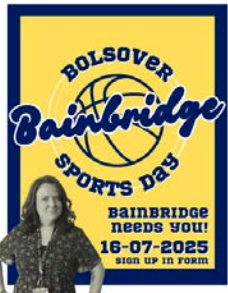
Sports Day 2025



Nightingale are champions for the third time in a row!

Sports Day was a resounding success for Nightingale once again as they were crowned Sports Day champions 2025!

Sports Day saw some intense inter-house competition, with a range of events suited to all interests and abilities. Students were very supportive of one another – and we even had a staff tug of war event!



Best Youth Actress at Sykehouse Film Festival



Emily A has recently won best actress for her performance in Bridie, a short film submitted to the Sykehouse Film and Writers festival!

The awards evening was held at Owston Hall and to win an award is an amazing achievement. This is absolutely fantastic news and we wish Emily all the very best with her acting career!



HOUSE Awards 2025



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On 22nd July we recognized the exceptional efforts made by our students in our annual House Awards Ceremony. Each form tutor nominated a student for exceptional hard work and dedication to learning and our school values.

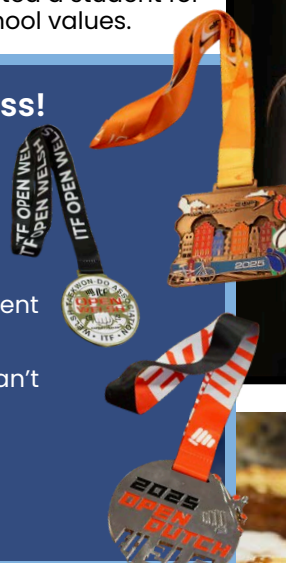
Seth's Taekwondo Success!

Seth M has competed 3 times internationally this year in Taekwondo!

He most recently competed in Holland, where he won a bronze medal, which is a huge achievement in the 15-17 age category!

Keep up the hard work Seth, we can't wait to see your next medal!

- Holland Cup - Bronze
- Open Dutch - Silver
- Welsh Open - Gold



LRC Book Donation

A huge thanks to Keira D for fundraising in aid of our school library! The money raised has allowed for the purchase of many books that will be a valuable addition to our students both now and in the future.

Action for Construction

In April, Jensen W attended a construction experience day at West Nottinghamshire College along with 14 other Bolsover students - thanks to 'Action for Construction'. This careers trip allowed students to gain a basic understanding and offered an insight in to some of the most interesting roles within the construction industry. Students were able to get hands on experience in plastering, plumbing, quantity surveying and electrical installation. At the end of the event, students were invited to enter a competition, and Jensen received first prize!



Girls Robotics Competition

Teams of students from across the Redhill Academy Trust visited The Bolsover School for the Year 8 Girls Robotics Competition 2025, each ready to showcase their coding skills, problem-solving abilities, and team spirit! After a series of imaginative challenges, the competition ended with a joint win for Tupton Hall and Brookfield Community School, who together claimed the coveted robotics trophy. We proudly secured 3rd place!



Ashgate Hospice Care for a Cuppa

Mrs Perkins has been very busy this term baking cakes for our annual staff #CareForACuppa morning, raising a total of £123 for Ashgate Hospice!



Y6 Forensic Science

Year 6s from the Church of England and New Bolsover School came in to visit our Science department to take part in our forensic science days. The students were told that a Science teacher - Mr Robinson - had been murdered by an unknown assailant. The students took part in various experiments to identify the murderer, looking at cloth and blood pattern analysis, the chemical composition of water and fingerprint detection!



