



BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Council Head Teacher's Report – November 2019

Our Vision

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

Staffing update

Mr Jonny Else, our Curricular Leader of Physical Education left Boroughmuir High School on 11th October to take up the post of acting Depute Head Teacher at Preston Lodge HS. This is due to last until June 2020. Mr David Collard is acting CL Physical Education in this period.

School Extension

Planning for the school extension is well underway. Building is due to commence late January 2020 with a completion in early 2021. There will be 12 new rooms in the extension- 6 for ICT / Business and 6 for Social Subjects/ general use. Rooms in the existing building will require to be reassigned to different subject departments and therefore it is envisaged the entire project will be complete for the start of term in August 2021.

Bring Your Parents to School day

On 10th October 56 S1 parents took up the offer to become an S1 pupil for the day. This is an annual event and as always those who took part had a fabulous day taking part in all the classes that their children take. This year we were joined for the day by a journalist from the Times Educational Supplement (TES) who is producing a 6 page extended article on this initiative. We'll tweet out when it's published.

S1/6 Sponsored Walk

Our S1/S6 Sponsored Walk took place around Holyrood Park on Friday 11th October. The event was hugely successful with over 400 pupils and staff involved! Photos are available on the website. S1 sponsor money will be divided between the Make Tiny Changes, mental health charity and the Friends of Boroughmuir Trust. Thank you to all who gave sponsorship to our youngsters to raise money for the school and this great cause.

Annual Academic Service

On Sunday 27th October I attended the annual Academic Service at St Giles cathedral along with our Head Girl Isabella Della Salla, Head Boy Greg Manson, Depute Head Boy Gregor Holmyard and Depute Head Girl Imogen Moran. as well as a number of other pupils from our pupil council. It is a spectacular event attended by the Lord Provost and High Constables as well as senior councillors, officers of the City and academics from the City's universities and colleges. Several high schools were represented, and we were very proud to be part of this great annual event.

P7 Open Afternoon

Over 500 pupils and parents attended our annual P7 Open Afternoon on Friday 25th October. As always it was a really vibrant afternoon with every department in the school showcasing the great work that it does. Many Boroughmuir pupils offer to be part of the afternoon to demonstrate the type of teaching and learning that takes place. Our S6 volunteers did a magnificent job in leading groups around the school during the tour and answering all the really difficult and searching questions that P7s tend to ask!!

PTA Wine Tasting

The PTA annual wine tasting took place on the evening of 25th October in the Atrium. Sommeliers Dempster and Presly led the tasting (of sorts!). Thanks to all who attended and helped raise money for school funds. Special thanks to the Parent Council Fundraising subgroup who organised the evening and also to David Henderson Wines who always generously supports the school.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert will take place again this year in Central Hall, Tollcross. It is on Monday 16th December at 7pm. It is always a spectacular event and tickets are in great demand.

Tickets go on sale via the music department in advance. The school bulletin will provide reminders.

Boroughmuir Learning and Teaching – BLT 11

Here is the link to BLT 11 – our quarterly magazine highlighting the incredible learning and teaching activities that take place in the school!

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BLT-11-June-19.pdf>

The Basics

Your support in ensuring pupils get to school on time and are dressed in accordance with our dress code is much appreciated.

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Pupil-Dress-Code-080515.pdf>

Boroughmuir High School National Exams 2019 – Further Results analysis

Once again I am absolutely delighted at the levels of attainment of our pupils in the national exams!

I have provided a summary of some whole school attainment measures in S4, 5 & 6 below.

The information is to complement the short report I provided in my September report.

Can I extend my warmest congratulations to all our pupils who sat exams and attained their target. Their commitment and hard work has paid off and given them and the school a portfolio of results to be proud of. For those who have had some disappointments we will do our absolute best to provide them with a way to have another go and allow them to achieve their goals also.

Each year I ask each Curricular Leader to provide a comprehensive report on the quality of their department exam results. I then meet with them and their Senior Management Team link member to look at areas of strength and areas for improvement.

We always look at ways to improve our performance and this is a really strong focus in our quality assurance programme and process of improvement planning.

On 30th October I met with the parent council curriculum sub-group to discuss and answer questions on all aspects of the school's attainment and achievement at whole school and departmental level. This is something we do every year around this time

Notes for data below:-

All Percentages are taken as a % of the year group roll.

