

## **Head Teacher Weekly Update 08/11/24**

Dear Parents and Carers –

Today, I have the great privilege of leading our formal Remembrance ceremony. Over 1000 pupils and staff fought in WW1 and WW2 respectively. 179 died as a result of the First World War; 197 fell during WW2. Their names are remembered on our War Memorial, and today wreaths were laid as an Act of Remembrance on behalf of our current school community and our former pupils. We were delighted that Ken Edwards, the President of our Former Pupils Association, along with several others, joined us this morning, as they do every year. Our S6 Senior Pupil team, Olivia, Sophie, Percy and Rosie read moving letters from the trenches, written by former pupils and staff who fell. Oliivia also played the Last Post and the Reveille. The pupils gave thought provoking reflections on the impact of war, then and since, and the small, and big, acts we can take to help create a better community for us all. The S6 pupils in attendance were incredibly respectful throughout.

We have welcomed more international visitors this week - this time a group of Dutch staff and pupils.

All of our S2 pupils attended STEM workshops last week, at the National Museum of Scotland.

### **Communication policy**

Please find attached an overview of our communication policy. Our website is currently being redesigned. I am hopefully this will be ready to launch before Christmas.

### **Staffing news**

We currently have a vacancy for a full time Support for Learning Teacher and two PSA positions, who will be working as part of our Enhanced Support Provision.

### **Movember - a message from Mr Beattie**

'Staff at Boroughmuir are participating in the Movember challenge for the month of November. Movember is a charity that provides financial aid to groups that support men dealing with mental health struggles, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.

For Movember, staff are growing a moustache and/or moving 60km to highlight the global number of male lives lost to suicide, hourly.

If you wish to donate or follow our progress, please visit the link:  
<https://movember.com/t/boroughmuir-high-school-staff?mc=1>

Thanks,

Mr Beattie & the Movember team.'

In addition, I have attached our progress pic to this email.

## Anti-Bullying Information Session for Parents & Carers in Edinburgh - organised by CEC



Anti-Bullying Information Session for Parents & Carers in Edinburgh

*Find out more about what you can do to support children and young people affected by bullying.*

Dates and time (click on links below to register)

[Thursday 14 November 2024, 6.30-8.00pm](#)

[Thursday 15 May 2025, 6.30-8.00pm](#)

Location Online – TEAMS

### **Parant Council Corner**

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.

Here is the Teams link for the meeting. The Agenda is being updated and finalised.

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 362 593 110 872

Passcode: 5km9Wy

Future meetings

Tuesday 21st January - online

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - hybrid - in person and on-line

Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,

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