Friday 16th October

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

BODMIN COLLEGE



Miss White

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to reflect on the many reasons we have to feel proud of our school community.

One of the things I hear consistently from visitors is just how positive, polite and welcoming our students are. This matters enormously. Our mission is about enabling every young person to live a life full of choice and boundless opportunities, and the character they develop is every bit as important as their academic achievements.

This half term, we have launched our values of **Ambition, Integrity and Respect – the AIR we breathe**. It has been wonderful seeing these come to life: students demonstrating ambition, having the integrity to do the right thing even when it is difficult, showing resilience when mistakes happen, and treating one another with kindness and respect.

We have also seen encouraging improvements in attendance. Sustaining and building on this next half term is essential. Being in school consistently creates the connections, confidence and deep sense of belonging that help young people flourish.

Thank you to our students, families and staff for your continued commitment. I wish you all a happy, restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November.**



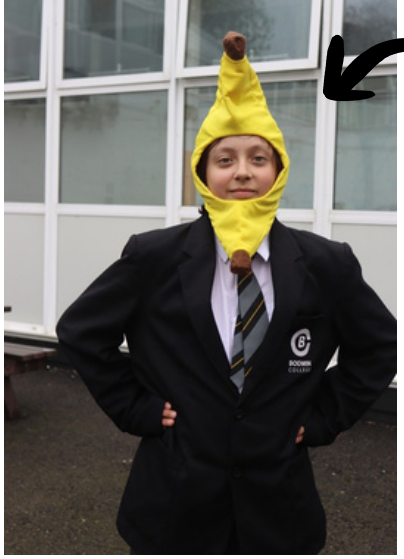
Year 11 Driving Lesson Rewards



Student Leadership

Cornwall Education Learning Trust





#HELLOYELLOW DAY IN SUPPORT OF YOUNGMINDS UK

Last Friday, students and staff came together to support #HelloYellow and mark World Mental Health Day, wearing yellow socks and accessories to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds UK.

The initiative encouraged important conversations about mental health and highlighted the value of supporting one another. Students demonstrated our core values of Respect and Integrity, showing kindness, empathy and the courage to help break down the stigma surrounding mental wellbeing.

Full Story & Photos





Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at Greenfield Today





MAMMA MIA!

Bodmin Plus Update

We have kicked off the school year with our 2027 school production announcement - we will be the first school in Cornwall to present 'Mamma Mia!', which will run from the 2nd-4th March.

We had 145 students audition, and the standard was exceptionally high, so congratulations and thank you to every student who proved their ambition and courage by attending the auditions and call-backs.

Rehearsals are now underway - bring on Spring 2027!



Miss S Birch
Head of Year 8

Year 8 have had a great half term, and it has been lovely to have everyone back! The year group has earned an impressive 9,278 merits, the second-highest total across all year groups, including two Double Merit Fridays.

Students have enjoyed assemblies from outside speakers, clubs, matches and some brilliant wins. Our peer mentors have continued supporting their allocated Year 7 students, while tutor time reading and our new Values sessions have seen great engagement. Well done to everyone who has earned Values certificates or won sweets and merits in our weekly attendance draw.

We look forward to launching our new Golden Tickets, providing another exciting way to celebrate our students' achievements!



8SRA, our Reading Champions for the last fortnight!









Recent Photos from Year 8



Meet our Community Champions

GEMMA COLEMAN

Over the coming months, we'll be shining a spotlight on our Community Champions, introducing the dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to support Bodmin College, representing the views of children, families staff and communities.

We are delighted to start by introducing Gemma Coleman, Chair of Bodmin College's Community Champions group.

Gemma brings a wealth of educational experience, having previously worked as a secondary Geography teacher and served as both a governor and vice-chair at a local primary school.

A parent of two Bodmin College students, Gemma is passionate about giving back to the community and helping to strengthen the partnership between the College and local families. She believes being a Community Champion offers a valuable opportunity for parents and community members to contribute ideas and help make a positive difference for young people.

Gemma says: "If you want to make real change and positively impact your community, the school, and be there for the young people, i'd definitly ask for a seat at the table."

Learn More



Axiom Maths

Our first after-school Axiom Maths Circle took place this week, bringing together 10 enthusiastic Year 7 students passionate about mathematics. Working collaboratively, they tackled challenging problems, shared ideas and explored different approaches.

