

Boroughmuir High School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Tracking and Reporting S4,5,6

We will be starting our Tracking and Reporting schedule for this school session next week with the issuing of the first tracking report for S4, S5 and S6 early next week. This will follow with S1, S2 and S3 tracking before the October holiday.

When we issue tracking, we will also send separately a short information sheet that can be used alongside the tracking reports. We will also issue a copy to pupils using their school email addresses accessed via Outlook on their iPads.

Most pupils will have had a conversation with their subject teachers about these reports and can talk about them. Pupils also discuss their tracking or written reports with their Guidance Teachers.

If pupils have a Level 3 (*Requires Improvement*) indicated for subject this is likely due to inconsistencies in effort or with the completion of some tasks.

Dutch Visitors

Last Monday we welcomed a group of ten students (aged 15-17) and two teachers from Wateringse Veld College, The Hague. This was the 2nd time pupils from this school had visited Boroughmuir.

They had informal tours of the school, worked with the AH Modern Studies class and attended a presentation from visiting speaker Karyn McCluskey. It was a great visit and great example of young people connecting through learning.

Modern Studies speaker session: Violence reduction in Scotland

On Monday the Modern Studies department hosted guest speaker Karyn McClusky, chief executive of Community Justice Scotland and formerly the director of the Scotland's Violence Reduction Unit. She came to speak to a large group of senior students about the issues of violent crime, gang violence, the causes and consequences and what can be done to solve these issues. This was also part of a school exchange with 10 students from Wateringse Veld College, from The Hague in the Netherlands with students from Advanced Higher Modern Studies. And we also invited Higher and AH students from James Gillespie's and Tynecastle High School. This was a great experience for the students and staff. Karyn was a fantastic speaker, showed some extremely thought-provoking statistics and videos and was very generous with her time and help.

Study Support

Here is a link to our school study support programme. This will develop throughout the year.

[Assessment Calendars & Study Support | Boroughmuir High School](#)

E-Sgoil study support is a national study support programme. The 2023-24 Registration is now open.

<https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/>

Study skills training – message from Mr Hayes

All S4s have now had a unit on 'how to study' taught as part of their health and wellbeing course. This is to support them in this exam year and goes alongside the assessment calendar, the study support programme, individual supports from teachers and guidance. More information about prelims, exams and revision will come out before each set of assessments.

The study support materials are also available for all year groups on their iPad in Teams/ Year group/Files/ General Materials / Study skills.

The study support materials cover the four most essential study skills based on wide current research and teachers' own recommendations.

1. Spaced practice
 - Spaced practice suggests that you should work 'little and often'. It is much better to spread revision over 10 minutes for several days than to do 3 hours just before a test.
 - Study and revision timetables are an important way to organise yourself for this.
2. Retrieval practice.
 - This requires you to test yourself on information that you studied some time ago. A typical way is to regularly quiz yourself on work from last week, last month, last term.
3. Dual coding
 - Any method that changes or goes alongside a chunk of text to make it into a visual or audio or other cue that helps you remember it. Most common methods are mind maps, diagrams, sketches, images, mnemonics etc.
4. Elaboration
 - Make yourself explain the concept to yourself or someone else. This is time consuming but VERY powerful and students often leave it out. The best method may be the well-known technique developed by Cornell University: 'Cornell notetaking'. Instead of copying notes (very ineffective) students turn information in to questions, answers and summaries. This can then be used for spaced practice and retrieval practice.

Families may well want to arrange a weekly chat with their children to check in how things are going. One approach is to talk with them through these techniques and discuss which are working for them.

Hockey Success

Following their performance with the East squads at the District finals in May and June, Arabella Porter (S4), Freya Ballentine (S4) and Freya Paterson (S4) were invited by Scottish Hockey to attend trials for the Brave Academy (Scottish Hockey development programme).

The trials took place over the last few weekends. It's now confirmed that all 3 have all been selected for the Emerging Academy

This is a fantastic achievement by the girls and testament to their character, skill, commitment and love of the game! Well done!