Tara B



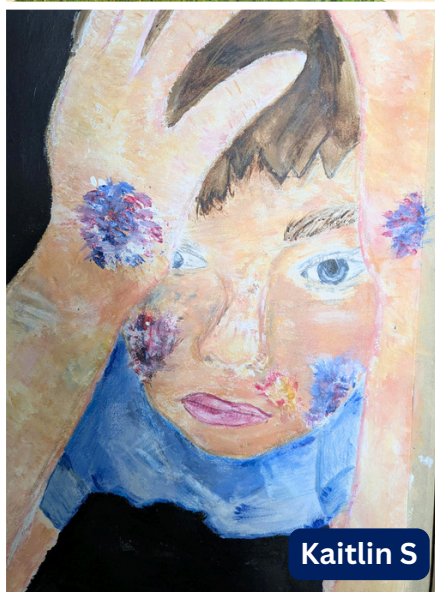
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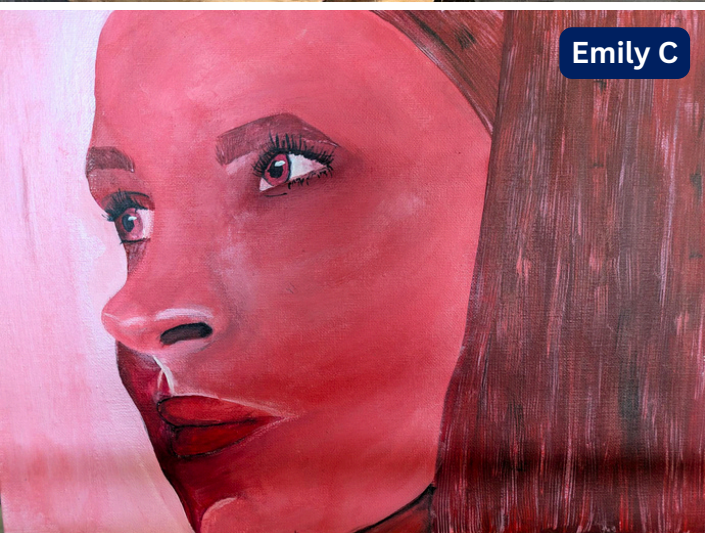
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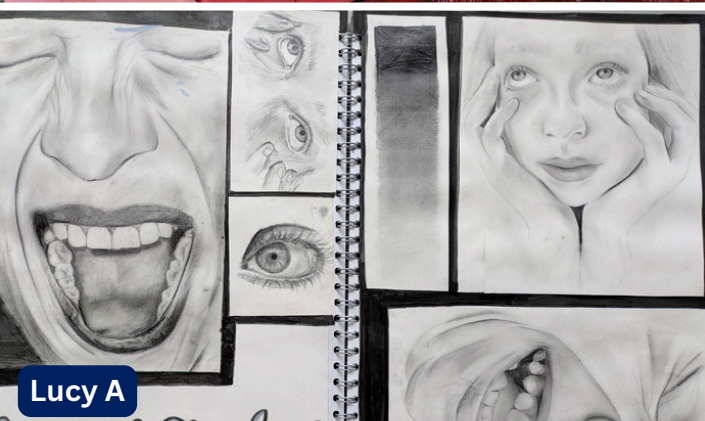
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Lucy A



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Art Gallery

Check out our latest KS4 student artwork!





Phone Pouches

As we continue to strive for the best learning environment for our students, we are constantly looking for ways to improve focus and reduce distractions. One area of concern is the use of mobile phones in school and the temptation for students to check them during the day, despite existing rules around the use of mobile phones in school. We regularly hear from parents that they are also concerned about the amount of time their children spend on phones and the negative impact it is having on their wellbeing.

To address this we will be introducing lockable mobile phone pouches for all Year 7 and Year 8 students.

These will be provided by the school. Phone pouches have recently been successfully introduced by other schools within the Redhill Academy Trust. Students will keep these pouches with them at all times but will be expected to place their phones into the locked pouch before they arrive at school. They will be able to unlock their cases on their way out of school using a magnetic unlocking device. Pouches will be collected back in at the end of the school year. There will be a small charge if students lose or damage their pouch.

We believe that this initiative will significantly improve concentration by removing the distraction of mobile phones. Students will keep their pouches in their bags throughout the school day, ensuring that they are not tempted to use their phones during lessons or breaks.

