

Head Teacher Weekly Update 20/09/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

It was wonderful to meet with the Parent Council on Tuesday evening this week. The school is so appreciative of the work and support from the council. The hybrid approach worked well, with parents and carers joining us in person and on-line. Every meeting will always have an option to join on-line, the next two exclusively so. The Council also plan to use this newsletter to share aspects of their work, so please do keep an eye out.

Geobus have been in this week, working with our learners in Geography. I am really looking forward to the Open Evening next week (it isn't too late to sign up - details below), and our coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan. We also have visitors from Denmark in the school on Thursday, which also happens to be our Culture Day.

House Challenge #1

This week we have held our first house assemblies of the session. During these we discussed uniform, the importance of wearing it to maintain our school identity and what the options are for pupils. We also set up our next house challenge. This house challenge, which will run from Monday 23 September until the start of the October holidays, is to donate food items to our Boroughmuir Beans Breakfast Club. The breakfast club is free to attend and pupils from all years are welcome to come along any morning from 8am to start the day with cereal/pastries/juice/hot drink. By contributing items to the breakfast club pupils can earn house points and make a difference to our school community. We hope pupils will be able to support this house challenge and be able to benefit from it by coming along to the breakfast club. Attached are the items we are hoping to have donated. Can we please ask there are no nuts in items donated and that all ingredients are clear. There is also the option to donate on parent pay (it is there as an optional payment under "Support Boroughmuir Breakfast Club") thank you to those of you who have already donated.

European Day of Languages Celebration and Cultural Dress Day:

Thursday 26th September is European Day of Languages when we will be celebrating languages and the linguistic diversity within Boroughmuir. Come along to the assembly hall at **lunchtime** to try your hand at some of the 20+ languages spoken at this school. There will be lots of fun activities, quizzes and games!

We would also like to invite pupils and staff to wear their own cultural dress that day to demonstrate the cultural richness of our diverse school. **Please note this is not a dress down day so if you are not in cultural dress, you should wear your usual school uniform.** We look forward to seeing some great outfits!

Ms K Howells

Teacher of French & German

Open Evening - a joint event between the school and former pupils - Thursday September 26th

Information is attached. If you are interested in attending, please sign up using the link below.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/boroughmuir-high-school-open-evening-our-120-year-anniversary-tickets-1005915068047

Senior student assessment calendar and study support - update from Mr Hayes. Please see two attached documents.

Each year we publish a guide to the assessment demands of each course. Some deadlines may change during the year so students should always check with their teacher. To support students, we are developing the use of their ipads as a diary to note these deadlines. Families may like to use the attached document and the students 'Outlook' calendar app and 'Teams' app to help schedule and plan for homework and assignment deadlines. We recommend that families arrange themselves a weekly 'check in' so that parents and carers and students can discuss and plan together.

Please note that all subjects, and practical subjects in particular often have long lead in times for their assessments and it is essential that students stick to the deadlines set. Many subjects give multiple deadlines in order to help students manage sections of a longer piece of work and these are also important.

Staff also often give up their free time to offer study support. This changes through the year and you will be updated.

Staffing news

There is a current vacancy for a teacher for our new Enhanced Support Provision within the school, which we are in the process of setting up.

Family engagement

Here is a reminder of all 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.

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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