

School Newsletter

Friday 20th May 2022

Parent Council Meeting

The next parent council meeting is Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm

If you would like to raise an issue on the agenda, please contact chair@boroughmuir-pc.org by Saturday. The agenda will include discussion around supporting the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. A member of the Council will also be in attendance to answer questions and update us on the progress of the school extension.

Kate, Chair of Parent Council

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85787075817?pwd=Tjhvci9nOFRLRlJXWHFRL1p5aytIZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 8707 5817 Passcode: 672269

Our current chair, Kate Morris, stands down after Tuesday's meeting following 4 years' service. I'd like to thank Kate for her incredible work and support over her time as chair.

School Extension – Message from Head of Project Team - Crawford McGhie

Further to the Project Board meeting I wanted to clarify in writing my assessment of the current situation.

The Project Managers are advising us that although the official completion date remains the 17 August, they suspect there will be further delays incurred mainly due to the ongoing difficulties of material supply in the construction sector.

With this in mind I would propose we do not plan for a move into the new classrooms over the summer as this would create ongoing uncertainty for everyone connected with the school. Given the ongoing problems in the construction sector, it would be more sensible to reflect on progress after the summer holidays with a view of moving into the new classrooms in the October holidays, assuming that remains a possibility when we carry out the review in August.

S1-3 Sports Day

Our sports day for all current S1-3 pupils is next Friday 27th May. It will be held at Meggetland from 8.30am – 12.50pm and pupils should go straight to Meggetland on that day dressed in sports gear, and some house colours! Pupils will engage in a range of team games. It will be a great day. Pupils will be dismissed for home from Meggetland at 12.50pm.

Engage – 8th June

The next and final Engage event of the year is on 8th of June from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It's in person at the Braid Hills Hotel. The panel so far includes :-

Physiotherapy, Jon Tynham, physiotherapist, British Swimming
Architecture, David Anderson, architect, Reiach and Hall Architects
Journalism, Lisa Summers, Scotland Health Correspondent, BBC
Financial Services, Andrew Telfer, CEO/Joint Senior Partner, Baillie Gifford & Co Ltd

Registrations will be opening next week!

Dates to remember

Friday 27th May – S1- 3 Sports day at Meggetland – all pupils go straight there.

Thursday 2nd June – school holiday for platinum Jubilee

Friday 3rd June- school holiday for platinum jubilee.

Monday 6th June – new timetable for all pupils.

Friday 1st July – end of term. School closes at 12.00

Staffing Update

Mrs Katerina Frangou joined us this week as a Pupil Support Assistant.

Friday 13th May 2022

Former pupil becomes a Time Lord!

We were delighted to learn that Ncuti Gatwa, a former pupil of Boroughmuir (2004-2007) has been cast in the role of Dr Who! This has generated a lot of media interest in Ncuti's old school and I was pleased to be able to reveal that I had indeed been Ncuti's science teacher.

We wish Ncuti well in this iconic role and hope we can welcome him back to Boroughmuir soon!

[Ncuti Gatwa Doctor Who: Edinburgh head teacher reveals pride as former pupil becomes famous Time-Lord | Edinburgh News \(scotsman.com\)](https://www.scotsman.com/news/education/ncuti-gatwa-doctor-who-edinburgh-head-teacher-reveals-pride-as-former-pupil-becomes-famous-time-lord-1.5044444)

Recycling in City Schools

We're delighted that the City are now rolling out a system supporting recycling in schools that will allow all recyclable materials to be properly binned, collected and uplifted.

It's important that all our pupils and staff observe the new protocols so that we can efficiently recycle as a school be as environmentally friendly as we can be.

S1 - Maths and Recycling

As part of Climate Change Awareness week, the maths department would like S1s to start collecting CLEAN, NON-RECYCLABLE plastic waste you would otherwise throw out. S1's should collect a sturdy plastic bottle (of any size) and a bag of squashable plastic wrappers, crisp packets or plastic bags (enough to fill the bottle). Stuff all the waste in the bottle and weigh it to get the mass using some household scales (if you have some) in grams! (if not we have some in school) Write the mass in your homework jotter or take a picture of the scale on your phone. Please bring the stuffed bottle in for Thursday 19th.

P7 My World of Work Event

It is great to have all our P7 catchment school pupils in Boroughmuir today for a careers event, facilitated by P7 parents, staff and high school staff.

Spring Concert

The Music Dept spring concert was held in the assembly hall on Wednesday 30th March in front of an audience of enthusiastic primary pupils. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, it was the first opportunity ensembles had to perform in public since the Christmas concert in 2019! The event was recorded and here is the link.

<https://youtu.be/nx1R9JoVAHU>

A huge thank you to Murray Kingsbury and Rossi Cariello, both former pupils, who produced this recording.

Message from Lothian buses

Please be aware of new route maps for Services 10 and 16 from Torphin/Bonaly to Boroughmuir High School.

To summarise – On Sunday 5 June Lothian's latest Service change will come into effect. Some of our routes will be revised along with some timetable changes. You can find more information here.

[Service change from 5 June 2022 – Lothian Buses](#)

This means from Sunday 5 June,

- Pupils from Torphin will need to travel on **Service 16 to Bruntsfield Place** and then walk along Viewforth to get to Boroughmuir High School. Pupils can change onto a Service 10 at Rustic Cottages Stop if they prefer.
- Pupils in Bonaly will get the **Service 10 to Viewforth** and walk to Boroughmuir as normal.

Friday 6th May 2022

Parent Council Meeting

The next parent council meeting has been moved from the evening of Wed 1st June to accommodate the 2 school closure days that week. The date of the rescheduled meeting is Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm, on-line. Invite to follow nearer the time.

SQA Exams – Dress Code

The SQA exam diet is progressing well. We're now at the end week 2.

Please can you ensure that pupils wear school uniform to all SQA exams. Hoodies should not be worn. We find that wearing uniform helps the invigilators clearly identify members of our school community and sets the appropriate tone.

S3 Assessments - Update

Our S3 assessment diet has now started and most subjects are providing assessments for their S3 pupils. Feedback from previous year's S3 pupils has told us that pupils do value this experience in that it does provide an opportunity to revise a year's worth of work and then be assessed on it. It is also seen as excellent preparation for S4 prelim exams which happen in November. The schedule of assessments is found [here](#). Pupils need to match up their own usual timetable to the subjects listed on the S3 assessment schedule.