MacMillan Cancer Trust – Coffee morning

Today Boroughmuir Beans are hosting a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Trust. The group have invited members of our community including MSPs, MPs, local counsellors, and parents and

carers. We would like to thank Coffee Conscience, Cuckoos Bakery and Stewart Grace our catering manager for their generosity and assistance

It's always a great event and allows the Beans to really demonstrate their skills as well as raise much needed funds for MacMillan cancer. Donations can be made via this QR code.



Friday 22nd September 2023

Industrial Action

Boroughmuir, along with all other Council managed schools will be closed to all pupils next Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September due to industrial action from support staff.

Pupils should remain at home and follow their school timetable as teachers will provide materials on-line during this period. The materials will be as appropriate and may be live lessons or lesson material that has been posted to TEAMS. Some teachers will of course have child care issues of their own.

If things change over the weekend, we will give an update on Monday.

Boroughmuir Chronicle

Here is issue 11 of our award-winning school newspaper! Enjoy!

<https://sway.office.com/4XsX2oNfJN8uSqnY?ref=email>

FP Event

Last night we were delighted to welcome over 80 Former Pupils back to the school for an Open Evening for a 'School Dinner' and to look at materials from the school archive.

Our pipe band, musicians and senior pupils helped deliver an incredible celebration of our current and past school. Our FP committee did a great job in organising the programme.

If you are an FP and want to get involved next time, here is the link.

[Boroughmuir Former Pupils' Association Edinburgh - Home Page \(boroughmuirhighschoolfp.co.uk\)](https://www.boroughmuirhighschoolfp.co.uk/)

Tennis Coaching

Judy Murray (Andy's mum) is in Boroughmuir today, Friday 22nd September from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Judy will take 15 Sports Leaders through a tennis workshop from 11am to 11:45am in the Sports Hall. From 11:45am to 12:30pm, we will be inviting 15 S2 pupils up to the Sports Hall to be led through a tennis session with the Sports Leaders and Judy.

It's a great pleasure to have Judy with us today and I know all at Boroughmuir will make her very welcome.

Whole School Photo

Today's whole school photo was a spectacular event! 1700 Boroughmuir pupils and staff in 1 photograph.

We will let you know in due course how you can see the result!!

Clubs and Activities 2023/24

Below are links to information about the Sporting clubs and activities that are on offer this year
[BHS-Sports-Clubs-Final-Version_Sept23.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

Also, the non-sporting clubs and activities.

[Clubs,Activities,Partners | Boroughmuir High School](#)

Boroughmuir Summary Standards and Quality Report

This link takes you to our whole school summary Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Plan.

[Summary-Whole-School-SQ-and-IP-Leaflet-23-24.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

Boroughmuir Initial Summary Attainment Analysis

This link takes you to a summary of whole school attainment for session 2023. This was presented to the Parent Council last Tuesday evening.

A more comprehensive analysis will be presented to the Parent Council Curriculum sub-group later in the year.

[HTs-Attainment-Report-Sep-2023.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

Friday 15th September 2023

September Holiday Monday – Monday 18th September

Monday, 18th September, is the September long weekend and schools are closed to all pupils and staff. All resume at 8.32 on Tuesday 19th September.

Parent Council Meeting

The first parent council meeting of the year in this coming Tuesday 19th September, in person in the school, room 1.04. An agenda has been emailed out to all parents separately.

S1 Updates

Here is the link to the S1 Welcome Presentation from last week if you were unable to attend. <https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/s1-welcome-evening-4/>

We will also send all S1 Parents and Carers the link for the Extra Curricular clubs when finalised this week.

Our Parent Classes are now full for “**Bring Your Parent to School Day**”. here is also a waiting list. We will be in touch directly with more information if you signed up!

Whole School Photograph – Friday 22nd September-Period 1

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Former Pupil Event Thursday 21st September

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grand-open-evening-boroughmuir-high-school-tickets-675269578487>

HFT: Message from Miss Mitchelmore CL, HFT, RMPS & HWB

As part of our commitment to learning for sustainability at Boroughmuir- we would very much appreciate it if our students could bring a sealable container to class to transport their food home in. This would reduce expenditure and sit well within our vision for a greener school.

