



BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Council - Head Teacher's Report – June 2018

Our Vision

To ensure a confident, nurturing & inclusive learning community where ALL achieve their true potential & embrace life's challenges.

Dear Parent/Carer

The end of term is looming with school closing for the summer break at 12.00 on Friday 29th June. Session 2018/19 starts on Wednesday August 15th for all our pupils. Of course in between then and now we have our well-deserved summer break and I hope you and your family have a refreshing and relaxing summer break.

At this time of the year we provide a number of pieces of information that we know parents find useful. All of the information listed below will be included in our Summer mailing which will be posted on our school website (from 6th August) in the letters to parents section under the heading Summer Mailing 2018.

1. Reporting/Consultation Calendar for 2018/19
2. Holiday Dates
3. Staffing Review Session 2017/18
4. Whole School Staff list for session 2018/19
5. Dress Code/School Day
6. Pupil Achievement pro-forma

The document below will be sent home by pupil post first week back with a return date of Friday 24th August.

7. City of Edinburgh Council Pupil Data Form

The School Calendar, which runs into many pages, is on our website in the calendars section. It is updated with new events and changes regularly.
<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/calendar/>

Our website is regularly updated and contains much more detailed information on the life of the school. Please do access it at www.boroughmuirhighschool.org

If there are any issues that you cannot find the answers to then please contact the school office on 0131 229 9703 and we will be delighted to help.

New School

As of 1st June we are 100 days in the new building!!

We had an extremely successful open day for the wider community on Saturday 24th March with an estimated 3000 visitors to the school over the 5 hours we were open.

The previous evening we had an excellent social event for parents and former pupils organised by our parent council Nd FP association where former pupil Ronnie Browne, of Corries fame, along with local artist Lyn Handley, unveiled the painting we commissioned of the old school.

The Official Opening of the school is on Wednesday 13th June at which the Minister for Further Education Higher Education and Science will officiate over the opening. In attendance will be local politicians, senior officers of the council, representatives from the parent body, former pupils and people from a range of other community groups.

We are however having every pupil and every member of staff in the school present at the ceremony. It's a great time in the history of our school and it's only right that all in the school are part of it.

Boroughmuir High School wins Edinburgh Architectural Association Building of the Year

We are delighted to announce this award for our new building. We have a fantastic new school building and it is fitting that it is receiving this level of recognition.

http://www.urbanrealm.com/news/7435/EAA_name_Boroughmuir_High_School_as_building_of_the_year.html

Staffing

As always at this time of year, we have a number of temporary staff leaving and new staff joining. A full updated staff list will be issued to all parents in our Summer Mailing, which is now issued electronically at the start of term in August.

However here are current updates on staffing

Mrs Frances Duffy, Curriculum Leader of Health Food and Fabric Technology, Health & Well Being and Religious and Moral Education is retiring after 18 years at Boroughmuir.
Mrs Alyson Haresnape Support for Learning Leader is retiring after 18 years at Boroughmuir

Can I thank Frances and Alyson for all they have done for the school and wish them a long and well-deserved retirement.

Ms Mandy Mitchelmore has been appointed as our new Curriculum Leader of Health Food and Fabric Technology, Health & Well Being and Religious and Moral Education
Ms Clare Braisby, CL Technologies has commenced a year's maternity leave.
Ms Emma Thomson will be acting CL Technologies during this time.
Ms Claire Paterson DHT S5/6 is reducing to 4 days per week for 1 year.
Mr Clive Hembury CL Chemistry and Science will be acting DHT S5/6 on Friday for the coming year.
Mr Peter McIlwaine appointed as Pupil Support Leader (see below)

Rising School Roll – New 5th House.

Our school role is rising sharply over the next few years.
This year our S1 intake is approximately 270 and this will take the total school role up to 1262.
This necessitates more staff in the school as well as the formation of a 5th House and the introduction of a 5th Pupil Support Leader (PSL).
Mr Peter McIlwaine has been appointed as our 5th PSL and will be the Head of House for Montpelier House.
To manage workload for our existing pupil support team, we are redistributing pupil caseloads. This will mean that some pupils will move from their existing house and PSL to the new House and new PSL.

City Parent, Carer Survey 17/18

Thank you to all who took part in the 2017.18 parent carer survey.
The City have now collated the results for Boroughmuir High School as well as a summary report of all school returns across the City.
The Reports are available to view on our website in the School Information / Policies and Documents section.

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/policies-and-documents/>

The reports will also be further discussed with the parent council.

Cluster Transition Activities – March/April/May

We have had a busy few weeks with P7 transition activities. We have had all of our P7 visiting the Art department and creating the "Face of Boroughmuir". All of our P7s were also given a tour of the school by some S1 pupils. Our P6s are visiting over the next couple of weeks to enjoy some problem solving with the Maths department. Mr Else and some S3 pupils along with the School of Rugby and School of Tennis have invited our P7s for two afternoons of sport. Recently we saw our Chemistry department dazzle and impress all our P7s with a science show full of very exciting science in action.

BLT6 – Boroughmuir Learning and Teaching

The 6th edition of our newsletter, Boroughmuir Learning and Teaching (BLT), has been placed on our website in the News and Events section.

It's a showcase of the many great teaching and learning events that happen on a daily basis.

Have a look. I'm sure you'll find it an impressive document.