S1 Progress Reports

We hope to issue these next week. These reports contain tracking data and teacher comments. We will issue a supporting information document beforehand which will contain a curriculum content update from each subject area. This should be read alongside your child's Progress Report.

Staffing Update – New Depute Head Teacher

Yesterday we appointed a 4th Depute Head Teacher to meet the demands of our rising school roll. The new appointee is Mr Damian Hayes who is currently a Depute at Earlston High School in the Scottish Borders. Here is a table showing our new DHT structure from August 2022.

DHT	Year Group responsibilities	Other key areas of responsibility
Juliet Presly	P7 / S1	Learning, Teaching & Assessment, Pupil Equity Funding, primary school liaison
Clive Hembury	S2/ S3	Curriculum, Tracking & Monitoring, School Timetable
Damian Hayes	S4/S5	Raising Attainment & Achievement, SQA coordinator
Claire Paterson	S6 / post S6	Head of Pastoral Support Team, Equalities coordinator, post school liaison

New Pupil Support Leader (Guidance Teacher) and new guidance house

Due to the increasing school roll it has become necessary for us to create a sixth school house, Brunsfield.

We recently appointed Kerry Scherczer as our new 6th Pupil Support Leader and head of Brunsfield House.

This will come into effect at the start of our new academic timetable on 6th June.

With the addition of a sixth house it has been necessary to adjust the structure of current classes. This will mean that in each year group a number of pupils will move from their existing house to Brunsfield house and have Mrs Kerry Scherczer as their new guidance teacher. Pupils affected directly by this re-organisation will receive an additional letter/email by the 2 June 2022 to confirm this.

For the majority of pupils the only timetable change is that their weekly one period of PSE will be in a new class with a new teacher, Ms Scherczer.

Pupil Support Leader	House	
Fiona Grant	Hartington	
Peter McIlwaine	Montpelier	
Chris Brandie	Viewforth	

Lucy Wallace	Westhall	
Caroline Nisbet	Leamington	
Kerry Scherczer	Bruntsfield	

S1-3 Sports Day

We are running a sports day for all current S1-3 pupils on Friday 27th May. It will be held at Meggetland from 8.30am – 12.50pm and pupils should go straight to Meggetland on that day dressed in sports gear. Pupils will engage in a range of team games. It will be a great day. Pupils will be dismissed for home from Meggetland at 12.50pm.

Boroughmuir Beans

With support from the Prince's Trust and Coffee Conscience our students are undertaking certified barista training to launch a student run coffee shop and develop links with local businesses. They will be serving a variety of hot drinks and treats for purchase by staff during Friday breaktime in its initial run. Our coffee is fairtrade and roasted and packaged in Glasgow.

Prince's Trust Enterprise Challenge

A small group of S3 pupils with the support of a local business mentor took part in this challenge, hosted by the Prince's Trust. They competed with teams all across Scotland to build and run a ethical and profitable business. The group had to demonstrate excellent team work and decision-making skills to beat out the competition. Their efforts have now earned them a place at the regional finals, to be held in Glasgow later this month. Well done!

Engage – Save the Date

The next and final Engage event of the year is on 8th of June from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It's in person at the Braid Hills Hotel. The panel has yet to be finalised but so far there is a CEO, a dentist, and an architect on the panel.

Engage is a super support for young people in Career pathways. Come along and find out more. Further details to follow.

Friday 29th April 2022

Summer Term

I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing Easter break and are ready for our summer term which ends on Friday 1st July. Please note the school closures below:-

Monday 2nd May – school holiday

Tuesday 3rd May – in-service day – school closed to pupils (except those doing exams)

Thursday 2nd June – school holiday for platinum Jubilee

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Have a great holiday weekend.

Parent Council Meeting

The parent council meeting planned for 4th May has been cancelled.

The next parent council meeting will be moved from the evening of Wed 1st June to accommodate the 2 school closure days that week. Date tbc.

SQA Exams

The diet of SQA national exams started on Wednesday 2nd April and runs until Wed 1st June inc. All pupils have been issued with an individual exam timetable and must use that to ascertain exact start times for exams.

Please find attached the full timetable for the SQA exams 2022. Please go through this with your child to ensure they are aware of the start times of their exams. Start times may differ to those published on the SQA website so please use this timetable as your guide

<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/EXAM-TIMETABLE-2022.pdf>

School Extension works.

Work on the school extension will cease or only work that has no noise disturbance will be permitted during the times when exams are taking place in the school sports hall.

Friday 8th April 2022

End of Term

Term ends for Easter break today at 12.50pm. All return at 8.32 on Monday 25th April.
Have a great holiday!!

Exam Leave dates

Remember All S4,5,6 pupils should be in school on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th April.

Exam leave starts at 3.30pm on Tuesday 26th April and runs until Wed 1st June.

The School is closed for the Platinum Jubilee holiday on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June.

The new timetable starts on Monday 6th June.

Exam Revision

Pupils should be aware of on-line study support materials from the SQA, from e-Sgoil and from Boroughmuir.

It is important that pupils do have some 'down-time' over the holidays but it's also important that preparations for SQA exams continue in an effective and efficient manner.

Good luck to all our pupils in S4,5&6 preparing for SQA exams.

Letter to S6 Pupils from Edinburgh's Acting Head of Schools.

<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/LF-End-of-Term-letter-to-S6-NM.pdf>

Parent's Night Survey – Results

Thank you for your feedback on the format and timing of parent's nights.

There were 239 responses with 163 respondents strongly agreeing or agreeing with parent's evenings being on-line next session. 33 respondents were neutral with 43 disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

There were 206 respondents strongly agreeing or agreeing that parent's evenings occur between 4.15pm and 7.05pm next session. 25 respondents were neutral with 8 disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

There were 169 sets of comments covering a range of issues. Generally, they were positive.

In a High school the number of parent's evenings and time allocated to them is set by Teachers Conditions of Service and in particular the Working Time Agreement. Our allocations are very much in line with other high schools.

Some concerns were

Length of appointments: - If there are longer appointments there will be less available to parents of an evening. It is therefore necessary to stay with 5-minute appointments. We will be ensuring however that these 5 minutes are properly structured. Where there are significant issues with a pupil's learning then a meeting at another time with the pupil's guidance teacher would be required.

