



NATIONAL BOARDING WEEK 2026

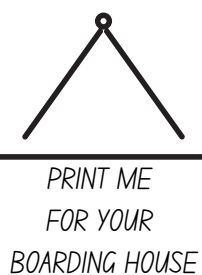
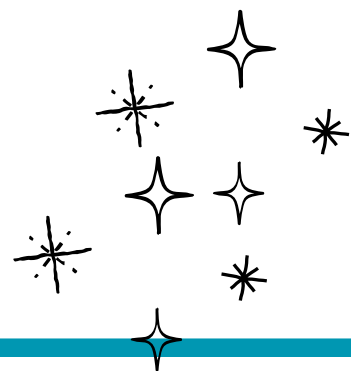
DAY 1: MONDAY JUNE 15



60 Acts of Kindness Challenge

Kind gestures, big or small, have the power to turn someone's day around. We're kicking National Boarding Week off with an acts of kindness challenge. Ideas include...

- Thank a staff member
- Create a 'gratitude wall' in your boarding house
- Tidy a shared space without being asked
- Make a playlist for your house as a mood boost (have you heard BSA's 60th playlist?)
- Tell someone what you admire about them
- Invite someone new to sit with you at meal times
- Get to know someone new
- Hold doors open
- Offer to help carry someone's bags
- Check in on younger boarders
- Support your peers with exam revision
- Bake cookies for your house



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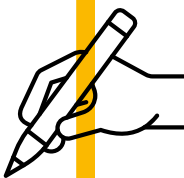
DAY 2: TUESDAY JUNE 16

Literacy Legends

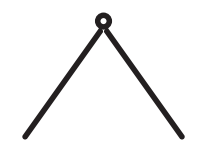


Winners of the [60 words short story competition](#) will be announced today! Watch out for more info on this if your story has been shortlisted. Tuesday's activity celebrates literacy in all its forms. Some ideas include:

- 60 page reading challenge
- Are you a speedy reader? How many pages can you read in 60 minutes?
- Listen to an audiobook for 60 minutes throughout the day
- Host your own inter-house creative writing competition
- Start a 'Literacy Legends' book club to discuss your favourite books and authors
- Could you be a literacy influencer? Introduce and promote a new book to your friends in 60 seconds.
- Create a list of 60 best book recommendations
- Organise a house poetry event

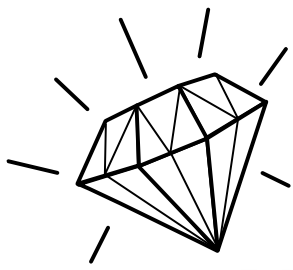


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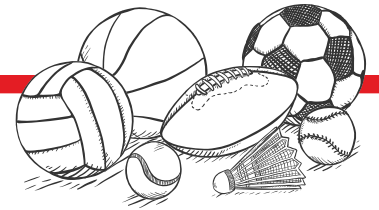
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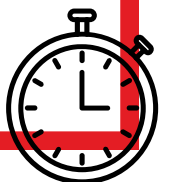
DAY 3: WEDNESDAY JUNE 17



The Diamond Games

Limber up! Today's activity is like sports day, but with an anniversary twist! Some ideas include:

- Take part in a 60m 'Diamond Dash' sprint or how about a 60m 'Diamond Splash' swim
- Try a 60 person relay challenge, 60 second keepie-uppie challenge or a 60 reps challenge of your choice
- Set up an inter-house obstacle course with a 60 second time limit
- Perhaps you could reach a table tennis rally of 60 shots?
- Bring back sports day events from the 60s like the sack race, three-legged race or egg and spoon
- 60 yard golf swing - who can get the closest to the flag?
- Recreate some old sports day photos from the school archives from the 60s



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DAY 4: THURSDAY JUNE 18

BSA Masterchef

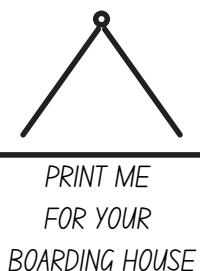


Got some budding chefs in your midst? It's time to get cooking! Thursday's activity celebrates the joy of food and nutrition. Gather into teams or work within your houses to take on culinary challenges. Ideas include:

- Mystery ingredients challenge - sweet or savoury, the most delicious or inventive dish wins
- 60 minute meal challenge - can you cook against the clock?
- Seasonal dish challenge - create a dish from ingredients which are seasonal right now (berries, green salad, broad beans and courgette are good examples)
- Homegrown menu challenge - does your school have a veg patch? Cook a healthy meal using at least one ingredient grown in school.