Recipes, notifications, and schedules will be posted on class Teams pages so young people have advanced notice of when to bring in a container.

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

School Makar – message from Ms Yates.

This August, we ran another competition to find two creative, passionate, and artistically excellent pupils to be this year's School Makars. As far as we know we are only school in Scotland to have official pupil poets.

The competition was small but the poems we read this year were of an amazing quality and we genuinely struggled to choose winners. The poetry competition was judged anonymously by Ms Yates and Ms Tench (both from the English department) Mr Dempster, Ms Presley and Sam Tongue from the Scottish Poetry Library.

The winners this year were:

S1-S3, Divine Basemera (S1)
For S4-S6, Anna Green (S4)

Our winners will each receive some prizes and their poems will be entered into the *Foyle's Young Poet of the Year* international competition. Their poems will also be published on the Scottish Poetry Library Website. Also, a selection of every poet's work, from across the school, will be published after the October Holiday for pupils and parents to purchase.

Mr Thompson is currently running a competition for S3 Art and Graphic Design pupils to design the cover for that publication, so artists – if you're interested – please do get involved and ask Mr Thompson for more information.

'Refuge – In a Memory, In a Nest' by Anna Green, (S4)

One early Spring morning,
Too far away to forget,
But close enough not to remember,
In the patchwork stone of our garden wall - someone built a bird's nest.
Softly fallen autumn leaves met broken branches of summer.
The path to life paved by moss.

From where I sat,
I could only see the faintest beginnings of life.
So small I worried they might slip through the cracks in my palm if I ever held them.
I wondered how it felt,
I wondered if they knew anything lay beyond the start.
Past the walls surrounding them.

As the hours of a school day slowly fell away,
Softly landing behind me,
In my mind I watched the nest.
Numbers only made sense in terms of recounting how many twigs it would take to make one,
Words on my page dissolved into lines and scratches made by searching the dirt for worms.

In the evening light while I ate my tea,
I saw their mother.
She reflected the beauty of her craft,
Small and sleek,
Herself only the smallest part of the world,
Yet she alone had taken up so much space of my own.
Brought something so entirely new into it.

While I slept that night,
I sank into the impossible depths of my duvet,
Night air brushed it's wings over my face,
I almost felt I could understand what it felt like in universe that sat outside my window,
Basking in the moonlight.

'Our Planet' by Divine Basemera (S1)

Trees lost in thought, river's clashing together in hope
Of change. Rocks holding hands in gestures of protest.
The autumn brown covered with the sadness of Mother Nature, birds hiding in the trees for a home to live in.

The flowers withering in jesters of defeat, leaves ageing
Carpeting the floor.
Baby birds failing to get out of the disadvantages of life.
Plastic bottles eating the ground away.
Foxes turning pale with disbelief of the madness of Mother Nature.

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Freshers' Fair

Today all our S1s are attending our annual Freshers' Fair, where they have a chance to sign up for sporting and non-sporting clubs and activities.

Study support S4-6

- Assessment calendars for the senior phase have been sent out, and are on year group Teams. This year course work is back in many subject areas. These assignments are noted on this planner. [Assessment Calendars & Study Support | Boroughmuir High School](#)
- Students will also get deadlines set for them on Teams/ Assignments and in their calendars on their iPad.
- We will also publish study support session calendars, revision timetables and other materials later in the year. We discussed some of these in the introduction to the year presentations and these are also available on the website here. [Parents Information | Boroughmuir High School](#)
- All S4s are also getting a course in study skills during their health and wellbeing classes. The materials can be found on the year group Team / Files for all senior students and cover best practice in revising.

S2 Events

On Thursday, S2 were involved in a STEM showcase event. They were able to see some of the applications of their learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They learned about STEM applications in a fun and engaging show lead by an RAF and Royal Navy group.