Availability of appointments: - every teacher has 30 appointments available on the night. For some with 2 or maybe more classes in a year group this will not be enough hence our 'spillover' system which allows teachers to use available slots on other parent's evenings to see parents who could not get appointments. This does provide some help but again not always. If there is a need to get feedback from a teacher, then contacting the pupil's guidance teacher is the first port of call.

Therefore, we will continue with on-line parent's night between 4.15pm and 7.05pm next session. Our school calendar giving the dates of these will be published before the summer.

S6 pupil - fundraising team cycle - 214km in four days

Our school community has shown fantastic support and generosity in our fundraising for the Ukraine crisis; now, one of our S6 pupils is putting his best foot forward to cycle 214km across the Algarve in four days as part of Bridge 8's Algarve Bike Challenge, raising funds for Bikes for Refugees (Scotland). This charity supports the resettlement of isolated and socio-economically disadvantaged New Scots (refugees / asylum seekers) through the provision of free bikes. Bikes provide essential mobility, helping people to connect with community services, meetings and activities, and of course, promote wellbeing. Euan Stembridge in S6 is one of 15 young people completing this tough

challenge, aiming to raise £5,000. Please support Euan by donating here [Bridge 8 Algarve Bike Challenge for Bikes for Refugees \(Scotland\) - JustGiving](#)

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Fraser Kastelein, teacher of Physics, who on Monday was appointed as acting Curriculum Leader Physics/ Biology. The position takes effect immediately.

Fraser will continue in this role during Mr Cochranes's absence for knee surgery

Congratulations to Mr Steve Hamilton, teacher of Biology, who was recently appointed as acting Curriculum Leader for our new Well Being hub. This is a new facility that all high schools are opening to assist in our pastoral support for pupils.

Alison Hamilton in the school kitchen leaves us on Friday for a new post in the new Canaan Lane Primary school. She has been at Boroughmuir for 25years. We thank her for her incredible input over the years and wish her well in her new post.

Staff vs Pupils- Sporting Events!!

This week saw the much-anticipated return of staff vs pupil sports events.

On Monday night the staff played pupils at hockey – and won 6-1.

On Tuesday the staff played the pupils at football - and won 5-3.

These are great fun events and it just goes to show that there might be some truth about experience winning over youth!

Top of the Pops (TOTPS)

Last night saw a welcome return to school events with our first TOTPS since 2019.

There were 15 incredible pupils acts and 1 incredible staff act! Our audience of 260 pupils loved every minute judging by the noise!!

Thank you to Ms Grant and our TOTPS organising committee for making this happen and of course to all the wonderful performers! Fame and fortune awaits!

Friday 1st April 2022

Easter Revision

Here is the programme for Boroughmuir's Easter revision classes.

Teachers are of course on holiday, so the programme cannot be comprehensive and is provided by teachers who are able to give time in this period.

If interested pupils should sign up in school with the relevant teacher.

[Easter Study School | Boroughmuir High School](#)

SQA – Your Exams 2022

Copies of the SQA booklets "Your Exams 2022" have been issues to all S4, 5 & 6 at assemblies this week.

"Your Exams" provides important advice to learners on what to do before, during and after their exams.

The booklet contains a Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) card, which can be detached from the back cover. The SCN card should be used by learners to record their details and can be taken into the exam room to help them complete the front of their exam answer booklets correctly.

Pupils should read and understood this booklet. An electronic copy can be found [here](#).

Individual exam timetables will be issued to pupils during registration next week. It is important pupils follow the individual timetables provided and not the generic SQA timetable as the start times for some exams may have been changed by the school.

Parent's Night Survey

Parents, Carers, We would welcome your feedback regarding parents evenings and would appreciate the completion of this [Parents Survey](#)

As you will see we have decided to continue with online parents' evenings next year. We will however be able to welcome parents back into the building for Information evenings next session and hopefully parent council social events too.

We do our best to communicate progress in learning in a number of ways throughout the year and parent's consultation evenings are one part of this. We also have three sets of reports which go home to help inform you and your child of progress in learning and next steps. Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity to see all parents on every parents evening but the reports do ensure that every pupil receives feedback throughout the year.

Pupils write a warm welcome to young Ukrainians arriving in Edinburgh

Many pupils from all year groups took part in a 'Words of Welcome' lunchtime letter-writing session, sending messages of hope, friendship and welcome to 48 young people arriving in the city from Dnipro in Ukraine. These will be displayed in the living areas of the young people's new homes once they settle in Edinburgh.

Can you speak or write Ukrainian or Russian?

The charity Dnipro Kids is seeking assistance from speakers of Ukrainian and/ or Russian who could volunteer a couple of hours to help with translation and interpretation in the coming months. Please get in touch with Ailsa Stratton via the office or on Ailsa.Stratton@Boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk if you can help.

Rugby Champions

Boroughmuir RFC under 18s have won the National Youth Cup u18 Final at Murrayfield. It was a great game. Five of our pupils had a starring role in the team. Joe Sobey (S5), Murray Small (S6), Brodie Clark (S5), Gavin Lockhart (S6), Lewis Bissett (S5)

The opponents, West of Scotland, gave them a run for their money but Boroughmuir hung in there and came out the winners.

Here is a picture of the 5 High School boys who were in the team with the trophy along with the whole team being presented as winners.

<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/boroughmuir-rfc-under-18s-have-won-the-national-youth-cup-u18-final-at-murrayfield/>

S6 Group Photo

This will take place at the start of P1 (8.45am) on Monday 4 April. S6 should ensure they are in full school dress code, with blazers.

S6 pupils who were previously absent for the individual photographs have an opportunity to have an individual S6 photo taken that morning.

Staffing Update

A warm welcome to the following staff who have started with us in recent weeks

Victoria Leask – Clerical Assistant
Jinnie Armstrong – PSA

Theresa MacKinnon, Amin Officer leaves Boroughmuir today after 7 years' service to take up a Business Managers post at Stockbridge Primary School. WE wish her well in her new post and give thanks for all her incredible work over the years here in Boroughmuir.

Mr Cifelli, who retired in June 2020 has been back this week to say goodbye to his old S3/4 year groups who are now in S5/6. Due to lockdown in March 2020 Phil did not have a chance to say goodbye then. It was great to have him back and the pupils and staff enjoyed hearing some of the great one-liners from his repertoire!! We wish Phil well and a long and happy retirement.