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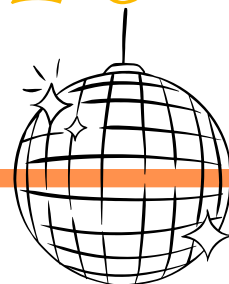
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DAY 5: FRIDAY JUNE 19

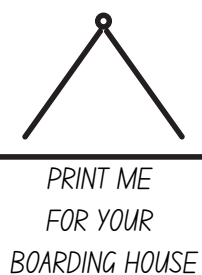
BSA Birthday Bonanza

Hang up the bunting, it's party time! Join the boarding community for a big 60th birthday bash this Friday! Ideas include:

- Organise a house party to celebrate BSA's 60th anniversary year - bonus points for themed outfits!
- Organise a 60s music silent disco or try a house dance-off competition - print out the 60s [birthday_playlist_poster_here](#).
- Let them eat cake! Make a birthday cake for everyone to enjoy or run your own showstopper birthday bake-off competition amongst boarders
- Design some themed party hats or house decorations
- Invite school alumni back for a Class of 1960's tea and cake event with current boarders
- Send BSA a 'Happy Birthday' message to share with the boarding community



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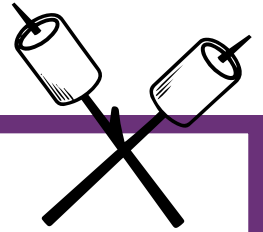


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DAY 6: SATURDAY JUNE 20



Big Boarding Camp Out

The Big Boarding Camp Out has become a staple in the National Boarding Week calendar and it's back for another year as we celebrate Summer Solstice!

- It's time to set up camp and get ready to sleep under the stars!
- Think bean bags, cosy blankets, fairy lights and your favourite camping snacks!
- Run an inter-house 'tidiest tent' competition
- Gather around the campfire to sing songs, tell stories of your favourite moments from the school year or roast a few marshmallows and smores
- Try some sunset yoga to wind down before bed
- If you're lucky enough to witness the sunset, bring a disposable camera and take photos to remember the moment
- Pick a movie and turn your campsite into an outdoor cinema screening
- Remember, the early bird catches the worm - the sun will rise early the next morning at around 04:21! Why not enjoy some morning mindfulness to start the day.



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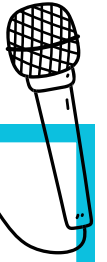
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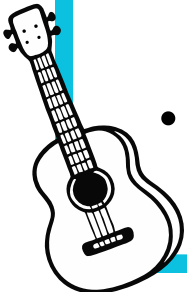
DAY 7: SUNDAY JUNE 21



Jubilee Jam: World Music Day

Our final activity is for the music lovers! Whether you're part of band, learning an instrument, or just love listening to music - join us to celebrate World Music Day with a little Jubilee Jam this Sunday...

- Select and perform a song from BSA's [Boarding Alumni playlist](#) or the [1965-66 Collection playlist](#) and submit a 30 second video to bsa@boarding.org.uk (Senior and Prep categories available). We'll upload it to our YouTube channel for a chance to win a discounted workshop with [The Band Project](#)!
- Organise a musical tea for musicians at all levels to develop confidence to perform in front of a small, encouraging audience
- Take to the stage for an inter-house 'Battle of the Bands' competition or what about some acoustic performances in the summer sunshine?
- Aspirations to become a singer-songwriter? Upload your music to our [Future Stars playlist](#)



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