On Monday we have the Smashed Tour performing to S2. This theatre-style performance is an opportunity to support our school well-being programme.

In November (9th and 10th) we will be taking S2 to the largest Careers and Skills event in Scotland. This is held at the National Museum of Scotland and will involve them being allowed to speak to a variety of exhibitors, take part in a skills focussed workshop and attend a lecture.

Sports Academy - Girls Football S1-S3

The City of Edinburgh Council Girls' Sports Academy programme shall return for 2023/24. Although this is a performance football programme for players S1-S3 attending Edinburgh schools, the selection phase is only open to S1 & S2.

The selection phase for this will take place on the following:

Monday 11th September

Forrester High School 3G

Start Time – 4.30pm

Finish Time – 6pm

For players in S1 or S2 only for session 2023/24

PLEASE NOTE: nominations for this programme must come from parents, not from clubs/schools.

[Sports Academy Application Form](#)

Applications must be made no later than Midday on Thursday 7th September.

Friday 1st September 2023

ENGAGE Event Thursday 7th September.

We are excited to announce that our next Engage Careers Event will take place on Thursday 7th September at 6.30pm in the Braid Hills Hotel

There are five speakers from a broad range of fields - a Biomedical Scientist & Researcher, a Senior Sales Manager for Wind Turbines, a leader and Advisor in Product Management for a TV Advertising company, a specialist in Digital Technology for the Scottish Government and the Head of Customer Acquisition at Tesco Bank.

The speakers will tell us about their role and the path and decisions they took to get there. Each speaker will then host a breakout table which Boroughmuir students can join to ask questions directly or simply listen to more from the table hosts.

This free event books up quickly! So, hurry and book your spot!

The booking link is open: [here](#).

S1 Welcome Evening Uniform Sale

Our S1s are looking great in their school uniforms! If you are trying to fill a gap in your S1's uniform and you will be attending the welcome evening on Tuesday, please use the form below; you can pick up item(s) on the day. They will be held for you at the Boroughmuir Beans stall, so whilst there why not treat yourself to barista-served hot drinks?

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=af6sSGo3tUKfacnke7-5xN8NbHJR5hxKocoQ72mcKuxUMVMzSU0xT1JUWUdYmK1OSzQ5NE03QjdPOS4u>

S6 Post School Planning Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our S6 evening on Monday. Please see a link to the slides below:

<https://boroughmuirhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Post-school-planning-presentation-2023.pdf>

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YPI - Youth Philanthropy Initiative

From mid-September, the focus of the Health and Wellbeing Rota in S3 will be on charity. Students will investigate and present on a charity of their choosing, based in the Edinburgh area. If any parents are involved with a charity and would like to highlight the work they do, they are very welcome to come along to the charity carousel at the school from 10:45 on Thursday 28th September. If they cannot make this, but would still like their charity to be considered for the £3000 grant, collected by the winning team for their chosen charity, then they should contact the office and the information will be relayed on to the YPI team at Boroughmuir.

New Science labs Complete

The reconfiguration of 2 existing classrooms in the main building into 2 additional science labs is now complete and pupils will be using these labs as of Monday 4th September. This brings to a conclusion the extension and reconfiguration programme and now gives the school a total of 87 classrooms of which 14 are science labs.

Pupil Dance Success!

Emebet Procter Kerr, Natasha and Amber Hendry and Ailie Scott recently represented Scotland at the Dance World Cup in Portugal. The girls were part of the 27- strong Morningside Dance Academy team competing against teams from 61 other countries at the massive event in Braga, Portugal in summer. Their team won bronze in song and dance section on the final day of the week-long competition where team Scotland came third overall. Well done girls!

Staffing Update

Nicola Gordon, Admin Officer leaves us today after 7 years at Boroughmuir. Nicola is taking up the post of Business Manager at Fox Covert PS and St Joseph's PS.

A Huge thank you to Nicola for all her incredible work here in Boroughmuir and best wishes for her new job.

