

18th September 2026

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Miss White
Headteacher

Dear families,

As we reach the end of our second full week, it has been wonderful to see the College fully back to life. Classrooms are purposeful, there is positive energy around the school, and our students are already demonstrating the ambition, integrity and respect that make up the **AIR we breathe** at Bodmin College.

One of our biggest priorities continues to be attendance. Being in school every day matters, not simply because of the learning that takes place, but because of the connections that are built. Great attendance means being part of our community: developing strong relationships with teachers, strengthening friendships, joining activities and experiencing the everyday moments that create a genuine sense of belonging. Put simply, **being here means being connected**.

This year, we are also creating more opportunities to recognise and celebrate success. Our Heads of Year have launched '**The AIR We Breathe Awards**', recognising students who exemplify our values each week. Alongside this, we want to celebrate excellent attendance, academic achievement, improvement, kindness and resilience. It is important that our young people know their efforts matter and are noticed.

Thank you to our families for such a positive start. **Every day matters, every connection counts, and every success deserves to be celebrated.**



Students receiving their AIR awards



AIR awards



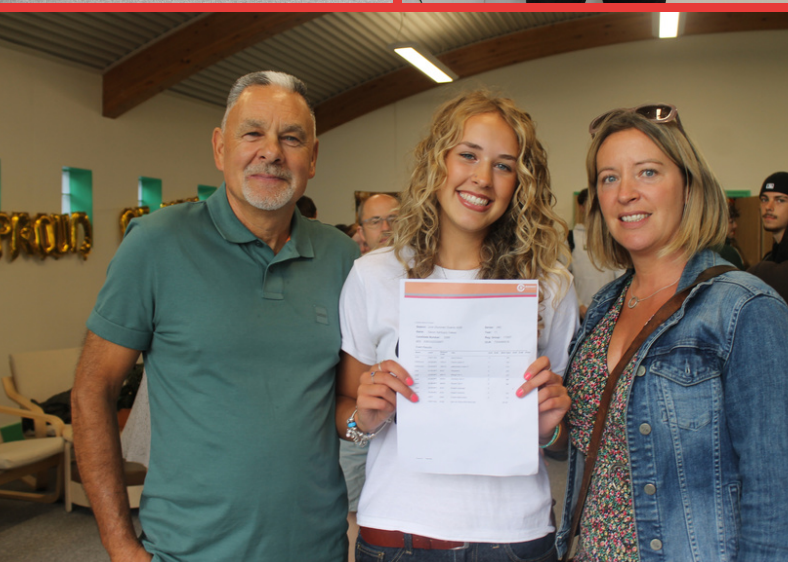
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GCSE Success at Bodmin

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2026, who have secured the strongest GCSE results in Bodmin College's history.

While many students have secured top grades, what makes this cohort's success so inspiring is the variety of achievements across the year group. Whether students exceeded their personal targets, overcame significant challenges, gained qualifications that will open doors to future opportunities, or achieved results they are personally proud of, every success deserves recognition and celebration. These results reflect our belief that every young person can thrive and our commitment to empowering students to lead lives filled with choice, confidence and opportunity.



The college's continued improvement is particularly evident in English and Maths. Since 2023-24, the proportion of students achieving a strong pass (Grade 5) in both subjects has more than doubled, while 20% more students are now achieving at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths, providing vital pathways into further education, training and employment.

English continues to go from strength to strength, building on its position among the top-performing schools nationally for student progress and delivering even stronger outcomes for the Class of 2026.

Success has been seen right across the curriculum, with particularly impressive results in Spanish, French and Food & Nutrition. In addition, over 60% of Sports Science students achieved at least a Level 2 Distinction, highlighting the breadth of talent and achievement across the year group.

As our students prepare for the next stage of their journeys, we congratulate every member of the Class of 2026 on their accomplishments. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and look forward to seeing the exciting opportunities and successes that lie ahead for them.





A Fantastic Start for Our New Year 7 Students

The new academic year has got off to a wonderful start as we welcomed our new Year 7 students to Bodmin College. There was a real sense of excitement across the College as learners began the next stage of their educational journey and experienced their first day as part of the Bodmin College community.

The morning was packed with activities designed to help students settle in, build confidence and get to know their new surroundings. From taking part in an exciting scavenger hunt and attending welcome assemblies, to exploring the campus, meeting staff and making new friends, our Year 7 learners embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity.