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Boroughmuir-Life-Webzine-Issue-6.pdf>

Annual Awards Ceremony

Our annual Awards Ceremony takes place this year in our assembly hall on Thursday 7th June.

My congratulations to all our award winners.

As you will see from below, former pupil Dr Richard Henderson, joint recipient of this year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry, is our guest of honour.

Nobel Prize Winner Visits School

We are very proud to announce that Former pupil Dr Richard Henderson (leaver 1962) is a joint recipient of this year's Nobel prize for Chemistry. We are also delighted that he is coming to visit his old school on Thursday 7th June.

Dr Henderson will tour the new school and then will have lunch with the Head teacher and some staff as well as some former pupils from his year group.

Dr Henderson will then address some 240 senior science pupils about his journey to becoming a Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry before conducting a science master class with about 50 Advanced Higher science pupils.

Dr Henderson will then be our guest of honour at our annual awards ceremony in the evening and as well as making an address to the audience, he will present the Molly T Hope award to the Senior School Champion.

Annual S6 Prom at the Balmoral

Our annual S6 leavers' prom takes place once again at the Balmoral Hotel, Princes Street on Friday 8th June.

It, as always, is a fabulous evening. This year over 200 pupils and staff in formal dress will be piped into dinner by the Boroughmuir pipe band.

After a sumptuous dinner and some speeches, a ceilidh band will play through until midnight!

S5/6 Induction

Our senior pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th June for a day of induction.

In addition to setting out our expectations for senior pupils at Boroughmuir, the induction programme for S6 had a focus on leadership and leadership opportunities in the senior school. S5 spent part of their day at Napier University to give them an insight into what life and education post school could look like and also spent time undertaking practical leadership tasks as well as enrolling for SCHOLAR on-line learning and My World of Work careers advice web-site.

Class teaching starts properly for all on the first day of the new timetable – Wednesday 6th June.

P7 3 Day Visit

A reminder that the P7, shortly to become our new S1, have their 3 day transition experience 19–21 June.

On Tuesday 19th June pupils meet at Meggetland at 9am for a sports transition event.

On Wednesday 20th June and Thursday 21st June pupils report to Boroughmuir High School at 9am and 8.32am respectively. Pupils will have a chance to experience some of their new subjects during the 2 days in school as well as an opportunity to take part in a Modern Languages cluster event too.

I look forward to meeting all the new S1 during the 3 day visit and of course parents and carers at the Parents' evening on Wednesday 20st June at 7pm in the assembly hall.

Boroughmuir Nearly New Shop:

Mrs Craig in our maths department coordinates our Nearly New shop to recycle articles of school clothing. This includes all items of our daily school dress code and also school shoes, PE kit and trainers. They must be clean and in good condition.

Please bring items to Mrs Craig in the maths department or to Mrs Marshall.

Activity Week

We have 5 residential trips running this year in activity week involving more than 220 pupils. There are trips to Paris, Belfast, Benmore, London and The Rhineland. We have week long specialist activities such as "Snow Rock n roll", Film Making, Foods from around the World and Bushcraft. Alongside these we offered a broad range of new weekly 'menus' including trips to Jupiter Artland, Gravity, Engineering workshop and much more. We are very proud of the creativity and enthusiasm of all staff to make this annual event such a success every year.

FP Association (BPFA)

Joining the Boroughmuir Former Pupils Association is easy!

For more information and instructions on how to join go to their website at

<http://www.boroughmuirhighschoolfpa.co.uk/>

They are great supporters of the school and are always looking for new members.

Parent Council /PTA

Can I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parent Council and their sub-groups for the huge amount of work they do in supporting the school. The Parent Council are extremely active in the life of the school and are always keen to hear from new parent helpers.

The school calendar gives dates of both PTA and Parent Council meetings.

The Parent Council website (www.Boroughmuir.org) is a rich source of information about the work of the Parent Council.

Pupil Achievements

Can I ask that you keep a regular eye on our website and twitter account which is where we display the huge range of pupil achievements that we are made aware of. Our pupils achieve great things in representing the school and in many cases their region and their country.

Recent Events

Tuesday 13 March 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Parent Council meeting
Friday 16 March	S1 & S6 Tracking Reports
Wednesday 21 March	S1 Race for the Line (CDT/Computing challenge)
26-30 March	Autism Awareness Week
Wednesday 28 March	BHS Sports Personality of the Year Bruntsfield Evangelical Church 19:00 – 21:00
Fri 30 March – Monday 16 April (inc.)	Easter Break
Tuesday 17 April	All Resume
Mon 30 th April – Monday 4 th June inc.	Exam Leave for S4,5,6
27 April – 18 May	S3 exams

Future Events

Tuesday 5 June	Induction day for new S5/6
Tuesday 5 June	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 6 th June	New Timetable begins for whole school
Thursday 7 June 19:00	Awards Ceremony
Friday 8 June	S6 Prom
Tuesday 12 June 6.30pm	ENGAGE 'Women Leaders in the Scottish Workforce'
Friday 15 June	Sports Day, whole school, Meggetland
19-21 June	P7 transition - 3 day visit to BHS
Wednesday 20 June 19:00 – 20:00	P7 Parents' Info Eve
25-29 June	S1 - 3 Activity Week
25-29 June	S4/5 Work Experience
Friday 29 June 12.00	End of Term
Wednesday 15 August	All Pupils and new S1 resume

Future Parent Council Meetings

Tbc

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Head Teacher

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