

Head Teacher Weekly Update 04/10/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

We were delighted to welcome 60 parents and carers of some of our S1 learners, for our annual 'Bring a Parent/Carer to School' day. We loved allowing them to experience a day in the life of their child and really appreciate the positive feedback. A huge thank you to Ms Presly for all her organising, the staff delivering lessons and all those who gave up time to be involved in the day. We have been working hard to embed a new tracking system, that is being rolled out across all schools in Edinburgh. S4-S6 reports were released last week, with S1-S3 currently being finalised and checked. It has been a busy week in school, with S4 Drama practical prelims, Maths competitions and Leaps Interviews, not to mention the really powerful assemblies this week, focused on dyslexia awareness week, organised by Carol King. One of our brilliant S6 pupils shared reflections of their journey as a dyslexic learner, which was really powerful to hear. We also were delighted to welcome learners from Bruntsfield primary school, who sang a song they had written regarding their experiences of being a dyslexic learner. Mrs King has created the Padlet below, which parents and carers might find useful.

<https://padlet.com/carolking1/dyslexia-awareness-week-2024-fosq10oukqi9imkv>



[Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024](#)

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English welcomed the author Doug Johnstone, who was in working with the AH students on a Royal Literary Fund-sponsored writing project.

Many thanks for all your support with uniform - it is appreciated. As the weather becomes more autumnal, just a reminder that pupils have a choice to wear either a black jumper, blazer or school hoodie over their shirt and tie in the building. We have lots spare to help out if required.

Information from SAAS – Students Award Agency Scotland - Parent and Carers Funding Talks

We will be delivering online funding talks which are designed specifically for the parents & carers of prospective higher education students. These sessions will be running from Tuesday, 15th October until?. Attendees can book their free ticket here [Order your ticket! – Parents and Carers - National Funding Talks – Microsoft Teams \(tickettailor.com\)](#).

These sessions will:

- explain the funding available from SAAS to the parents/carers of those planning to undertake higher education courses (HNC/HND/Degree courses)

- highlight the information we require regarding household income details required from parents and carers
- provide information on the repayment of student loans; and
- provide direct access to a funding awareness advisor who can assist with specific or general queries you may have regarding SAAS

House Challenge #1 - Please see the message below from our House Captains

☺ Did you know Boroughmuir Beans is the FREE breakfast club open every morning for all school pupils? 🗣️ They need your help! Please support your pupil to bring in a donation - details in the image 🙋. Drop off in box at reception before school until 11 October. 📦 Thank you!!

Support Boroughmuir breakfast club!

Donate food items to Boroughmuir Beans

- Cereal/cereal bars
- Cereal multipacks
- Diluting juice and Juice (UHT long shelf life)
- Pastries (can be frozen)

Donate from now until 14 October. Drop off items at reception before school everyday.

Or other items such as:

- Bowls
- Spoons
- Tumblers (for juice)
- Stationery (pens/textbooks)
- Card games (uno/cards/dobble)



You can also donate money via ParentPay

2030 Ambitions for Boroughmuir

Our pupil lead sustainability group would like to share their 2030 ambitions for the school with you. Please see the PowerPoint attached.

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.

Parent Council Corner

We held a hybrid meeting of the Parent Council last week welcoming Mrs Fraser to her first meeting as our new Head Teacher. We had some good discussions and minutes will be circulated soon. We were very pleased with the energy and support in the room and we are delighted to say that we have a healthy range of subgroups on offer this year with subgroup leaders for all of them. This school is lucky to have such a large community of parents and carers and we could really benefit from more volunteers this year. Please keep an eye out for future editions of **Parent Council Corner** where we will detail what volunteering opportunities are coming up! As always do feel free to contact the PC anytime with questions/comments or ideas: info@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk

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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