Friday 25th August 2023

Presentations from S3/4/5 Parent Information evenings held earlier this week can be found here.
[Parents Information | Boroughmuir High School](#)

S6 Information Evening – Monday 28th August

Next Monday evening, 28th Aug at 7pm there is an S6 Information evening in the school for parents and carers of the new S6.

S1 Welcome Evening – Tuesday 5th September

Please ensure you know the name of your child's Guidance Teacher (PSE Teacher on Timetable) and register class. More details will be emailed to S1 Parents/Carers directly.

Arrival to the Atrium from 6pm

Session 1 6.30 – 7pm –Registration Classes 1R1-1R5 –Presentation in the Assembly Hall
6.30- 7pm –Registration Classes 1R6-1R10 - Meet the Guidance Team

Changeover 7.00 -7.15pm

Session 2
7.15pm – 7.45pm Classes 1R6-1R10 - Presentation in the Assembly Hall
7.15pm - 7.45pm Classes 1R1-1R5 – Meet the Guidance Team

S6 Group Photo

A reminder that S6 will have a group photograph on Tuesday 29 August at 8:45.
Pupils should ensure they are in full uniform for the photograph.

S1 and S6 Individual Photos

A reminder that S1 and S6 pupils will have individual photographs taken on Monday 4 September. Times for each class will be in the bulletin.

Whole School Photograph

We are planning to have a professional photographer take a photograph of our whole school. This would involve all our pupils and staff and will be a historic record of our school community in 2023. Details of date and time in follow.

Humanutopia: wellbeing and relationships

We are delighted to be again bringing in 'Humanutopia' to work at Boroughmuir. They specialise in helping students develop great relationships with each other and have already worked with S3 and S5s. Now new S1s will get a morning to think about and plan for their year ahead. S5s are also being

trained as 'Heroes' to help the Humanutopia Team with S1s and to help and mentor in future. Heroes can use this as their leadership activity. S2s and S4s will get their experience in the summer.

- To help the students reflect and celebrate their achievements from their time in primary school.
- To provide students with the opportunity to share their hopes and fears about the year ahead.
- To provide them with a chance to work in small groups to analyse some of these fears and work together to find solutions.
- To empower young people to set goals and targets.
- To provide an uplifting and positive experience to help support the students make a smooth transition to secondary school.

When:- Wednesday 30.08.2023: New S5 Heroes Training
Thursday 31.08.2023: New S1 Big Jump co-delivered with S5 Heroes

Leading at Boroughmuir: S4, S5 and S6

All S5s have begun their leadership course. As students move through the school we expect them to broaden themselves and help others in some way, and this leadership course helps give a framework to that. S4s are able to volunteer to be Ambassadors in clubs and other activities, and to be school hosts at events. We hope that any students who choose to stay on until S6 build on these opportunities to help plan and run the many aspects of Boroughmuir.

Below are some of the opportunities to lead in some way. We're very open to any other opportunities that our wider community may have, so do please let us know!

Leadership opportunities for senior school
Boroughmuir Beans Baristas
Humanutopia Heroes
Colony in Space -philosophy in action
Eco-committee - House of Lords engagement team
School magazine
House club competitions. Such as house chess, debate, rubiks, football, volleyball,
House Subject competitions
Charity events
School 'Days' or events: Languages, Diversity, Diwali
Kiva – microfinance charity
Sports leaders
Registration buddy class S1 or S2
Primary visits
Service – old folks event, Macmillan coffee morning etc
Micro tyko competition
Paired reading programme
Wellbeing Hub lunchtime activities

School Calendar / Upcoming events

The link below will take you to information that is contained within our summer mailing.

[New Letters to Parents | Boroughmuir High School](#)

Friday 18th August 2023

Start of new Term

I hope all our pupils and staff had a great summer holiday.

I was delighted to welcome back all our existing pupils and new our S1 pupils on Wednesday 16th August.

With our intake of 260 S1s we now have a school roll of 1546 and 115 teachers.

New S1 – message from Ms Presly.

