

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 30/08/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

It has been another busy week with another family engagement event on Monday evening for our families of young people in S6. All the slides from all our recent year group information sessions will be available [here](#), under the section of parents information evenings. Our S6 cohort have been enjoying Epic days up at Bonaly this week, as part of their induction programme.

As I am settling into the school, I have been reminded how important school dress code is from a health and safety perspective, alongside developing a sense of community. There is a long-established dress code within the school. Thank you for all your support with this, as the vast majority of young people are adhering to this. I have attached an overview of the current dress code, with a couple of small tweaks. We ask that all young people wear any form of unbranded black bottoms, and that shoes may be black, or black and white combined. From an equity perspective, we would like to move towards all hoodies worn in the school building being school hoodies. We can provide for any young person who decides they would prefer to wear a school hoodie, if this is an issue. This has been discussed with our pupil voice group this week and we have a member of staff who is going to set up a pupil focus group to make sure the views of our neurodivergent learners regarding the current dress code are heard. Lost property is stored below the stairs close to the school office. We will reunite any named item of uniform and keep the rest for 4 weeks. Any unclaimed uniform will be recycled into our preloved school clothing. Any other items will be sent to charity shops.

I have also been very impressed by the punctuality of young people to school every morning, with the vast majority being on time and maximising all their learning opportunities. For those who arrive at school after 8.45, without a justified explanation, we will be asking them to attend a session with a member of the leadership team at the start of lunch that day, so we can support them with this important skill for life. This will be for a maximum of 15 minutes, to make sure they still have time to have their lunch. This will apply to learners in S1-S5. We are aware that some young people have a justified reason for sometimes being late for school. We have a list of these young people, who will be exempt from this process. Please do contact your child's guidance teacher if you feel your young person should be added to this list. We will be starting this process week beginning September 9th.

I am looking forward to meeting families of our young people in S1 and S2 next week. All our S1 photographs will be taken on Monday and next Friday we will have our Fresher's Fair, where all our S1s will get the opportunity to find out about the incredible breadth of extra-curricular clubs and activities happening at Boroughmuir High school and will be given the opportunity to sign up for these.

Also, a date for your diary is the School Open Evening, an event run in partnership between the school and our former pupils. This will take place on Thursday 26th September, from 6pm. There will be more information regarding this next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Upcoming events

SLT/Parent Info Sessions	Year Group	Time
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

Have a lovely weekend.

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