End of Term

Term ends for Easter break next Friday 8th April at 12.50pm. All return at 8.32 on Monday 25th April

Friday 25th March 2022

Ukraine Appeal

Parentpay closed on Friday with an overall final total of £7,254

Our Pupil Voice group have allocated the funds to a range of charities that are assisting in the crisis.

1. **£5000** to Disasters Emergency Committee, DEC (money will go to member charities- Action Against Hunger, ActionAid, Age International, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, Care, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan International, Save the Children, Tearfund and World Vision.
2. **£751** to IFAW animal rescue <https://secure.ifaw.org/united-kingdom/emergency-in-ukraine?ms=KONDF220320020&cid=7013k000001a9YR>
3. **£751** to School Bags- <https://www.schoolinabag.org/donations/donation-form/>
4. **£751** to UK MED- <https://www.uk-med.org/ukraine-appeal/>

Thank you everyone for such a brilliant effort.

S6 Group Photo

We have arranged for Tempest to come in and take a group photo of our S6 on Monday 4 April.

This will take place at the start of P1 (8.45am) on Monday 4 April. S6 should ensure they are in full school dress code, with blazers.

Any pupil in S6 who was absent for the individual photographs will also have an opportunity to have an individual S6 photo taken that morning.

Ipads (Empowered learning)

Boroughmuir has begun preparing for the roll out of ipads to all pupils in August.

All teachers have now received their new ipad with access to a store of teaching Apps. Staff training has begun and will continue over the next few months to ensure that staff are well prepared to engage in the empowered learning project from August.

Boroughmuir Easter Revision session for S4/5/6

There will be a programme of Easter revision classes in school and on-line over the Easter break for pupils in S4,5,6 preparing for National Qualification exams.

Sessions will be delivered by teachers who have offered their services over the break. The programme therefore will not cover all subjects at all levels but it will be a programme that will assist many pupils who could benefit from extra help.

Teachers in subjects that are being offered will be offering pupils the chance to sign up for the sessions over the next week. We will be able to publish the programme next Friday.

Exam Leave for SQA exams

Reminder, pupils in S4,5,6 will attend school on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th April.

Exam leave starts on Wednesday 27th April and runs until Wednesday 1st June inc.

Pupils in S5 and S6 get full exam leave.

Pupils in S4 doing 5 or more National 5s get full exam leave and those doing less will be on a reduced exam leave. Mr Hembury Head of S4 will be making contact with these pupils.

Rising School Roll- Formation of a 6th House

The work around creating a 6th House to accommodate our rising school has started today.

Bruntsfield House is being re-instated having been lost some years back when we contracted to 4 houses.

DHTs have been meeting with our guidance team to look at pupils that may move into this new house.

If pupils agree to a move to the new house then parent's permission will be sought.

This is similar to what was done when we re-formed the 5th house a few years back.

So far, they have been working on pupils in the senior school and will start work on S1-3 pupils around Easter time.

No classes other than PSE will be affected.

We are currently recruiting for a 6th Pupil Support Leader.

We will provide further information when the process is complete.

Friday 18th March 2022

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to our school community for raising more than £6,400. Our pupil Voice group are allocating the money and we will send an update next week. We are closing the Parentpay donations at midnight tonight. Any final donations will be gratefully received until then but after that please make any donations to charities directly.

S2 Course Choice

Thank you all for your support with getting S2 course choices completed this week. As you know we are closing the system for any final changes today. We will update S2 at Assembly on Tuesday about next steps.

S1 Languages Choices

Mr Alexander our Head of Languages is coming to S1 Assembly on Monday to let S1 know about the process for choosing their language for S2. S1s will continue with one language in S2. Pupils will be asked to pick French or German or continue with Mandarin if they study it. A form will be shared on Teams to be completed by Thursday 31st March.

S3 Assessments

Most S3 assessments start w/b May 4th, 2022. These S3 assessments provide an important opportunity to prepare for future S4 prelims which take place in November 2022. Unlike the prelims the S3 assessments are completed under the supervision of class teachers and completed during class time. S3 assessments typically cover some of the course *knowledge, understanding* and *skills* covered since from the start of S3. The assessments have been discussed with pupils during the S3 assembly this week. Class teachers will provide advice and support in order to help pupils prepare for these assessments. Teachers from Support for Learning and the Guidance teachers will be discussing study tools and skills over the next few weeks.

The schedule is on your child's S3 Class of 2025 Teams page. It is also found here on our website [Assessment Calendars & Study Support | Boroughmuir High School](#).

Study advice can be found within our [Subject Resources Summaries](#).

The Homework/Study Support group is on Wednesdays 1530-1630. All S3 pupils are welcome to attend.

Easter Revision for S4,5,6 National Qualifications

Registration for e-Sgoil's Easter study programme will be live from Monday 28 February. There will be live webinars during the daytime from 7 – 14 April. A Glow login is required.

Easter Study Support programme.

[Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)

Parent Council Reminder

Parent Council, this coming Wednesday 23 March at 6.30.

The main item is a City presentation on the progress of the school extension.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86563173399?pwd=V3hFU2RZNmpKTlljNnU1eml1SGhKZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 6317 3399

Passcode: 655694

Friday 11th March 2022

Ukraine

Today is a dress down day with everyone encouraged to dress in blue and yellow to support and raise funds for the people of Ukraine.

The S6 Head Team, House Captains and Prefects are all involved in collecting donations from registration classes today, plus sorting donations of items for the Edinburgh Ukraine Club.

There are Ukraine flag-coloured ribbons available in the atrium at break and lunchtime today for a minimum donation of £1 as well as a pupil bake sale and a staff bake sale. Donations of toiletries, baby goods, medicines, warm blankets and money are all very welcome.

Donations can also be made via ParentPay.

As of midday today we have raised just over £5500!!

Thanks for your generosity....but keep raising funds if you can.

SQA Support materials

This week the SQA published materials to support pupils in their preparations for upcoming SQA exams.

The materials can be accessed via this link:-

[SQA & Exam Information | Boroughmuir High School](#)

Deadlines

S4,5,6 - National 3,4,5; Higher and Advanced Higher Deadlines and Practical Assessments

It is vital during the next few weeks prior to the Easter holidays, that all pupils in S4,5,6 are meeting all deadlines set for the submission of coursework. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in a failure of a course at that level.