Level 7: Advanced Higher A-C; Level 6: Higher at A-C; Level 5: National 5 grades 1-6; Level 4: National 4 pass; Level 3: National 3 pass.

Virtual Comparator (VC). The virtual comparator consists of a sample group (10x the size of our group) of school leavers from schools in other local authorities who have similar characteristics to the school leavers from our school.

Average Complementary Tariff Points:- the average points total for pupils' 'best 5' subjects

Examples of tariff points for National Qualifications

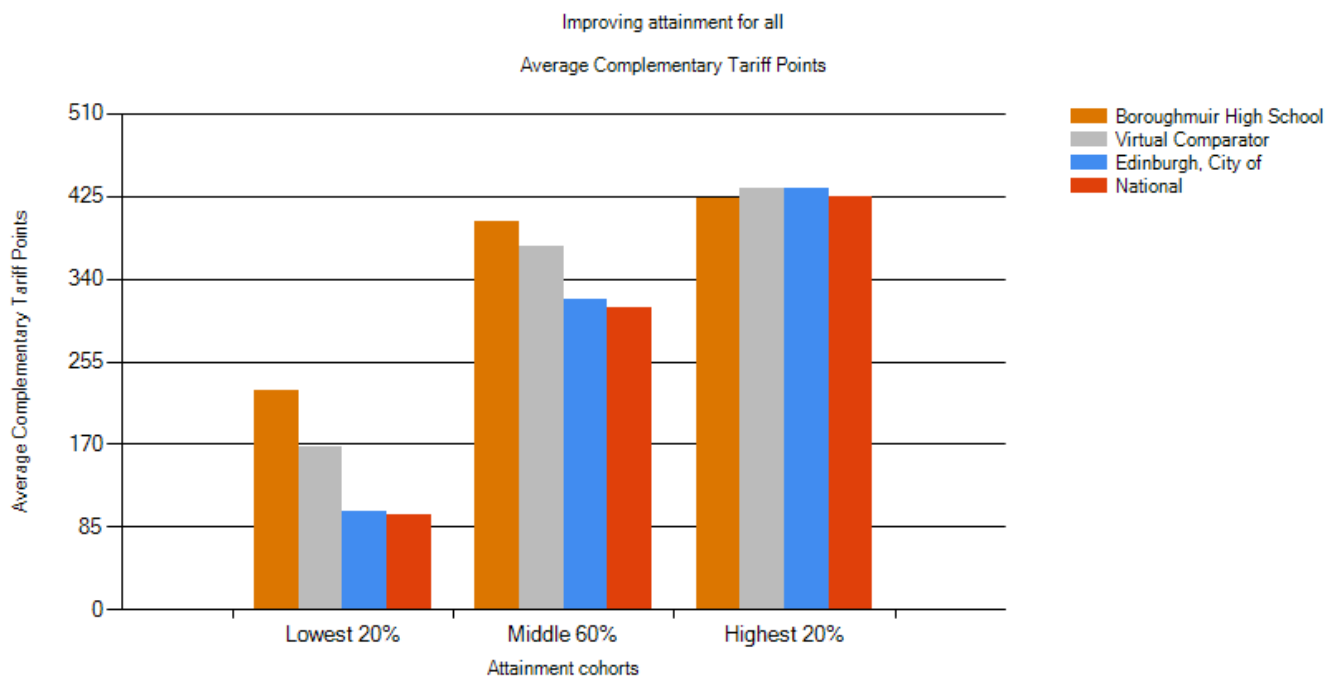
SCQF Level	Grade	SCQF Points	Tariff Score
7	A	32	480
	B	32	440
	C	32	400
	D	32	380
	Individual units	Varies	17/2*SCQF Points
6	A	24	204
	B	24	182
	C	24	160
	D	24	149
	Individual units	Varies	14/3*SCQF Points
5	A	24	84
	B	24	74
	C	24	64
	D	24	59
	Individual units	Varies	11/6*SCQF Points
4	Course – Pass	24	33
	Added value unit	6	15
	Individual units	Varies	1*SCQF Points