It has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces throughout the day. Students have shown great confidence, curiosity and maturity as they navigated new routines and became familiar with life at secondary school. The energy, excitement and laughter around the College have been wonderful to see. Starting a new school is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how well our newest learners have settled in already. Their positive attitude and willingness to get involved have made a fantastic first impression, and we have every confidence that they will thrive during their time at Bodmin College.

We look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow, achieve and make the most of the many opportunities available to them. This is just the beginning of an exciting journey, and we cannot wait to see all they do in the months and years ahead.



Year 7 Stories



We spoke to **Darcie** about her first week at Bodmin College, and this is what she had to say:

"Before starting at Bodmin College, I was really nervous because the school seemed so big. During my first few days, I was worried about finding my way around, but now I feel much more confident. I've learnt where everything is, and it's really helped being able to walk around with my friends, so I never feel alone".

"The teachers have been really kind and they're always happy to help if you're not sure or get stuck".

My favourite lesson so far has been PE because I love being active and taking part in sport. Outside of school, I play football, and my position is striker. I also love the food. Especially the pizza bagels."



We talked with **Nyle** to hear all about his first week at Bodmin College, and this is what he had to say:

"I was feeling okay about starting Bodmin College, although I was a little bit nervous at first. Once I arrived, I realised that the teachers are really nice and are always there to help when you get stuck, which has made settling in much easier.

My favourite lesson so far has been PE because I really enjoy sport, and we've been playing badminton, which has been fun."



We caught up with **Jazmin** to hear about her first week at Bodmin College, and this is what she had to say:

"Before I came to Bodmin College, I knew there were going to be a lot of people, and I thought it might feel a bit overwhelming. I was nervous about starting somewhere new, but now that I've settled in, I feel okay and much more confident.

"My favourite lessons so far have been Art and Science. I love Art because I enjoy drawing and being creative, and Science has been really exciting because we get to do experiments like 'making potions'!"



Investment in Bodmin College

Over the summer, exciting progress has been made across the Bodmin College campus as part of our ongoing landscaping and site improvement programme.

Before the summer break, work was already underway to enhance several outdoor areas, creating inclusive, green spaces.

Since then, significant developments have taken shape, with new planting, improved pathways and refreshed landscaping beginning to transform key areas of the college grounds.

The landscaping project forms part of our wider commitment to investing in our college and students' learning environment.

There is still more to come, and we are excited to share further updates as the work continues over the coming months. Keep an eye on future newsletters and our social media channels to see how these areas continue to develop and flourish.

Watch this space for future updates.



Ground and preparation work on the outside space



Investment in the schools interior

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= PRIVATE
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- Pavements
- Parks

- Shopping Centres
- Public Spaces
- Cycle Paths



YOU CAN RIDE IT:



**ON PRIVATE
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Your garden



Private property

You **MUST** have the
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public, vehicles
need:



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THE CORRECT LICENCE

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POLICE MAY:



Seize your
e-scooter



Remove it
immediately



Dispose of it

YOU COULD ALSO BE FINED FOR:



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while riding



Riding on a pavement



Riding through red lights



Drink or drug driving



Anti-social riding



If you seriously injure someone, you could be investigated the same way as a car or motorcycle rider.

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trial areas



Correct driving
licence required



Minimum age
requirements apply



Insurance provided by
the rental company



Must follow road
traffic laws

STAY SAFE



**WEAR
A HELMET**



**PUT YOUR
PHONE AWAY**



**STAY
ALERT**



**FOLLOW
TRAFFIC
SIGNALS**



**RESPECT
OTHER ROAD
USERS**

DON'T RISK LOSING YOUR SCOOTER



Devon & Cornwall Police
Keeping Young People Safe



**KNOW THE LAW.
RIDE RESPONSIBLY.**



It has been a pleasure to welcome our new **BCX** and Year 12 students to Bodmin College as they begin an exciting new chapter in their educational journey. The start of sixth form marks an important milestone, bringing greater independence and the chance to develop the skills and knowledge needed for future success.

Students have settled in brilliantly, embracing their new environment, meeting fellow learners and getting to know the staff who will support them throughout their time in **BCX**. The positive attitude and ambition already on display have made for a fantastic start to the academic year.

As part of their induction programme, students also took part in a group session focusing on **restorative practice**. The session introduced the principles of building positive relationships, effective communication, accountability and resolving conflict in a constructive way.