For those completing courses with practical elements, these pupils must ensure they are aware of the dates that have been set by their teachers for the completion of these practical

assessments. For many subjects this involves visiting examiners from the SQA. There are practical elements in many courses such as Art and Design, Drama, Music, PE, Practical Cookery, HFT and Design and Engineering subjects. Pupils should ensure they are adequately prepared for these assessments. Your teachers are able to offer advice and support to help you.

S2 Parent's Night

The Online / Video Parent Consultation for S4 pupils takes place on Wednesday 16th March 2022 from 4.15pm to 7.05pm.

S2 parents have been sent information on how to make bookings and join the meeting on the evening.

Parent Council

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Parent Council, which will be on 23 March at 6.30. This was postponed from 16 March.

Crawford McGhie, Senior Manager and Estates Operational Support, from the Council, will present on the progress of the extension - a project critical to the school which, as many of you know, is currently well over its original planned occupancy.

We will hear whether it is on time, how confident they are of their timeline and what the council can do to support the school if it is late.

This will be the main item on the agenda, but we also have questions on Mandarin provision and mobile phone usage in school, and an update on the pipe band.

Hope to see you there!

Kate

Kate Morris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Boroughmuir Parent Council

Time: Mar 23, 2022 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86563173399?pwd=V3hFU2RZNmpKTlljNnU1eml1SGhKZz09>

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Passcode: 655694

Friday 4th March 2022

Ukraine Crisis Appeal – message from our Pupil Voice group

Boroughmuir wants to support those affected by the war in Ukraine.

There are two ways you can help support: donate money or donate items (see posters)

Donate Money - Friday 11th March- Dress down and accessorize with blue and yellow to support those in Ukraine. Money donations will be on Parent Pay along with collection buckets at the front door. All donations will go to support those in Ukraine. There will be yellow and blue ribbons available to purchase.

Donate Items- Blankets, towels, sleeping bags, stationery, toiletries, sanitary products, non-perishable foods, baby items, medicines, and first aid items. These will all go to the Edinburgh Ukrainian Club.

Collection timings- collection boxes will be at the front door from 4th March - 11th March.

Assemblies

We are delighted that assemblies return next week for all year groups. They are an important vehicle to get whole school messages out to pupils and to build year group ethos.

Mondays- S1 Assembly at 8.32

Tuesdays- S2 Assembly at 8.32 and S5 Assembly at 8.45

Wednesdays- S3 Assembly at 8.32 then and S6 Assembly period 4

Thursdays- S4 Assembly at 8.32

On the day pupils have an assembly they go straight to the assembly hall. We expect pupils to be on time and to be in full dress code. Lateness to assembly will be recorded.

In line with current Government advice regarding the resumption of assemblies the following mitigations will be in place during assemblies:-

- All pupils will wear face coverings
- All staff will wear face coverings except the speaker at the front of the hall who will be more than 2m from any pupil or staff
- Register teachers will sit socially distanced at the front of the hall, behind the speaker, on chairs that will be in position
- Pupils will not be registered by register teachers during the assembly, rather the year group attending the assembly will be registered on arrival at their P1 class. This must happen immediately.

We will still have a rota of staff doing assembly lates to encourage pupils to be at assemblies on time.

Lateness to School

Over the last few years some pupils have developed very bad habits around punctuality and are coming to school late regularly. This is not a feature that employers' value and it is our duty to challenge pupil lateness and inform parents of such patterns.

As such, as of next week we will be making regular contact with pupils who are late and contacting parents via text message about it.

City of Edinburgh – Support for Families

Find up to date information on the support and activities available for families across Edinburgh at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/supportforfamilies

If you need help finding support for you or your child, email supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk #EdinSupportingFamilies

Message from Mr Bird, on behalf of Climate change society

Climate Change Raffle: Everyone is welcome to enter the Climate Change Raffle, now

launched on ParentPay, to win epic eco prizes including a jar of vegan sweets, a biodegradable lunch box and so much more! By entering you will be donating to the Climate Change Society to make the school a greener place, funding our planned interdisciplinary learning unit and realising our climate pledges.

£1 for a bundle of five tickets - or up to twenty tickets for £4. You can now purchase tickets on ParentPay. Winners will be announced over the tannoy at registration on Fri 18 March. The deadline for purchasing tickets is registration on the 17 March.

Surplus funds raised will go to our sister school in Nepal, Janakalyan Secondary School, for the development of a new ICT lab. This could have a huge impact on the impoverished community there, which has also been blighted by extreme weather due to climate change.

e-sgoil Easter study support

This on-line platform is offering a comprehensive range of Easter support classes. Have look!

<https://e-sgoil.com/study-support/#easterss>

Friday 25th February 2022

Welcome back

It's great to have all our pupils back after what I hope was a great half term holiday.

Change to Covid Mitigations

As of Monday 28th February the Government's further relaxation of Covid mitigations in schools comes into effect.

This will mean:-

Change in all schools

- Face coverings are now not required to be worn in class but are still to be worn in circulation and social spaces.

Remaining in all schools

- Social distancing of 2 metres between adult /adult and adult/pupil remains
- Regular hand sanitising and hand washing remains
- Use of the one-way system remains

Remaining in Boroughmuir

- Use of staggered breaks and lunchtimes and at the end of the day will remain remains for the time being. (S4-6 pupils will be released 2 mins early at break, lunch and end of the day)

We are also looking forward to the return of school assemblies. These will return w/b 7th March.

Course Choice Update

S2 – Thank you for the course choices that were submitted prior to the February holidays. We are using these to start to process of creating a new timetable for 2022-23. Course choice change requests should now be sent to coursechoice@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk up until Friday March 18th.

A written report and tracking will be issued in the week beginning 7th March and the S2 online Parent's Evening is on Wednesday 16th March. More information will be issued about this next week.

S4 and S5 – Please ensure course choices are submitted by the end of today into the course choice website <https://www.studentoptions.co/Senior-BOR/index.php>.