Our S1s have been absolutely incredible this week! Full of enthusiasm and taken this big step in their stride. They are looking very smart, have been polite and helpful to each other – thank you for all the support from home to make this happen.

- Please remember to complete the online permissions forms for biometrics and photographs.
- Parentpay activation letters issued **today** and if accounts are activated over the weekend S1 can use the cafeteria from Monday 21st August – if not please provide a packed lunch.
- Lockers are not available yet but we will let you know when these are ready.
- Office 365 passwords and logins are being reset and will be issued next week so S1 can have access to school computers.
- S1 iPads will be issued in Business or Computing Classes from Monday 28th August. Teachers of S1 Business and Computing will support S1 through the set-up of their new iPad.

SQA exam results

Well done to all of our senior phase pupils who sat SQA National exams. Overall, the results for Boroughmuir are excellent and show the absolute commitment that our teachers put into their teaching and our pupils put into their learning.

For those who didn't achieve their goal, they must speak to their class teacher.

Appeals are now made by pupils themselves and this information is available on this link: -

[Appeals - SQA.](#)

For some pupils considering a resit or a recourse option may be appropriate and again speaking to your class teacher and Depute Head Teacher is essential.

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Next Tuesday evening, 22nd Aug there is an S4 information evening followed by an S5 information session.

Details have been sent to parents of pupils in S3,4,5.

Other useful links are:-

[Home-School-Comm-Calendar-23.24.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

[Dress-Code-Leaflet-Aug-2023.pdf \(boroughmuirhighschool.org\)](#)

S6 Leadership week for our Head Team

This week our S6 Pupil Head Team have been on an Outward Bound Team Building and Leadership course.

The group of 24 S6 pupils are being accompanied by Mr Collard and Mr Thin from our PE dept. The pupils are all holding office in S6 and this experience provides a great focus on team building and leadership skills.

Boroughmuir's Eco Committee in Parliament

The House of Lords Environment and Climate Change Committee is a cross party group appointed to consider the environment and climate change. Earlier this year, they sought out six schools from across the UK to form their youth engagement panel, to advise them on the questions they might put to government ministers about their responsibilities. Boroughmuir was successful in its application to be a part of this panel! It is really significant for eco committee members to have such a key role in this year-long programme. All pupils are welcome (encouraged!) to attend the eco committee and to be part of this incredible opportunity this year.

Award for Boroughmuir Chronicle!

The Boroughmuir Chronicle is now a prize-winning paper! At the end of June, they were awarded the First News Secondary School Newspaper of the year Award. There was competition from around the world, but the diversity of content and amazing grammar ensured the win for the highly dedicated team.

Here's what the judges had to say: "The Boroughmuir Chronicle has something for everyone, from wordsearches and recipes to LGBT+ newsletters and biographies for International Women's Day. We were very impressed to see this hard-hitting journalism alongside fun and creative segments. The editorial team clearly think about what their audience will enjoy. The newspaper is a big school effort, with even the school caretaker writing a column as Neil the Janitor in each issue! A very impressive achievement by the whole team – congratulations to you all!"

All issues of the Chronicle are available on the school website if you want to have a read of their work.

Boroughmuir in the Fringe!

During the first week of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, four Boroughmuir students; Alannah Taylor, Shona Cuthbert, Sam Brander and Fabian Butchart took part in the political debate show, 'The Ayes Have It! The Ayes Have It! They were joined by former prominent politicians such as former Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond, David Davies MP, Joanna Cherry MSP KC, the event being chaired by the former speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow.

All four students were outstanding in the event, in which they confidently presented their arguments on Scottish Independence (Alannah for, Shona against) and whether the monarchy should be abolished (Sam for, Fabien against). They had huge support from the 300+ audience, with their ability commented on by the politicians, other guests on the show, and the production team. Their performance was also noted in the local and national press giving them 4/5 star reviews – most

notably the National stating the students were “a reminder of the next generation snapping at their heels” and stating they were watching potential First Ministers.

Alannah, Shona, Sam and Fabian were a credit to themselves and represented the best of Boroughmuir High School. Well done to them all.