

Report Updates for BHS PC meeting 18 November 2020

Curriculum Subgroup

1. The Curriculum subgroup has a full complement of parents/carers for each year group, S1-S6. Many thanks to our new volunteers.
2. Clive Hembury, DHT, has kindly agreed to act as the Curriculum subgroup SMT liaison.
3. The subgroup continues to contact and exchange information with the National Parent Forum Scotland (npfs).
4. The curriculum subgroup is grateful to Juliet Presley, Claire Braisby and Ailsa Stratton for their presentations on Digital Learning.

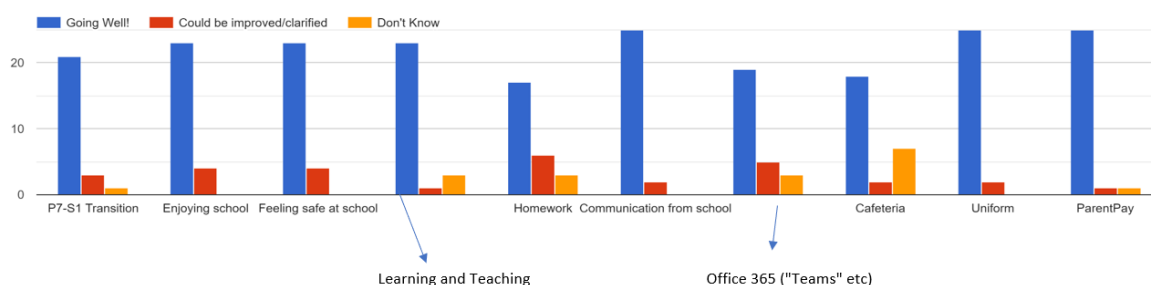
New Schools Subgroup

“The New School Sub-Group met virtually to review their terms of reference and future areas for action. Subsequent to the meeting we have been informed that the estimated build time for the new extension is 50 weeks. We have contacted officials to try to find out more information as to anticipated timelines, requesting a presentation at the next meeting of the Parent Council.”

Social and Fundraising Subgroup Report

- a. Easyfundraising continues to be a welcome means of raising funds with **£208 paid in this term**. Please join this free at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boroughmuir-pc/
- b. Tickets sold out at the annual BHS Wine Tasting event on 6th November with laughter, music and a challenging Quiz, hosted by BHS favourite MC Phil Cifelli. Wine or no-alcohol packs were pre-delivered by the S&Fr team to ticket purchasers. Thanks to everyone who attended, particularly Phil Cifelli, preparing with us and for a fantastic job at hosting the evening. Thanks to our musicians for their fabulous performances and to the music department for the music clips. Thanks to Henderson Wines for the excellent wines at below cost. Extra donations from parents of over £150 were also gratefully received.
- c. This year we worked with the Art department to offer the “Seasonal Art Project” to the S1 cohort, who had the chance to design their art creation either during lunch break or at home. 48 pupils submitted their designs. Families could then order printed, personalised items such as Christmas cards and gifts, and these will be arriving back at school this week (wc 16/11) to be handed out to the artists. The project raised £85.
- d. A virtual Parent Welcome Evening of video clips and information facilitating a Q&A with parents, fed back to SLT, successfully took place. S1 parents were surveyed on “What is going well” and “What still needs clarifying/adjusting”. Of 27 responses the majority agreed that their young people feel happy and safe at Boroughmuir and parents are pleased with communication and other aspects of BHS life. See the chart below:

What is Going Well? / Even Better if...



Engage Subgroup (see next page)

We held our first Engage event via Zoom on 29 September. We couldn't talk to the assemblies like we usually do to promote the event, but we made a PowerPoint presentation, which was shown in all of the registration classes. Our flyer was also put on screens around the school. Mr Hembury was instrumental in making this happen. The Communications Subgroup was really helpful in publicizing the event on Facebook. We had 85 registrations—our highest number yet—and the event went really well. Mr Dempster said a few words of welcome, which is always much appreciated. This time the areas covered included law, engineering, astrophysics, medicine and marketing. We used breakout rooms to recreate the round-table aspect of Engage which makes it so unique. Our next event is on 23 February 2021, so save the date!