Summary S4,5,6

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	City Ave 2019	City Ave 2018
By the end of S4								
5@level 3+	96	95	96	94	98	97	84	82
5@level 4+	93	94	96	94	98	95	77	75
5@level 5+	70	75	80	80	77	78	43	41
By the end of S5								
1@level 6+	76	81	86	89	90	85	59	60
3@level 6+	61	66	67	74	73	69	38	41
5@level 6+	34	36	37	50	52	42	20	22
By the end of S6								
1@level 6+	86	84	88	93	90	96	66	66
3@level 6+	71	70	75	75	80	79	49	47
5@level 6+	55	59	60	64	68	70	36	35
1@level 7+	46	38	45	53	52	58	27	26

Improving Attainment for All – S4 (all candidates)

Number of Nat 5 subjects sat by S4 pupils in 2019.						
Number	2013 - 14	2014 - 15	2015 - 16	2016 - 17	2017 - 18	2018 - 19
9					3	
8	108	118	128	133	128	124
7	25	25	21	24	22	40
6	13	14	18	8	15	14
5	9	5	8	10	6	9
4	5	11	6	7	11	5
3	10	10	6	7	4	6
2	10	4	6	3	4	4
1	9	3	2	3	3	6
0	11	8	4	5	2	5
	200	198	199	200	198	213



420 complementary tariff points is max achievable for 5 Nat 5 A passes.. This is what Boroughmuir has in the highest 20% Schools attaining more than this are presenting pupils for Highers in S4.(i.e the VC and the City)

In all measures (except this one) Boroughmuir is ahead of the VC

S4 attainment remains very strong.

National 4 attainment and National 3 attainment for 5+ is excellent and shows the strong focus the school has on ensuring all pupils maximise their potential and have a suite of qualifications at the end of S4.

Breadth and Depth – S4 (all candidates) including additional awards at SCQF level 5

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Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Roll
1 or more	99.07%	99.07%	99.07%	99.07%	92.99%	0.93%	0.00%	214
2 or more	98.60%	98.60%	98.60%	98.13%	92.06%	0.00%	0.00%	214
3 or more	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	88.79%	0.00%	0.00%	214
4 or more	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	86.92%	0.00%	0.00%	214
5 or more	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	96.73%	84.58%	0.00%	0.00%	214

Percentages based on S4 roll, all SCQF awards

Virtual Comparator

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Number in Cohort
1 or more	98.13%	97.94%	97.71%	97.20%	92.80%	3.04%	0.05%	2140
2 or more	97.48%	97.24%	97.06%	96.17%	88.04%	0.14%	0.00%	2140
3 or more	96.26%	96.21%	95.89%	94.58%	83.32%	0.00%	0.00%	2140
4 or more	94.16%	94.02%	93.83%	92.71%	78.46%	0.00%	0.00%	2140
5 or more	90.65%	90.42%	90.37%	88.32%	71.82%	0.00%	0.00%	2140

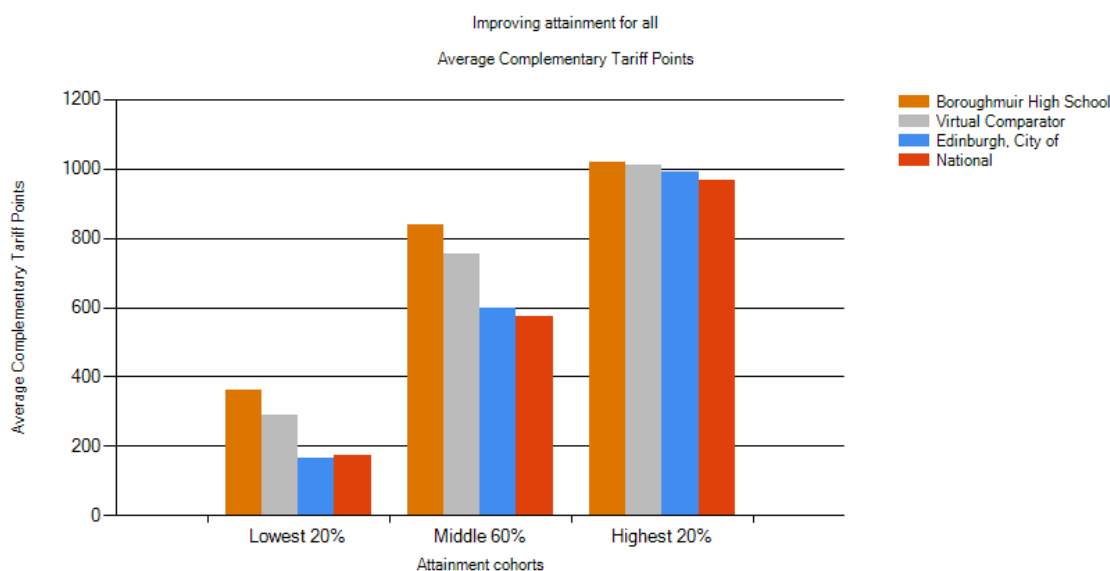
Lowest 20% - Average Complementary Tariff Points