Pupils have been issued with their own username and password. If there are any login queries, please email coursechoice@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk

Calendar Updates – please do check school calendar on website

Parent council meeting moved from 16th to 23rd March

27th April – 1st day of exam Leave for S4,5,6

1st June – Last day of exam leave

6th June – 1st Day of New Timetable

9th June – Awards Ceremony

10th June – S6 Prom at Balmoral

1st July – last day of term. School closes 12.00

Catering – message from catering manager

When a child does not have sufficient funds in their account to pay for food purchases at break or lunch the canteen staff note an IOU for the child. They then check back the next day or day after and charge their account when there are funds in the account. In recent weeks the IOU list is getting longer as pupil accounts are not being topped up.

We do not want to send a child away hungry so If your child uses the canteen can you please ensure he or she has funds on their parent pay account to pay for food purchases.

Many Thanks

Stewart Grace, Catering manager

Engage Event – Tuesday 1st March 6.30pm.

Our Parent Council's next Engage event is on Tuesday 1st March at 1830. Kate Shek and the Media Studies Department have made a short promotional video (2min40sec). The House Captains Ruaridh McIntyre and Sachin Dhaliwal introduce the video and briefly explain the format. The link is here <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/118a7d22-afaa-44df-adaf-8acc5893808c>

It is an online Zoom event and the PC ask that pupils and parents register at <https://engage-01032022.eventbrite.co.uk> in order to receive the Zoom meeting details. The link for this will be placed on Year Group Teams pages.

Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term Holiday

School stops today at 12.50 for all pupils and staff.
All return at 8.32am on Monday 21st February. Have a great break!

Covid Mitigations

All existing Covid mitigations remain in place until Monday 28th February.

As of this date face coverings are not required to be worn in class (still to be worn in circulation and social spaces) and we will also have a return of school assemblies.

Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Census

Please see below a letter regarding a national survey on parental engagement with schools.
<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/parental-involvement-and-engagement-census/>

Click Here to Take the Schools Survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/edinpie/>

Or use the QR code below to access the survey.

SQA - 2022 exam support – information for learners

Here is a link from the SQA to help explain to pupils this year's exam support services.
[2022 exam support - information for learners \(sqa.org.uk\)](https://www.sqa.org.uk/2022-exam-support-information-for-learners)

SQA- 2022 exam support – information for parents and carers

Here is a link from the SQA to help explain to parents and carers this year's exam support services.
[2022 exam support - information for parents and carers \(sqa.org.uk\)](https://www.sqa.org.uk/2022-exam-support-information-for-parents-and-carers)

Equalities Pupil Survey

The Equalities Pupil Group are undertaking important research into the occurrence of discrimination in the Boroughmuir High School community. This week they have launched an anonymous survey for all members of the school community to report any incidents that have happened to them or that they have witnessed. The survey looks at all nine protected criteria age, sex, disability, ethnicity, gender reassignment, religion/belief, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership and

pregnancy/maternity. This will help develop a picture of what is happening and when. The results will help to focus their work in the future and will be made available to the school community.

Ms O'Thy, Teacher of RMPS, Philosophy and Health and Wellbeing

Staffing Update

Janet Burton, one of our Admin assistants retires today after 14 years' service at Boroughmuir. We wish Janet a long and happy retirement and thank her for all her incredible work over the years.

Congratulations to Carol King who was yesterday appointed as Teacher of Transition for the Boroughmuir Cluster. Carol will be based here in Boroughmuir but her work will now extend across the cluster in supporting transition.

David Dempster

Head Teacher

Friday 4th February 2022

SQA Press Release - Support for learners taking National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams

A package of support services – including some help for learners with exam revision – will be available for learners who are taking National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher courses in 2022. As we advised centres on [13 January](#), it is still the clear intention for SQA exams to take place during April to June.

The additional support we are announcing follows the significant modifications we made to the course assessments at the start of session 2021-22 to help reduce the volume of assessment and ease the workload of learners, teachers, lecturers, and training providers.

We have continued to closely monitor the levels of disruption to learning and teaching across the country, including learner and staff absences. As a result, following discussion with our partners across the education system, and agreement by the SQA Board, we are moving to Scenario 2. This means that we will publish some revision support for learners to help them with their revision during the final run up to their exams.

We will publish the revision support during **week beginning 7 March**, as it is important that learners have had the opportunity to complete their courses and focus on their coursework before they turn their attention more fully towards preparing for exams.

Revision support will be available for all courses that have an exam. This support will be tailored to reflect the different content and styles of questions that are assessed in each question paper, as

well as any modifications to the question papers that are already in place, both of which will help the learner.

A table showing the type of revision support that will be provided for each course is now available on our website.

[View the type of support that will be provided for each course](#)

Boroughmuir Study Support

Here is the most up to date information on Study Support that is being offered in Boroughmuir. Please use it!!

[Study-support-one-week-menu.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

e-Sgoil Study Support

e-Sgoil offer support to schools and learners as part of the National e-learning offer through a range of live and on-demand sessions and resources.

e-Sgoil are also offering Easter study support sessions for Senior Phase which will run from 7-15 April, comprising of live webinars covering upwards of 60 courses, with three inputs per course. Click here for more information.

[Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 8th February.

You are warmly invited to the next PC meeting on **Tuesday 8th February, 6.30 to 8.00**. Joining instructions are below. We are delighted to welcome Mandy Mitchelmore, Curriculum Leader of Health Food Technology, who will present on Boroughmuir's Health and Well Being Rota. Also, on the agenda will be the requirement for attendance at school during study leave for prelims. A full agenda will follow shortly. If you would like to raise an issue please email me at chair@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk.

There will also be the Head Teacher report and updates from subgroups.
Kate Morris, Chair, Parent Council

Topic: Boroughmuir Parent Council

Time: Feb 8, 2022 06:30 PM London

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85381223488?pwd=VEczN25nRW5pdWFwY2N0SXdUY3VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8122 3488

Passcode: 501994

Women and Girls in Science Day – 11th Feb

The Equalities group are currently focusing on women and girls in Science day which takes part on February the 11th. They have produced a series of posters that they will be putting up around the school which celebrates women in science. Enjoy looking at these great role models.

Engage Event – 1st March

The Eventbrite link for this event which highlights careers pathways to young people is now live. The event is on 1 March from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Zoom. The Eventbrite link is:

<https://engage-01032022.eventbrite.co.uk>

Here's a link giving more details of the event

<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/engage-2022-1st-march/>

Message from Miss Mitchelmore CL Health Food Technology

This session The Scottish Government has supported practical lessons in HFT with direct government funding to help families and young people recover from the financial impact of the pandemic.

