



## BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL

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# Parent Council Head Teacher's Report – November 2020

### Our Vision

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

### Staffing update

Ms Adair, Support for Learning Teacher, left us on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to take up a promotion as Support for Learning Leader at Tynecastle High School.

Ms Monaco joined us straight after the October break from Preston lodge High School to replace Ms Cockerill as Support for Learning Teacher.

Ms King joined us on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov from Firrhill High School to replace Ms Adair as a Support for Learning Teacher.

Mr Thomson, Pupil Support Asst. left on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to take up a new PSA post at Wester Hailes Education Centre.

Ms Esentia started on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep as a Pupil Support Asst to replace Ms Furtardo who left to train to become a primary teacher.

Mr Graham Harbut, the new PSA replacing Mr Thomson joins us on 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Ms Hazel Bailey, our additional new science technician (0.6 FTE) joined us on 17<sup>th</sup> November

Ms Duguid started with us on Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> as teacher of French and Spanish to replace Ms Hastings who left to take up CL Modern Languages at Forrester.

### Health & Safety

So far, we have had 5 positive cases in school over the period 14<sup>th</sup> October to the writing of this report on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

All close contacts were identified and have self-isolated for the appropriate length of time.

So far we have had 309 pupil self-isolate for varying lengths of time.

### S4 Prelims

A diet of prelim exams for S4 will take place in the period 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov inc. Pupils only attend school on the days and times they have exams.

Pupils have now been issued with exam timetables.

### S5/6 Prelims

A diet of prelims will take place for S5/6 and details will follow in due course.

### Digital Learning

Our Digital Learning Strategy is a main focus for all schools in the current climate. A power point presentation providing an overview of our digital provision is hosted on our website. Here is the link

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/documentsDigital-Strategy.pdf>

This will be discussed as a main item at the parent council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### On-line Parents Meetings

Parents' nights will need to be held via our on-line Parents Booking System this year.

This uses the existing system to facilitate a video streaming service.

Details will be sent to each year group parents in advance of year group parents' nights.

## **Recovery Teacher**

The Scottish Government have made finance available to provide a 'Recovery Teacher' for each high school to assist with gaps in some pupils learning post lockdown.

We have procured the services of Mrs Jeannie Barret who is an English teacher to assist in the English department but will assist in providing support in a range of areas in the school.

## **School Extension**

The tender process for the school extension has been delayed due to Covid restrictions. Building is unlikely to commence until early next year at the earliest. This will push completion back to mid-2022 – at the earliest. We are hopeful to have it in place for the start of the session in August 2022 with the reconfigurations in the existing building ready for then also. 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 2022.

## **S1 Sponsored Walk**

Our S1/S6 Sponsored Walk took place around the school campus during the week 12- 16<sup>th</sup> October. The event was hugely successful with all S1 pupils and many 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.

## **P7 Open Afternoon**

Unfortunately, our highly successful P7 Open Afternoon did not take place in its usual fashion.

It was done virtually this year.

Please click this link to take part.

<http://boroughmuirhighschool.org/p7-virtual-open-afternoon/>

## **Remembrance Service**

Our annual remembrance service took place on a much-reduced scale this year. It was filmed and here is the link for you to see it.

<https://youtu.be/IDKSvsqA1pc>

## **Former Pupils' Business Breakfast**

Our planned 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Breakfast hosted by our former pupils' association will unfortunately have to be postponed from the end of November to a date tbc.

## **Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas concert will not take place this year. There will be a series of ensembles and musical items filmed and placed on our website.

## **Boroughmuir High School National Exams 2020 – analysis**

Given the issues around the cancellation of the National exams and the awarding of SQA National Qualification grades I am absolutely delighted at the levels of attainment achieved by our pupils and the professionalism of our staff in providing these awards

I have provided a summary of some whole school attainment measures in S4, S5 & S6 below.

Can I extend my warmest congratulations to all our pupils who 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.

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.

Later in November I will meet 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.*

**Summary S4,5,6**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	City Ave 2020	City Ave 2019
<b>By the end of S4</b>								
5@level 3+	95	96	94	98	97	96	87	84
5@level 4+	94	96	94	98	95	94	80	77
<b>5@level 5+</b>	75	80	80	77	78	<b>84</b>	52	44
<b>By the end of S5</b>								
1@level 6+	81	86	89	90	85	86	64	59
3@level 6+	66	67	74	73	69	72	45	38
<b>5@level 6+</b>	36	37	50	52	42	<b>52</b>	24	20
<b>By the end of S6</b>								
1@level 6+	84	88	93	90	96	96	69	66
3@level 6+	70	75	75	80	79	79	50	49
5@level 6+	59	60	64	68	70	66	38	36
<b>1@level 7+</b>	38	45	53	52	58	<b>56</b>	30	27

## Boroughmuir SQA Exam Results 2020 – S4 Highlights

National 5 -or better	<b>2020</b>	City ave	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
5+ A-C	<b>84%</b>	52%	78%	<b>77%</b>	80%	80%	75%
8A	<b>22%</b>		16%	21%	22%	18%	15%
8 A-C	<b>56%</b>		51%	52%	56%	58%	47%

**122 pupils were presented for 8 Nat 5s.  
113 out of 122= 92% of those presented for 8 achieved 8.**

National 3 -or better	<b>2020</b>	City Ave	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
5+ pass	96%	87%	97%	98%	94%	96%	95%

National 4 -or better	<b>2020</b>	City Ave	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
5+ pass	94%	80%	95%	98%	97%	98%	96%

## Boroughmuir SQA Exam Results 2020 – S5/6 Higher / AH - Highlights

		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
			City Ave					
<b>Highers</b>	<b>5A-C</b>	52%	24%	42%	52%	50%	38%	36%
	5A	22%		18%	19%	16%	14%	13%
	3+ A-C	72%	40%	69%	73%	74%	67%	66%
<b>Adv Highers</b>	<b>1AH A-C</b>	56%	30%	58%	52%	53%	45%	38%
	2AH A-C	35%		32%	34%	26%	24%	12%
	3AH A-C	15%		11%	16%	11%	10%	6%