Students also practised explaining their mathematical thinking and reasoning clearly, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving skills — all while enjoying some well-deserved snacks! We look forward to more sessions filled with exciting mathematical challenges, teamwork and discovery.



Year 10 County Netball Tournament

Our Year 10 team competed at the County Tournament on Wednesday 7th October, taking on some tough competition from across the county!

After a strong start, the team progressed into Group 2 for the afternoon, where they faced some extremely competitive games. The players showed great determination, resilience and, most importantly, fantastic teamwork.

A fantastic experience for the team and plenty to be proud of! Well done, Year 10!



DRIVING SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE ROAD!

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 students who won the prize draw for this half term's Free Driving Lessons Reward which took place this afternoon at Bodmin College!

With excellent attendance and positive behaviour, these students entered the prize draw for the opportunity to take their first steps behind the wheel thanks to the generosity of Tez Hayward at the Beacon School of Motoring.



L-plates pending...



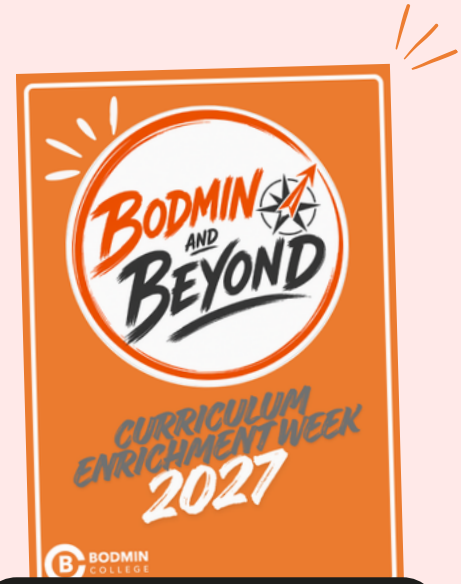
Driven to achieve!

VIEWS FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR

Head of Year 11, Miss Squires, said: "I think it's really important in such a crucial year that students get rewarded for turning up and putting in effort. The driving lessons are a highlight of our rewards system that sits alongside a much bigger package of student rewards."

A big thank you to Tez at Beacon School of Motoring for motivating our students and celebrating their success.

BODMIN AND BEYOND 2026 LAUNCH



View Brochure

We are thrilled to launch Bodmin College's Bodmin and Beyond for Years 7, 8 and 9, running Monday 19th July to Friday 23rd July 2027. This is a whole week of unforgettable experiences where students break out of the classroom, discover new passions, test themselves, make friends, and take part in activities designed to inspire, challenge and celebrate them.

The linked brochure showcases the opportunities available as part of Bodmin and Beyond, as well as the associated costs for each activity.



Further Information

MR LAURIE GOODLAD
Assistant Headteacher

LAUNCH VIDEO









Halloween Haze

BCX students have organised and delivered their very own Halloween Haze event today as part of their Social Action module! From planning activities to baking delicious cakes and cookies from scratch, students have demonstrated fantastic teamwork, creativity and initiative.

They have also completed a Food Hygiene qualification, developing valuable skills for the future. Children enjoyed a range of spooky activities, including a quiz, lucky dip, Halloween skittles and ghost hunt.

A fantastic example of student-led social action!

BCX Open evening

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the BCX Open Evening on Thursday. It was wonderful to welcome students, parents and carers, share the opportunities and BCX, and discuss how BCX could support each young person's next steps.

BCX is Bodmin College's post-16 experience, offering a supportive bridge between school and future study, training or employment. We recognise that some young people benefit from additional time, encouragement and practical experience to discover their strengths and prepare for what comes next. If you missed the evening, or would like to visit and learn more about BCX, we would love to hear from you.

Discover more about BCX on our website at **www.bodmincollege.co.uk/BCX**

BCX





BODMIN COLLEGE

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Cornwall School Nursing

Your School Nurse is available to your child and family from when they start school until they transition into adult services.

This means your School Nurse will be accessible and visible to children and young people through primary school to secondary school with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing of the school aged population.

Your School Nurse will support your child with any health issues when transitioning into adult services.

You can find out more about what school nurses do on their website: CLICK HERE

Half-Term Closure and Safeguarding Support

As we break up for half-term, we would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. The College will reopen to learners on Monday 2 November 2026. Although the College is closed, safeguarding support remains in place throughout the holiday. If you have an urgent safeguarding concern, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead team at dsl@celtrust.org. This inbox will be monitored by a designated team who will respond to urgent concerns and coordinate any necessary actions.