	2017	2018	2019
Boroughmuir High School	263	251	225
Virtual Comparator	210	199	167
Edinburgh, City of	109	101	101
National	115	101	98

National 4 pass – 33 points

National 5 C pass – 64 points / B pass +10 points / A pass +20 points

Improving Attainment for All – S5 (all candidates)



Breadth and Depth – S5 (all candidates) including additional awards at SCQF level 6

Boroughmuir

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Roll
1 or more	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.96%	89.12%	0.00%	193
2 or more	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.48%	98.45%	83.42%	0.00%	193
3 or more	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	97.93%	77.72%	0.00%	193
4 or more	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	92.75%	67.36%	0.00%	193
5 or more	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	99.48%	90.67%	52.85%	0.00%	193

Percentages based on S5 roll, all SCQF awards

Virtual Comparator

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Number in Cohort
1 or more	99.53%	99.53%	99.43%	99.12%	96.84%	85.60%	0.88%	1930
2 or more	99.22%	99.22%	99.17%	98.60%	95.08%	76.94%	0.05%	1930
3 or more	98.81%	98.81%	98.76%	98.24%	91.97%	68.03%	0.00%	1930
4 or more	98.08%	98.08%	97.98%	97.20%	89.02%	57.51%	0.00%	1930
5 or more	96.27%	96.27%	96.11%	94.82%	83.63%	43.42%	0.00%	1930

Lowest 20% - Average Complementary Tariff Points

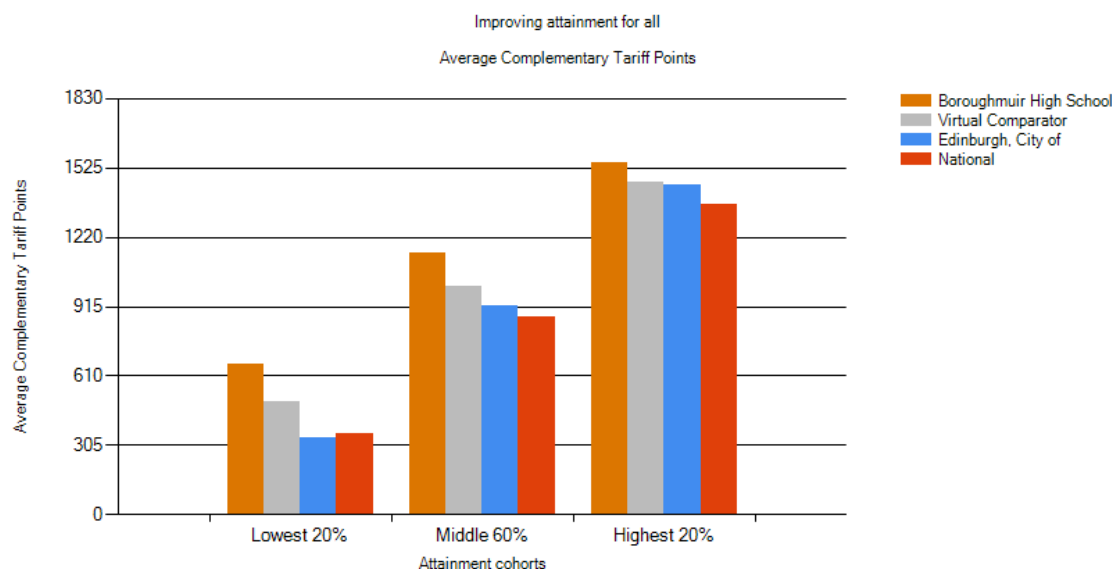
	2017	2018	2019
Boroughmuir High School	432	442	360
Virtual Comparator	370	362	288
Edinburgh, City of	184	181	165
National	194	192	175

Attainment in S5 is still very strong- especially in the bottom 20%

Attainment for 5+ @ Level 6 has significantly reduced this year and is more in line with levels of attainment 3 years ago. Nationally there has been a reduction in this measure also.

