

Head Teacher Weekly Update 11/10/24

Dear Parents and Carers –

It is hard to believe that we reached the first half term of the year. I loved my first 9 weeks, working with all in the community of Boroughmuir High School. Thank you to everyone, for making me feel so welcome. We have had pupil led assemblies this week, focused on the key theme of Black History Month, which have been incredibly thought provoking for all. We have also enjoyed welcoming all the P7 pupils from the learning community today, as they have been in school for a My World of Work event.

Congratulations to S5/6 pupils who took part in the Scottish Court System's MiniTrials project on Saturday. This was a really exciting opportunity to experience a Sheriff Court 'trial' first-hand, with pupils acting as teams of lawyers, accused, witnesses, and jurors against other Edinburgh schools. The teams were so involved and professional (as highlighted by many members of the Crown Office) - and had great fun, with both cases tried resulting in contentious 'not-proven' verdicts. A huge thanks to Ms Henderson for taking the group.

S1,S2 and S3 Tracking

This week we issued the revised Tracking Reports for S1,S2 and S3 pupils. The City of Edinburgh's *Guide to Learners' Reports* and *FAQs* is attached here. The reports are accessed via the new system called Pupil Tracking <https://cec-boroughmuir.pupiltracking.com/> If you need help registering for Pupil Tracking please see the previously issued details.

The Working Levels used in S1-3 show the progression through the subjects which typically are from Level 2 to Level 4. Each Level is further subdivided into 3 sublevels e.g. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. In S4 we will highlight progression towards the SQA National Qualifications including National 5.

Please do see the attached guides to help you navigate the new tracking reports.

S4 Prelims - The email below has been sent to all S4 learners today. Please see attachment for dates.

We are sending out today the main pieces of information that you need to help you with your prelims. You have practiced exams and assessments in S3, so you know what to expect.

Remember:

- *These are practice exams. You want to do your best, and then find out where your mistakes were so you can do better in the summer.*
- *You will be a bit nervous. This is normal and everyone feels that way. Generally the best way to deal with this is to try it out, ask for help and fix things.*
- *There are lots of instructions for two reasons. Firstly, to make it feel exactly like real exams so you can learn to manage them. Secondly, because there are lots of people working to help you.*

- *Ask if you need help: your teachers, guidance, Mr Hayes, Ms Hall for additional arrangements, the school office, the exam invigilators, and support for learning staff are all here to make things easier for you.*

Well done for all your hard work so far!

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.

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The next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 November online, so it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible, so parents can support Boroughmuir High School to go from strength to strength.

As promised, we are getting in touch with details of a new opportunity for parents to get involved and support pupils via our new Digital Support SubGroup. The first meeting will be held after the October holidays, to suit the diaries of those interested, so please do get in touch to express your interest or feel free to contact the PC anytime with questions/comments or ideas:

info@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk

New Digital Support Group

The aim of the Digital Support Subgroup is to find ways to support a healthy use of the iPads at school. We will work together with the teachers, the children and their families. We would like to invite all parents and carers to join the group. The group will meet regularly and will discuss findings with the school. The first step will be to gather evidence about how the iPads are used in school, and discuss the ways digital learning is being incorporated into the school pedagogy. Together with the school, we'll put together a programme of healthy digital learning environment.

Many thanks,

Wednesday 13 November 2024 On-line

Tuesday 21 January 2025 On-line

Wednesday 7 May 2025 In Person in school and hybrid

If you are able to take a break next week, wishing you a restful time. Just a reminder that pupils return on Tuesday, 22nd October.

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