For additional support, please visit the CELT Safeguarding Support Hub, which provides details of relevant organisations and services.

For non-urgent enquiries, please be assured that we will respond as soon as possible when the College reopens.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November.

Supporting every child to **Thrive**

Meet our therapy team

At CELT, we are proud to have a dedicated Therapy Team supporting our schools throughout the 2026-27 academic year.

The team includes Educational Psychologists, an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapists, and a Speech and Language Therapy Apprentice.

Working alongside school staff, they help create inclusive learning environments where every child can thrive, learn and succeed.
Throughout the year, the team may:

- Visit schools and classrooms
- Observe learning environments
- Model effective strategies for staff
- Deliver training and professional development
- Provide advice that supports pupils across classes and schools

You may see members of the Therapy Team in school, interacting with pupils as part of their work to support staff and enhance learning environments. These interactions help develop inclusive approaches that benefit all children.

At CELT, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to flourish, and our Therapy Team plays an important role in helping our schools provide the support children need to reach their full potential.

Sarah King
Educational Psychologist



I work with young people to find out what their strengths are, what they love spending their time doing and what they tend to find more challenging.

I use this information to work with them, their teachers and their families to help them make the changes they would like to see. I work hard to try and make things go as smoothly as possible for young people in school.

Louise Ryves
Speech and Language Therapist



I support young people with communication skills. This can be anything from understanding what is said to them, to being able to ask for the things they need, to being able to talk to and be with friends.

I meet with them and we may carry out some activities together so that I can find out about their strengths and the things they find harder. We work together find effective ways around things that are tricky for them.

Morwenna Boisseau
Paediatric Occupational therapist



I help children and young people take part in the things they need and want to do at home, at school and in everyday life .

I spend time finding out what helps them feel safe and ready to learn. We then work together to find ways to make practical everyday activites feel more manageable.

Wendy Thomas
Educational Psychologist



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PARENT & CARER VOICE



At Bodmin College, we are always looking for ways to improve, and listening to our families is an important part of this journey. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can make things even better for our children.
This fortnight, we would love to hear your views on **Personal Development, including our Bodmin+ and Bodmin & Beyond offer.** Please take a few minutes to complete the form below and share your thoughts. Thank you for helping us shape our provision!

How well do you think Bodmin College offers a range of clubs, trips and activities that appeal to your child?*

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How easy is it for you and your child to find out about enrichment opportunities at Bodmin College?*

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Do you feel you receive enough information about Bodmin+ and Bodmin and Beyond?*

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

How could we improve the way we communicate these opportunities?*

Is there anything that makes it difficult for your child to take part in clubs, trips or activities? For example, cost, transport, timings, confidence or additional needs.*

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If you said yes, what is it that makes it difficult to participate?

What could we do to make these opportunities more accessible?

Submit

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AUTUMN & WINTER MENU 2026

Autumn & Winter menu 2026

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option one	MAC & CHEESE (v) with Garlic Bread (ve) & Toppings (ve)	MIDDLE EASTERN STREET FOOD Lemon & Garlic Chicken with Kobez Bread (v), Fattoush Salad (v) & Yoghurt Dip (v)	Classic Beef Lasagne with House Salad (ve) & Garlic Bread (ve)	Chicken Korma with Rice (ve) & Toasted Coconut (ve)	FISH & CHIP fridays Battered Pollock or Salmon Fishcake with Chips (ve) & Peas (ve)
Option two	Chow Mein (v) with Black Bean Sauce	Falafel & Houmous Bowl (ve) with Mixed Grain Salad (ve) Pickles (ve) & Dip (ve)	Garden Vegetable Cottage Pie (ve) with Carrots (ve) & Gravy (ve)	Sweet Potato Tikka (ve) with Rice (ve) & Onion Salad (ve)	Cheesy Bean Filled Pasty (v) with Chips (ve) & Peas (ve)
Dessert of the day	Fruit Muffins (v)	Eton Mess (v)	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble (ve) with Custard (v)	Oaty Flapjack (ve)	Chocolate Orange Cookie (ve)