Restorative practice is an important part of the culture at Bodmin College, helping to create a supportive and respectful learning environment where everyone feels valued and heard. The session encouraged students to reflect on how strong relationships contribute to personal wellbeing and a positive community. Through discussion and collaborative activities, learners explored how restorative approaches can help strengthen trust and mutual respect.

We are delighted with how well our new students have embraced life at **BCX** and look forward to supporting them as they make the most of the opportunities ahead. A formative milestone ahead as they take the next stage of their education.





Mental Health and Wellbeing

At Bodmin College, we recognise that supporting positive mental health and wellbeing is an essential part of helping every young person to thrive. Building resilience, developing healthy coping strategies and knowing when and how to seek support are important skills for life. We all experience times when we feel anxious, worried or when things do not go as planned, and we want our students to feel equipped and confident to navigate these challenges.

Mental health and wellbeing are key themes within our LIFE/PSHE programme, alongside our wider Personal Development and tutor programme. Through these sessions, students develop their understanding of emotional wellbeing, resilience, healthy relationships, managing emotions, coping with challenges and accessing appropriate support. These themes are reinforced throughout the year through our pastoral provision and whole-school activities.

At Bodmin, students are surrounded by a strong network of support. Our safeguarding and pastoral teams, tutors, Year Managers, Heads of Year and wider staff all play an important role in helping students to feel safe, known and supported. Students are encouraged to talk to a trusted adult when they need help and are provided with clear information about the support available to them within College and through external services.

Developing the knowledge, confidence and skills to look after their mental and physical wellbeing, both now and in the future, is an integral part of the Personal Development of every Bodmin student.

**SAVE
the DATE**



Friday 9th October 2026



Kooth by Soluna is a new mental wellbeing platform for young people. It is a free, safe space to access one-to-one practitioner support, connect with others in moderated forums, and discover content and activities that support your wellbeing goals.

CLICK HERE!

[Home - Kooth](#)



*Autumn Term
2026*



WE WANT
YOU

Our **Autumn Term 2026** brochure is here, and we're excited to launch a brand-new programme of Bodmin+ opportunities!

Bodmin+ is our dynamic programme of extra-curricular activities designed to help students discover new interests, build confidence and develop skills beyond the classroom. From lunchtime clubs to after-school activities, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved, try something different and connect with others.

Whether you're interested in sport, creativity, music, practical skills, wellbeing, debate, technology or something completely new, **Bodmin+** is all about finding what excites you.

All activities have begun you can still join in!!

[CLICK HERE](#)



**BREAKING
NEWS**

**MAMMA MIA
IS COMING TO BODMIN COLLEGE!**

101 students stayed afterschool this evening to hear the announcement and sign up!!

We cannot wait for our dancing queens!!



CELT UPDATE

Information, messages and news from our trust

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome to all those joining a CELT school for the first time this September, and an equally warm welcome back to all those who are already part of the CELT family.

Travelling around our schools this past week, I've had the privilege to witness bright starts for children and young people from nursery to Year 13, and I couldn't be more positive about the year ahead.

A lot has happened over the summer. We have been working with Cornwall Council to create whole new specialist provisions in Newquay and St Austell, and growing our existing area resource base at Bodmin College.

Guided by your responses to our consultations, we are able to offer a total of XX new specialist places to children who otherwise would not have had a school place at all this September, or would have had to travel out of area at great inconvenience and cost.

This has been supported by a huge programme of refurbishment in these schools and across the trust, which all our learners will benefit from.

This term also began with the publication of Ofsted reports for Fowey and Lostwithiel Primary Schools. Both are testaments to the incredible work of our school teams to deliver an exceptional educational experience.

CELT's three 'Big Moves' this year are:

- to empower more school-to-school collaboration
- to keep developing an equitable and ambitious curriculum
- and to better listen to, learn from and respond to our communities.

Children and their families are always at the heart of our decisions. This year, I want to put you at the heart of our decision-making too. I'll be in touch about that soon.

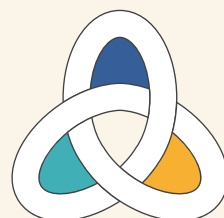
Warmest wishes,

Dan Morrow
Trust lead, CELT



A handwritten signature of Dan Morrow in black ink.

Dan Morrow
Trust Leader



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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026
5:00PM TO 7.30PM

Ambition | Integrity | Respect



Register at:
bodmincollege.co.uk/open-event

The AIR we breathe