In the event of an emergency where a student needs to use their phone, they can ask a member of staff to unlock their phone pouch for them. If parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should phone the main reception, and we will ensure the message is passed on promptly.

We understand that both students and parents appreciate the reassurance of having a mobile phone, especially when travelling to and from school. However, we believe that being in school without the distraction and temptation of using a phone will greatly benefit students' wellbeing and their ability to focus on their studies. Feedback from other schools who have been using similar systems for many years has been extremely positive. The intention is to gradually introduce phone pouches to other year groups as the year goes on.

Visit www.hushpouch.com for more information.



Preloved Uniform

If you have any uniform which is used but in good condition, please consider donating this to our preloved uniform store so that it can be recycled and offered out to other students.

Donations can be handed in to our school reception. Please could donated garments be washed prior to donating, where possible.

Those wishing to access preloved uniform can do so at preloved uniform events that we will arrange or by contacting the school to arrange a visit to view the stock on site.



Join our School Governing Body!

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to become more involved with our school by joining our governing body as a Parent Governor. This is your chance to help shape the future of our school and make a real difference in the lives of our students!

As a Parent Governor, you will bring valuable insights from a parent's perspective and help us make decisions that benefit all students. You will also gain new skills, meet other parents and professionals, and become part of a team dedicated to the success of our school.

Our school is part of The Redhill Academy Trust, and we are proud to be rated Good by OFSTED. However, we aim higher and strive to become Outstanding in all areas. We need committed parents like you to help us on this journey.

What does a Parent Governor do?

- **Shape the Future:** Help set the vision and strategic priorities for the school.
- **Support and Challenge:** Work with the Executive Headteacher, Head of School and senior leaders to ensure the school is providing the best possible education for all students.
- **Monitor Performance:** Review and evaluate the school's progress and performance.
- **Represent Parents:** Bring a parental perspective to the Governing Body, ensuring the views of parents are heard.

Who can apply?

Any parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled at The Bolsover School is eligible to apply. If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, please contact the Clerk to Governors, Vicky Walton on info@thebolsoverschool.org.uk

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Uniform



The full policy can be found on our website:
www.thebolsoverschool.org - Parents - School Uniform

Prohibited Items

The below items are prohibited in school and the uniform policy must be followed at all times.

✗ Hoodies



✗ Unbranded trousers & skirts



✗ Trainers



We have a uniform policy that reflects the professional attitude we aspire our students to have and all staff are instructed to challenge students regarding their uniform and appearance during the day. High academic standards and therefore being successful is built upon the solid foundation of day to day positive habits which includes uniform and appearance.

We believe the benefits of a professional uniform policy include **creating a sense of community, reduces the potential for bullying, increases safety, prepares students for employment and improves study ethic**. The full uniform expectations can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' section but could we please draw your attention to the following points:

- Black trainers are NOT allowed – black shoes only (boots NOT permitted).
- Hoodies and sweaters are NOT allowed – these will be confiscated from students.
- Leggings are NOT permitted – TBS plain black school trousers or TBS knee length skirt only which can be ordered via the links below.
- Blazers and ties must be worn – these can be removed during hot weather in the summer at the discretion of the staff.
- Unnaturally coloured hair is not permitted.
- Natural nails only – false nails are not permitted.
- Stud earrings only – hoops are not permitted.
- Students may wear one discreet nose stud – nose rings are not permitted.
- We reserve the right to ask students to remove any jewellery that is deemed as inappropriate or excessive.
- Bags are compulsory and we ask that all students arrive to school with a bag and stationary so that they are ready to learn.



There will be a full uniform check for all students on the first day back, which is Friday 5th September (for years 7 and 11) and Monday 8th September (all other year groups). This gives families time to replace any missing items of uniform and ensure students are adhering to our uniform policy. Students not wearing the correct school uniform will be asked to loan the item from the school store; failure to do so will result in a period of isolation.



All items of uniform can be purchased from Logo Leisurewear or Just Schoolwear.



www.logoleisurewear.com



www.just-schoolwear.co.uk