

Head Teacher Weekly Update 16/08/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

I have had a wonderful first week at Boroughmuir High School. Everyone has made me feel so welcome. I have so enjoyed starting to get to know all the young people, through year group assemblies. All those I have met have been wonderful ambassadors for the school and their families.

I have attached again my initial letter of introduction I sent out at the start of the week. There is also a formal communication from Lorna French, Service Director Education and Chief Education Officer

As a school, we are aware that the recent events that have taken place across British cities, following the tragic events in Southport, may be troubling for some of our young people and their families. As a school community, we understand the impact of racism and witnessing racialised violence on children, families and staff. This school has already taken pro-active steps, and will continue to do so, to show understanding and support for the global majority, and our BAME young people, families and staff. Boroughmuir High School has benefitted from working with Intercultural Youth Scotland, to support the journey in writing an anti-racist curriculum and continues to prioritise equalities work and training across our school community.

If any young person and/or their family wish to share any concerns, fears or would just like to speak with someone from school, please know we are here to listen. Please contact the school via admin@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk, and a member of the senior leadership team will be in touch.

SQA attainment

It is important to recognise that success comes in many forms, and every young person's journey is unique. It is also important to recognise and acknowledge the very impressive SQA attainment results across all levels for Boroughmuir students. Large numbers of young people across S4, S5 and S6 clearly have demonstrated hard work, dedication, and a passion for learning, supported by staff in the school, to achieve great success. There was outstanding achievement at all levels, including Nationals 3 and 4, and the National Progression Awards at level 6 and 7 that some faculties are starting to present young people for. I look forward to supporting this pattern of excellence as the new head teacher, helping all to achieve their potential. I will share the overarching messages of attainment in my bulletin next week.

Upcoming events

Hopefully, I will get to meet many of you at some of the planned family engagement events.

SLT/Parent Info Sessions	Year Group	Time
Monday 19 th August 2024	S3 Course Structure	6.30-7.15pm in School
Tuesday 20 th August 2024	S4 Course Structure	6.30-7.15pm in School
	S5 Course Structure	7.30-8.15pm in School
Monday 26 th August 2024	S6 Post-School Planning Evening	6.30-7.15pm in School
Monday 2 nd September 2024	S2 Welcome Evening	6.30-7.15pm in School
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	S1 Welcome Evening	6.30-8.00pm in School

Family engagement

Here is a reminder of the planned parent council meetings for the year. It would be wonderful to work with as many of you as possible, to help continue Boroughmuir High School go from strength to strength.

Parent Council Meetings	
Tuesday 17 September 2024	In Person in school and hybrid (includes AGM)
Wednesday 13 November 2024	On-line
Tuesday 21 January 2025	On-line
Wednesday 7 May 2025	In Person in school and hybrid

Appealing for a marking check

Students can appeal for a marking check. You do this yourself until 27th August here [Appeals service - SQA](#)

You should be aware that this is just a check, not a remark, and that marks can go down as well as up. Always speak to a subject teacher first to get advice if you're thinking about an appeal.

S6 photos Monday 19th August

A reminder to all S6 that they are having their individual and group photo taken on Monday. We look forward to seeing them all in their Boroughmuir school uniform to capture this moment. If there are any issues regarding this, please let the school know.

With many thanks and kind regards -

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Headteacher

Boroughmuir High School