We have a very strict budget and would like to spend less on containers. It would be great if you had a spare container or box with a secure lid that could be brought to school when your son/daughter is taking part in practical lessons. Addressing this will also reduce the environmental impact of the packaging we use and reduce our carbon footprint!

Recipes will be posted on the Teams page so young people have advanced warning of when to bring it.

Finally, we are passionate about reducing food waste and have an expectation that our pupils collect their food at the end of the school day to share with you at home. Your support is very much appreciated.

D Dempster

Head Teacher.

Friday 28th January 2022

S4/5 Future Options

Our "Future Options" evening for parents/carers to explain the course choice process for those returning for S5/6 and to explain about future pathways open to pupils at the end of S4/S5 and beyond school is being held on-line again this year.

- Boroughmuir's senior phase course choice booklet:-[Senior phase course choice booklet](#)

- Edinburgh College Senior Phase Video [School Pupils Video:-](#) For Senior Phase pupils Staying on at School but using college option
- Edinburgh College [School Leavers Video:-](#) For 2022 School Leavers

S5/6 Parents evenings.

Booking for the upcoming S5/6 parents' evenings opens this Wednesday 2nd Feb at 6pm.

The first parents' evening on Thursday 10th Feb (4.15 – 7.05) is for the 5th year 1's classes (i.e 5H1 etc) and 6R1 – 6R3

The second parents' evening on Tuesday 22nd Feb (4.15 – 7.05) is for the 5th year 2's classes (i.e 5H2 etc) and 6R4 – 6R6

S5/6 parents have been sent information on how to make bookings and how to join the meetings on the evening.

S5/6 Prelims Finished

Our S5/6 prelim diet finished yesterday afternoon. If not already organised those who were absent will be given opportunities to do exams that were missed.

Teachers will now be marking scripts then moderating and quality assuring them, all which takes a bit of time.

S4,5,6 Assessment Calendar

An updated school Assessment Calendar for the period leading up to Easter 2022 has been issued. The guide provides a summary of the main assessments being undertaken during class time. It also highlights submission dates for coursework tasks and assignments. It is very important that deadlines are met for course assessment tasks.

The school Assessment Calendar is also found on the school App and website [S4,5,6 Assessment Calendar 2021-22](#)

The weekly Study Support schedule is [here](#). If your child has any questions about best practice approaches to revision, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher.

To further assist in planning the SQA Exam Timetable is [here](#).

SQA also has a number of useful apps that your child may find useful such as the MyExams and MyStudyPlan apps. There is also a Personal Timetable Builder. These can be found [here](#).

The Assessment Calendar is subject to change depending on any further Scottish Government changes to the planned final exam schedule in May.

Girls Football – Scotland U15 vs Boroughmuir Seniors

We were delighted that the Boroughmuir girls' football team were chosen to give the U15 Scotland girls team a training game last night at Meggetland.

Unfortunately, the Scotland team beat us with a score of 4-0.

However, a great effort from our team and one we are very proud of!

Scottish Holocaust Memorial Day

We were very pleased that 2 Boroughmuir pupils, Caitlin Conway and Martha Thompson contributed to the Scottish Holocaust Memorial Day video. They contributed by putting a question to Eric Eugene Murangwa who survived genocide in Rwanda.

You can view the video here. [Scotland's Holocaust Memorial Day Programme 2022 - YouTube](#)

Staffing Update

Lorna Dunn, one of our school support assistants and school welfare assistant recently retired after 14 years in the school. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Ibinima Esentia, one of our pupil support assistants, leaves us today after 2 years at Boroughmuir.

We thank them for all their incredible work during their time here in Boroughmuir.

Friday 21st January 2022

S5/6 Prelims

Week 1 of our S5/6 prelim diet is complete. The diet concludes next Thursday with normal classes resuming on Friday 28th.

A reminder that full school dress code should be worn to school for exams.

S4 Parent's Night

The Online / Video Parent Consultation for S4 pupils takes place on Thursday 27th January 2022 from 4.15pm to 7.05pm.

S4 parents have been sent information on how to make bookings and join the meeting on the evening.

COVID Mitigations

Existing Covid mitigations in schools remain as was. Recent changes do not apply to schools in Scotland.

Face coverings still must be worn at all times as well as 2m social distancing from adults. Regular hand washing and sanitizing and use of one-way systems must still be observed.

H&WB Survey

All parents are being sent a letter from the City's Acting Head of Schools about the Scottish Governments Health & Wellbeing Census 21/22.

This census is for young people in school stages P5 to S6.

In Boroughmuir it is planned that all pupils will complete the census during class time in the period Monday 7th February to Friday 4th March.

The census is not obligatory, and the letter contains a link at the end which can be used to inform us of any pupils who are to be withdrawn from completing the census.

Please see the letter for full details.

S2 Course Choice

All S2 pupils this week in PSE have been issued with their course choice booklets and login for the online system. The deadline for their online choices is Friday 11th February. If pupils missed PSE for any reason they should see their guidance teacher to get their login. All the information has also been uploaded onto the S2 Teams Course Choice Channel.

Please do get in touch with us if any further support is required
via coursechoice@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk or with Cara Davidson our Careers Coach directly
Cara.Davidson@sds.co.uk

S4/5 Course Choice

Over the coming weeks S4 and S5 pupils will be discussing course choice in PSE with their guidance teachers. The deadline for course choice is 29 February. More information will be sent home to parents/carers over the next few weeks.

Girls Football – Scotland U15 vs Boroughmuir Seniors

We're delighted that our Boroughmuir Senior girls' team have been asked to give the Scotland under 15 team a training match in preparation for upcoming international matches.

This will take place next Thursday 27th January at Meggetland - 16:00 kick off. All welcome!!

Our Boroughmuir Seniors girls team actually has 5 girls involved at international level and/or playing in the Scottish Women's Premier League.

On Thursday Gigi Bradford (S3) has been selected for the Scotland Squad and will be playing for Scotland on the day.

Friday 14th January 2022

S5/6 Prelims

The S5/6 prelim diet starts today 14th January and runs until Thursday 27th January inc.

[BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL DRAFT S5/6 PRELIM EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE](#)

Please be aware that as per City policy, there is no exam leave for S5 pupils. S5 attend only for exams on exam days but they attend normal classes for study on their non-exam days.