All measures for level 6 are above VC

Improving Attainment for All – S6 (all candidates)



Breadth and Depth – S6 (all candidates) including additional awards at SCQF level 7

Boroughmuir

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Roll
1 or more	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.84%	65.70%	172
2 or more	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	95.35%	37.21%	172
3 or more	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	91.86%	12.79%	172
4 or more	99.42%	99.42%	99.42%	99.42%	98.26%	87.79%	1.16%	172
5 or more	99.42%	99.42%	99.42%	99.42%	98.26%	80.81%	0.00%	172

Percentages based on S6 roll, all SCQF awards

Virtual Comparator

Awards	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Number in Cohort
1 or more	99.48%	99.48%	99.36%	99.30%	99.24%	95.35%	46.57%	1720
2 or more	99.24%	99.24%	99.19%	99.19%	98.90%	90.70%	24.01%	1720
3 or more	98.90%	98.84%	98.84%	98.84%	97.85%	85.76%	8.72%	1720
4 or more	98.55%	98.49%	98.49%	98.49%	95.81%	79.36%	1.40%	1720
5 or more	98.02%	97.97%	97.97%	97.91%	92.44%	70.70%	0.12%	1720

Lowest 20% - Average Complementary Tariff Points

	2017	2018	2019
Boroughmuir High School	712	651	663
Virtual Comparator	578	611	497
Edinburgh, City of	366	358	336
National	368	376	358

Significant increase in attainment in 1+ @ AH
Boroughmuir is ahead of VC in all measures at level 7.

Pupil Achievements

As always, can I ask that you keep a regular eye on our website 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. Do let us know of achievement that we can display.

Recent Past Events

Monday 12 – Tuesday 13 August	Staff resume, In-service days
Wednesday 14 August	Pupils resume
Monday 19 - Friday 23 August	S2 visit to the Book Festival
Wednesday 28 August	S3 Course Structure Evening 18.30-19.15
Wednesday 28 August	S4 Course Structure Evening 19.30-20.15
Thursday 29 August	S5 Course Structure Evening 19.00-19.45
Monday 2 September	S6 Post-School Planning Evening 19.00-20.00
Friday 6 September	S1 Fresher's Fair
Wednesday 11 September	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 12 September	S1 Welcome Evening 19.00-20.00
Thursday 12 September	S1 & S2 BAE Systems, RAF & Royal Navy Roadshow
Monday 16 September	September Holiday
Tuesday 17 September	UCAS Higher Ed Exhibition, Ingestion 13.30
Thursday 26 September	European Day of Languages, Various events
Tuesday 24 September	Parent Council – ENGAGE Choices event for pupils and parents
Thursday 4 October –	S6 Hong Kong Pupil Trip - CANCELLED

Friday 11 October
Monday 14 October -
Tuesday 22 October
Wednesday 23 October

S1 Sponsored Walk
October Break, In-service for Staff

Pupils Resume

Future Events

Thursday 24 October
Friday 25 October
Friday 1 November -
Tuesday 12 November
Tuesday 12 November
Friday 29 October
Wednesday 27 November
Thursday 5 December
Wednesday 12 December
Monday 16 December
Monday 23 December -
Monday 7 January -
Tuesday 8 January
Thursday 9 January
Friday 10 Jan – Friday 17 Jan
Friday 10 January -
Thursday 23 January
Thursday 16 January
Wednesday 5 February
Thursday 6 February
19.00
Monday 10th February -
Friday 14th February

S1 Halloween Party 18.30 – 20.00
P7 Open Afternoon, Atrium 13.30
S4 Prelims

S1 Parents Consultation Meeting 16.30 – 19.00
School Pipe Band Ceilidh
S3 (+S1 Spillover) Parent Consultation Meeting 16.30-19.00
S1 Christmas Party @ 18.30
S1 Pantomime 'Goldilocks & the 3 bears' 14.00-16.30
Christmas Concert at Central Hall @ 19.00
Christmas Holidays
Staff In-Service Day

Pupils Resume
S2 Ski Trip
S5/6 Prelims

S4 Parent Consultation Meeting 16.30-19.00
Vaccination – Teenage Booster
S5-6 H & L (+ S4 Spillover & neighbourhood pupils) Parent Consultation Meeting 16.30-19.00
February Break

David C. Dempster
Head Teacher

November 2019