

Balshaw's Bulletin



11th May – 15th May 2026

Theme: John 8:1-11: Who has the right to judge?

Words of the Week: "He stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her'" – John 8:12

Upcoming Events

More information [here](#)

08/05/2026 – 17/06/2026

- GCSE Examinations

16/05/2026

- Balfest

18/05/2026 – 22/05/2026

- Year 7 Exams Week

19/05/2026

- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Top 3 Tutor group attendance last week

(04/05/26-08/05/26):

1. 9WN6 (100%)
2. 8CU3 and 10FN7 (98.9%)
3. 9CU5 (97.9%)

Whole School Attendance last week

(27/04/26-01/05/26):

94.2%

Calendar:

[Here](#)

GCSE Exams:

[Here](#)

Reminder of the week:

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Next week's fixtures:

Monday:

- Year 7 Girl's Football at Leyland, St Mary's (Away)

Tuesday:

- No fixtures today

Wednesday:

- Under 13's Girl's Lancashire Cup Final at Darwen FC (Away)

Thursday:

- No fixtures today

Friday:

- No fixtures today





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Club rota:

Please note this information is correct at time of publishing but is subject to change. Please check X (Twitter) for any daily updates.

Day	Break/Lunch Clubs	Afterschool Clubs
Mon	All Years – Culture Club - Lunch Year 7-9 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 10-11 – GCSE PE Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Athletics (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – Drama Club (3.20pm-4.10pm) – CANCELLED (Until further notice) due to school production Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information.
Tues	All Years - Young Writers' Club – Lunch All Years – Knitting Club – Lunch All Years – Faith Club – Lunch Year 7 & 11 – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 8 - 10 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Warhammer Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-8 – STEM Club (3.10pm-4pm) Year 7-9 (Boys) – Rugby (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 – Mary Poppins Rehearsals (3.10pm-4.30pm) See notices below for further information. Year 7,9 and 10 (Girls) – Rounders (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8-10 – Rotary Youth Speaks Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 10 – Duke of Edinburgh (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Wed	All Years – Balshaw's Archivists Year 7, 8 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 9 - 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Debate Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) All Years – Darts Club (3.10pm-4.00pm) (Week B Only) Year 9-10 (Boys) – Cricket (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Thurs	All Years – Eco Council – Lunch Year 7, 10 & 11 – Football (3G) – Lunch Year 8, 9 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch	All Years – Home Learning Club (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 (Girls) – Tournament Thursday (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 8 (Girls) – Rounders (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 9-11 – English Speaking Union Public Speaking Practice (3.10pm-4.10pm)
Fri	All Years – The Listening Club – Lunch Year 7, 8 & 11 Football (3G) – Lunch Year 9, 10 & GCSE – Table Tennis – Lunch Year 11 – GCSE French Revision - Lunch	Year 7-8 (Boys) – Cricket (3.10pm-4.10pm) Year 7-10 (Girls) – Fitness Suite (3.10pm-4.10pm)

Parent Survey. Please use this form to give us your feedback about our school



“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path” Psalm 119, Verse 105



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Teacher Notices – All Years:

School Day Timetable for GCSE Exam Period 2026

Please note that the school day timetable will change, for the whole school, from Thursday 7th May 2026 until Friday 12th June, for the GCSE exams. For More information click [here](#).

Attendance reminders ...

1. School should be provided with a copy of medical appointment confirmations for any medical appointments that are made during school time, if this has not been provided you may be asked to upload a copy of the appointment text/letter/email to your child's synergy account or email a copy to attendance@balshaws.org.uk. Wherever possible please try to organise medical, routine dental or ophthalmic appointments outside of school hours.
2. If your child has been absent for 3 days or more, school may need to complete a welfare check. If you do not wish for us to visit your child at home to complete this the welfare check can be completed in your car in the school car park if this is more convenient.

Thank you, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Leyland

Appointments in school

If you would like to meet with a Pastoral member of staff to discuss a Pastoral issue, please contact the school office or the staff member directly to arrange in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot facilitate meetings for any Parents who arrive without an appointment. This is due staff availability, teaching timetables, existing commitments and pre arranged meetings. Thank you for your support on this.



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If you have a student starting with us in September please regularly check all email folders for emails from admissions@balshaws.org.uk and emails sent from Applicaa. If you believe you have missed any new starter communications please contact admissions@balshaws.org.uk.

Teacher Notices – Year 11:

The Revision Support and Study Skills timetable is live on our Website and can be found [here](#).

Students may enter the restaurant from 8:10am on Monday prior to their English exam. At 8:30am, students will need to put their belongings in their locker and go to the hall for the 8:35am exam briefing. Any students arriving later than 8:35am will late be to the briefing. They will be admitted to the exam but must wait in the compound until the briefing is over.

If you wish to order a **Leavers Hoodie** for your child, please: Click [Here](#)

Important points to note: –

The store will close at 23:00 on Sunday 17th May and no further orders will be taken after this time. If you wish to add your child's name on the reverse of the hoodie, please only enter your child's first name. Once you have added the chosen item to your basket, please click on the green slider to "CHANGE" who the item belongs to. Select 'Someone else' and then enter your child's full name into the appropriate box. This will assist us in distributing the hoodies when received at school.





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Careers Notices – Years 9-10:

We are pleased to invite your Year 10 and Year 11 students to attend taster sessions at Bolton College on Tuesday 12th May. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for learners to explore potential career paths and experience college life first-hand.

Students can book up to **two sessions** per person:

- **Session 1:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Session 2:** 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Please use the following booking link to reserve places:

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/year-10-year-11-taster-sessions/>

Teacher Notices – Year 10:

No new notices this week.

Mary Poppins Rehearsals – Years 7-10:

Monday and Tuesday whole ensemble off book up to the cake scene. All dances sharp, all lyrics learnt, all harmonies nailed. Everything you need is on TEAMS please make sure students go over everything before Monday. All lines learnt to this point.

Dancers and clerk, Precision and Order.

Teacher Notices – Year 7:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – Year 8:

No new notices this week.

Teacher Notices – Year 9:

No new notices this week.