Newsletter

Date: 11th September 2026

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Key Dates

INSET DAY
25 September 2026

Year 6
Open Evening
1 October 2026

Year 6
Open Morning
5 October 2026

Year 6
Open Morning
8 October 2026

Year 7
Settling In Evening
8 October 2026

Year 11
Parents' Evening
15 October 2026

Parent Calendar-Available Soon

Message from Mrs Shoreman

What an incredible start to the new school year! It has been wonderful to welcome our newest Year 7 cohort to the Sir Thomas Boughey family, alongside seeing all year groups return with such positivity, pride and determination. From excellent attendance and smart uniform standards to purposeful learning in classrooms, our students have truly set the standard high and are helping to make this our best September yet.

Next week, all students will take part in our annual GL Online Assessments. Students should not worry about preparing for these assessments. They are designed to provide a snapshot of current literacy strengths and areas for development, helping us ensure every student receives the support they need to thrive. These assessments form an important part of our commitment to developing strong literacy skills and ensuring every child is supported to achieve their full academic potential. The information gathered helps us identify students who may benefit from additional reading and literacy interventions, enabling us to provide targeted support and unlock success across every subject.

At Sir Thomas Boughey Academy, we remain unwavering in our belief that every child should be a reader. Reading is the gateway to learning, confidence and future opportunities, and we are committed to fostering a culture where reading is valued, celebrated and embedded in daily school life. To support the smooth running of the assessments, all students must ensure they bring their fully charged iPad to school each day next week.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for helping us make such a strong start to the year. Let's continue to build on this momentum and make 2026-27 a year of excellence, kindness and respect.

Celebration Slips / House Points

Wedgwood House	Moorcroft House	Duchess House
410 points	379 points	395 points
1st	3rd	2nd

Values in Action

We have seen an exceptional commitment to excellence this past week, with almost 5,000 positive behaviour points awarded across the school. An impressive 471 points were earned for excellent uniform, reflecting the pride our students take in representing Sir Thomas Boughey Academy and demonstrating our strong sense of belonging – go Team STB!

A special congratulations goes to Year 10, who have achieved the highest number of positive points across all year groups with 1,180 points, closely followed by Year 8 with 1,121 points. Thank you to all our students for continuing to uphold our values of Excellence, Kindness and Respect every day.

Attendance

Year 7
98.9%

Year 8
95.7%

Year 9
96.3%

Year 10
97.0%

Year 11
92.4%

Whole school
96.0%

Attendance info-Click here

Personal Potential

An incredible turnout for the first Drama Club of the year as students launched into preparations for School of Rock. It has been fantastic to see so many students who shone in last year's production of Grease eager to continue their journey in the performing arts, demonstrating the same dedication, passion and musical talent. We have also been delighted to welcome many Year 7 students, who have embraced this opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and unlock their personal potential. We look forward to seeing what promises to be another outstanding year for the performing arts and music at Team STB.

Year Group Update

Year 7

A huge welcome to our new Year 7 students! We hope you've had a lovely summer and are settling into secondary school life. Starting high school is an exciting new chapter, and we're so pleased to have you with us. We look forward to seeing you grow, learn and make lots of fantastic memories along the way!

Year 8

A warm welcome back to our Year 8 students! We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for the year ahead. It's a great opportunity to step up, take on new responsibilities and build on all you achieved in Year 7. We're looking forward to a fantastic year!

Year 9

A warm welcome back to our Year 9 students! We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for the year ahead. Year 9 is a great opportunity to grow in confidence, take on new challenges and continue building on your successes. We're looking forward to a fantastic year!

Year 10

A warm welcome back to our Year 10 students! We hope you had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. This is an important year as you begin working towards your GCSEs, and we look forward to supporting you every step of the way. We wish you a fantastic year and encourage you to work hard, enjoy yourselves and make the most of every opportunity!

Year 11

A huge welcome back to our Year 11 students! We hope you had a lovely summer and are feeling ready for your final year. This is an exciting and important year, and we look forward to supporting you as you work towards your exams and take your next steps beyond school. We're incredibly proud of you and wish you all the very best!

Student Leadership

We have been truly blown away by the leadership, maturity and initiative shown by our Year 8 to Year 11 students over the past week. As our new Year 7 students began their journey at Sir Thomas Boughey Academy, older students stepped forward to lead the way, offering guidance, support and reassurance throughout the week. Whether helping students find their classrooms, answering questions or simply taking the time to make someone feel welcome, they have demonstrated leadership through action.

What has stood out most is the kindness shown by our students. Their willingness to support others, help new members of our community settle in and ensure everyone feels part of the Team STB reflects the very best of our school values. These everyday acts of kindness have helped create a positive and inclusive start to the year, and we are incredibly proud of the example our students have set for others to follow.

Safeguarding and Welfare

We are pleased to introduce our new Safeguarding Team at STB for the 2026–27 academic year.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss Franklin, supported by Mr Mullings, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).

We are also fortunate to have a number of Mental Health First Aiders in school who are available to provide support and a listening ear to our students. Alongside this, Sally, our School Nurse, and Jess, our Mental Health Practitioner, provide additional specialist support and guidance to help promote positive mental health and wellbeing across our school community.

If you would like any further information about the support available in school, please get in touch with Miss Franklin.