

Return to School Information

Friday 7th May 2021

Week 1 of National Qualification Assessments

Today we complete week 1 of our first NQ assessment block.

Given the scale of the task and that all pupils are attending school while this is happening, things have gone very well indeed. The small number of issues that have arisen have been addressed and we will continue to work as hard as we can to ensure all runs as smoothly as possible.

I'd like to thank all staff and pupils for their part in making this enormous task work.

Well done all.

Pupil Head Team 2021/22

Next session we are changing the structure of our S6 pupil Head Team.

Instead of the Head Team consisting of a Head Boy, Depute Head Boy and a Head Girl, Depute Head Girl we are moving to two School Captains and two School Vice Captains. The make up of this team be determined entirely by the result of pupil and staff votes and will ensure the Head Team posts are filled on the basis of individual merit. This is in line with how our House Captain, House Vice Captain and Prefect system works.

The Basics

Now that we are back in school full time I am asking pupils to make a real effort to get Boroughmuir back to the standards we adhered to before lockdown.

Dress Code should be worn every day unless pupils have PE. If pupils have PE they can wear PE kit, but it should be Boroughmuir PE kit.

Time keeping:- we are aware that there is a reduced bus service but we would ask pupils to try their best to get to school on time for an 8.32 start.

Behaviour in the neighbourhood:- we receive regular complaints from neighbours and local businesses about the anti-social behaviour of some pupils. We would urge pupils to enjoy their surroundings but to represent themselves and the school in a respectful manner.

Forthcoming School Closure dates

Monday 24th May – Edinburgh School Holiday – all pupils on holiday

Tuesday 25th May – additional closure to support staff with NQ programme – some senior pupils in

Wednesday 9th June - additional closure to support staff with NQ programme – some senior pupils in

Staffing

Congratulations to Mr David Cogan who yesterday was appointed to the position of full time permanent teacher of Modern Studies here in Boroughmuir High School!! Mr Cogan is currently a probationer teacher of Modern Studies in the school.

Friday 30th April 2021

Holiday Monday /Tuesday– Remember that Monday 3rd May is an Edinburgh School Holiday and Tuesday 4th May is an in-service day meaning an extra holiday for pupils in S1-3.

Nearly all S4,5,6 pupils will be attending school at some point on Tuesday to sit English exams.

S5,6 Have Higher and Advanced Higher English period 1 and period 2.

S4 and some S56 pupils have English National 5 period 5 and period 6.

Double Periods

On return to school next Wed (5th May) pupils attend registration and then we have adapted the school timetable to a double period model to accommodate the diet of national Qualification assessments.

Next week each day has double periods of period 1,3,5

The following week w/b 10th May each day is a double period of periods 2,4,6

National Qualification (NQ)Assessments

The first assessment block commences on 4th May.

Schedules of assessment have been issued to all pupils and teachers are ensuring all pupils are clear on what lies ahead.

Copies of the schedules are available to view on our website

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/safe-return-to-school/>

under the section 'Information on National Qualification 2021.

Core PE

During assessment block weeks it is our intention that all S4 pupils still continue with Core PE.

We do not have classroom space to accommodate pupils at this time but we also feel that core PE is an excellent support for pupils H&WB in this somewhat stressful period.

S4 core PE takes place P5/6 on a Tuesday for one half of the year group and P56 Thursday for the other half.

Pupil Malpractice

Pupils must act responsibly during this diet of NQ assessments.

Pupil must not engage in any form of malpractice which might be attempting to cheat by perhaps sharing exam content with others or attempting to photograph or copy parts of a paper.

The SQA have very strict policies around this.

Pupils who do engage in malpractice most often have their result and qualification annulled.

Change of Level Procedures

Where a pupil agrees that a change a level of presentation is necessary (i.e perhaps changing from N5 to N4) we as a school need written parental approval. A letter or email would suffice.

e-Sgoil - Support for Senior Phase learners

The national on-line learning platform e-Sgoil, has a range of subject supports for senior phase learners.

Details can be found here.

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/e-Sgoil-Supporting-Senior-Phase-Learners-April-21.pdf>

Friday 23rd April 2021

1st week of full return

It's been great having the whole school back for the first time since December.

Pupils have reconnected brilliantly with the school but they like staff are exhausted at the end of each day!

Enjoy the weather and sleep well this weekend!

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Calendar changes

The demands that this coming term is making on staff has necessitated some calendar and reporting changes.

S1

The planned S1 tracking report at the end of March was cancelled as it was closely followed by a full progress and tracking report in May.

We have now replaced the full progress and tracking report for S1 in May with a Tracking report to be issued by 4th June

S2

The S2 Tracking report will move back by 2 weeks

S3

We did an S3 tracking report at the end of March

The planned full progress and tracking report due at the end of May will now be replaced by a Tracking report due by 4th June.

There are no centrally organised S3 assessments but some depts may be locally organising these.

S4/5/6

Staff will produce an additional Tracking report for S4/5/6 so that provisional NQ grades can be communicated to pupils and parents. To be issued by 18th June.

The whole School Calendar on our website will be updated to reflect these changes.

Updated version:

	Apr (Tracking Period 4)				May (4)					Jun (4)			
W/B	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
			CAT 9						CAT 10				
S1									Tracking 4/6/21				Holiday
S2								Tracking 28/5/21					Holiday
S3									Tracking 4/6/21				Holiday
S4											Tracking 18/6/21		Holiday
S5/6											Tracking 18/6/21		Holiday

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

Below is a City update on extra-curricular activities

- Outdoor ECA is permitted to restart in Protection Level 3 (onsite or offsite)
- External volunteers/coaches/partner agencies are permitted to deliver ECA outdoors
- No changing facilities will be available on school sites
- Schools will be responsible for any contact tracing required as a result of ECA activity
- Indoor ECA is permitted to start from PL2 (indicative date 17 May) subject to FM resource/availability

We are awaiting information on when our active schools' coordinator will start with us again.

We are not sure of the capacity or willingness of coaches at this time to get all activities going again but this is a step in the right direction.

Further information will follow from coaches and Active schools coordinators as appropriate.

Asymptomatic testing programme for school staff and ALL pupils

Can I encourage more of our pupils to engage in home testing. Test kits are available to collect from the office at break, lunch and after school.

It has now the case that this has been extended to ALL pupils.

Please click on this link below to see further information about this programme.

[Asymptomatic testing programme for school staff and senior phase pupils | Boroughmuir High School](#)