Autumn & Winter menu 2026

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option one	Nasi Goreng (v) with Vegetable Spring Rolls (ve) & Curry Sauce (v)	ROOSTERS Buffalo Chicken Thigh with Herbed Couscous (ve)	Butchers Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy (ve)	MEXICAN Chicken Quesadilla with Wholemeal Rice (ve) & Cucumber Salsa (ve)	FISH & CHIP fridays The ultimate fish finger sandwich with Sweet Chilli & Lime Mayo (v), Chips (ve) & House Salad (ve)
Option two	Mushroom & Lentil Lasagne Al Forno (v) with Garlic Bread (ve) & House Salad (ve)	Thai Basil Noodles (v) with Garlic Sautéed Cabbage (ve)	Veggie Sausage & Mash (ve) with Onion Gravy (ve)	MEXICAN Smokey Soya Chilli (ve) with Wholemeal Rice (ve) & Tomato Salsa (ve)	The New York Deli Pickle Burger (v) with Chips (ve) & House Salad (ve)
Dessert of the day	Peach Upside Down Cake (v) with Custard (v)	Chocolate Brownie (v)	Jam & Coconut Sponge (v)	Iced Sponge Cake (v)	Cherry Apple Crumble (v) with Custard (v)

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Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option one	Plant Based Bolognaise (ve) with Spaghetti (ve) & Garlic bread (ve)	YAMAS! Chicken Souvlaki with Lemon & Herb Rice (ve) & Greek Salad (v)	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with All The Trimmings (ve)	MIDDLE EASTERN STREET FOOD Amba Chicken with Grains (ve) & Roasted Broccoli (ve)	Breaded Pollock with Chips (ve) & Mushy Peas (ve)
Option two	Garlic & Chilli Tofu Noodles (v) with Sautéed Cabbage (ve)	YAMAS! Greek Feta Honey & Spinach Parcel (v) with Sliced Potatoes (ve) & Greek Salad (v)	Roast Quorn & Stuffing (ve) with All The Trimmings (ve)	Authentic Chickpea Tagine (ve) with Grains (ve) & Roasted Broccoli (ve)	Banh Mi Hound Dog (ve) with Vietnamese Loaded Fries (ve) & Cucumber Salad (ve)
Dessert of the day	Chocolate Swirl (v)	Pineapple Upside Down Cake (v)	Plum Crumble (ve) with Custard (v)	Chocolate Crunch Cake (v)	Apple Pie (ve) with Custard (v)

Allergies

Please speak to a member of staff if you have an allergy and need to know what's inside our food dishes. They will advise you of your available choices

Menu Key

- Vegan option
- Added plant protein
- Source of wholemeal

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NEWSLETTER

FOR SCHOOLS IN NORTH CORNWALL



WELCOME!

Welcome back, and welcome to this term's newsletter! Congratulations to all students across North Cornwall on their exam results, and hats off to the staff whose hard work and support made them possible. The new year is off to a brilliant start in Wadebridge, where I was delighted to visit the school's new 3G pitch, having backed the bid. It's a fantastic facility that will serve pupils and the wider community for years to come. **Here's to a great year ahead!**



Wadebridge School 3G pitch

SCHOOL RULES!

There are some changes coming to schools. Here's what to expect.

Smartphones: Schools are reviewing their phone policies under new government legislation. I've been discussing with local headteachers how best to keep children safe and what support they need to put the right policies in place.

Allergy safety: I supported Benedict's Law and am proud to see it come into force this year. It means schools will be better prepared to keep children with allergies safe.

School meals: Cornwall Council's new Free School Meals "Auto Award" check has successfully enrolled 14,000 more children for free school meals. Anyone not picked up can still apply through the online Parent Portal.

SCHOOL VISITS TO PARLIAMENT

It's always a highlight of my week welcoming schools from North Cornwall to Parliament! I've recently had visits from Egloskerry Primary, Altarnun Primary, and St Merryn. It's been brilliant seeing pupils explore the Houses of Parliament and learn more about my job as your MP. **If your school would like a visit, please get in touch.**



SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Transport remains a pressing issue for families across North Cornwall. In the coming weeks, I'm bringing together representatives from Cornwall Council and local colleges around the table to push for fair funding and viable routes, especially for young people travelling to post-16 education.

ATHENA TRUST

With the Athena Learning Trust set to transfer its schools to new organisations over the coming months, I'm looking forward to seeing what this next chapter brings for our schools. I'll be keeping in close contact with families, staff and the Department for Education as things progress, and I'm confident North Cornwall schools have a bright future.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists! I'm inviting pupils across our community to get creative and design a Christmas card for me this year. The winning design will be chosen as my official Christmas card. I can't wait to see all your festive designs! **Please send entries to the postal address below by 7th November.**

If you have any issues you would like to discuss with me, please get in touch:

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