S6 pupils only attend for exams.

Good luck to all involved in this prelim diet!

S4 Prefects

25 S4 pupils have volunteered to take on prefect duties during the senior prelim period. They will assist staff in monitoring corridors and social spaces during break and lunch. We are very grateful to these willing S4's in helping out during the S5/6prelim diet.

Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 19th January

The next parent council meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday 19th January.

The meeting will be held on-line. The link and agenda will follow from the parent council early next week.

Engage Event – 1st March – Save the date

The next parent council Engage event is on 1st March at 6.30 pm on Zoom.

The events provide a great insight to young people on a range of careers and allow us to hear from individuals and their career story. Save the date!

City Road Safety Survey

The City of Edinburgh Road Safety Team are carrying out a School Travel Plan Review across all schools in the city by cluster. This will be carried out over the next 2 years.

The aim of the review is to develop a 5year action plan with children and school staff to make the routes and streets surrounding the school safer and to encourage more active travel to school.

The first step of this process are questionnaires for students and staff.

Here is the link for students <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/e1d25511>

Once the results are analysed there will be meetings with representatives from interested student groups such as the Eco Group, Pupil Voice and the Climate Change Group as well as School Captains, the parent council and school staff to discuss any concerns they may have and also to help progress the plan.

The surveys close on Monday 31st January.

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) national webinar for parents and carers

Our **fourth** parent and carer national webinar in the 21/22 series: **How to have meaningful career conversations** is on Thursday the 27th of January from 6.30 – 7.15pm

Parents and carers can hear from SDS careers advisers about the value and benefits of having career conversations and get some practical hints and tips on how to approach these. There will also be opportunities for parents and carers to ask questions during the session.

The Eventbrite link is here:- <https://meaningfulcareerconversations.eventbrite.co.uk>

Edinburgh Uniform Bank

Edinburgh School Uniform Bank provides free new school uniform to children and young people who are referred by a professional who knows the family. This could be a teacher or support worker at school, a health visitor, a family support worker or social worker, a youth worker, a Maximise worker or someone similar. Please ask them to visit the website www.edinburghuniform.org to find out how to refer.

The Uniform Bank also provides batches of excellent quality nearly-new school uniform to schools and community groups for them to pass on to local families. This could be through a swap shop, a sharing rail, a pop-up uniform event or something similar, depending on Covid restrictions. Please ask your school, youth club or community group if they have a supply of nearly-new clothing or if they would like Edinburgh School Uniform Bank to support them with this.

As a registered charity, Edinburgh School Uniform Bank is independent from the Council and they rely on the support of local people and businesses. To find out how you can help by donating uniform or funds, volunteering or fundraising please visit www.edinburghuniform.org

Flying the Flag - Eco Green Flag

You'll hopefully have seen our new flag pole, proudly displaying our School Eco green flag. Thanks to all members of ECO club past and present who have been working for a number of years to achieve green flag status for the school. A particular well done goes to last year's S6 Finlay Fok and Ben Weetman who submitted all of the documents and evidence required to show that the school is trying it's best to be green. Please encourage your child to actively be thinking about the environment while in school as we strive to reapply for this award in December 2022

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Ms Emmanouela Theodouratou who on Tuesday was appointed on a permanent part time basis (0.57FTE) to Boroughmuir's drama dept.

Ms Theodouratou has been with us for 2 years on a temporary basis and we are delighted that she is now with us on a permanent basis.

Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome back

It's great to have all our pupils back after what I hope was a great Christmas Holiday.

Happy New Year!!!

Covid Mitigations

All existing Covid mitigations in schools are being continued.

This includes

- Face coverings for all staff and pupils, at all times, unless you have an official exemption.
Pupils not exempt and not wearing face coverings will be spoken to by DHTs and contact made with home.
- Social distancing of 2 metres between adult /adult and adult/pupil
- Continued use of the one-way system
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes and at the end of the day (S4-6 Pupils will be released 2 mins early at break, lunch and end of the day)
- **Regular had sanitising** and hand washing. It is apparent that pupils are sanitizing their hands less often.

All children over 12 are being encouraged to get their 2nd vaccine asap and all pupils and staff should be doing 2 lateral flow tests per week.

Updated Self-Isolation Procedures

The changes below are not retrospective.

Anyone who was asked to isolate before 6 January should continue to follow the advice they were given at the time they were asked to isolate.

Summary of changes from 6 January 2022

Positive cases are advised to self-isolate for 10 days. However, if the individual returns two consecutive negative LFD tests taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test no earlier than day 6 they may end isolation before the end of the 10day period if they have no fever.

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated, having received 3 doses of the vaccination (plus 14 days) or are aged under 18 years and 4 months, can take daily LFD tests for 7 days instead of isolation - provided the tests are negative and they remain without symptoms. If someone has not received 3 doses of the vaccination, they will need to book a PCR test and even if this is a negative result, they will need to isolate for 10 days.

Advice on confirmatory PCR tests where people test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test they are now not advised to get a PCR test to confirm infection but to follow isolation advice as it applies to them as a positive case – *there is an exception for people who may be eligible for the Self-Isolation Support Grant who are advised to take a PCR test to ensure they can confirm their infection to be potentially eligible for financial support.*

Free bus travel for 5-21-year olds

As you may know from the 31st January, Transport Scotland are introducing free bus travel to everyone in Scotland aged 5-21.

Applications open on the 10th January for young people for essential journeys (such as travel to School).

To receive free travel, you must have a National Entitlement Card (NEC) or a Young Scot NEC which has to be scanned each time you board the bus.

Existing Young Scot Cards will not work and you need to apply for a new card. Anyone who does not have a new style card will not be eligible for free travel and will have to pay the normal fare.

To get your new card please go to: <https://getyournec.scot/nec/> and apply for a new card – after Monday 10th January.

For anyone aged under 16 a parent/guardian must apply on the child's behalf.

More information will be sent out about how to apply on Monday.

Dress Code-let's improve for 2022

Thank you to those who wear school dress code each day to school. A large majority of our pupils do wear dress code. A small minority of pupils do not and we would like to see improvements with these pupils. This link provides some updated guidance as to school expectations - [Dress Code | Boroughmuir High School](#).

This document will be reviewed in school with all pupils.

Be Proud to be Boroughmuir and wear dress code every day!

Mr Dempster

Head Teacher

