

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 17/01/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the S4 parents' evening this week. There was such a positive atmosphere in the school at this important stage of the year, as we push towards the final stages of assessments.

The third Parent Council meeting is taking place next Tuesday evening. The papers for the meeting have already been circulated. The Teams link is below.

Burn's Supper - 30th January

Please see the flyer attached. All are very welcome. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Course Choice for 2025/26

S2, S4 and S5 Course Choice for 2025/26

We have started conversations with the current S2, S4 and S5 pupils about the course choice process for next sessions timetable. We will be issuing the course choice booklet early next week along with further details for each year group.

Course choice evening S4 – and study skills event S3s and S4s

A reminder that the course choice evening for S4s is at 6.30 pm next Thursday 23rd.

Following that at 7.15 we'll have an additional 'how you can help your child' study skills event in the atrium. All S4 parents are welcome, and we're also opening it up to S3 families. We'll talk families through the strategies that students learn in school and give advice on how you can help them best.

S5 Course Choice

Information Evenings will be held for current S4/5 on Thursday 23rd January

- S5 starting at 7.30pm

S2 Course Choice

On Wednesday 29th January we will be holding an S2 Course Choice Information Evening from 6-8pm. This is an event for obtaining general subject information. It is not an opportunity to discuss any individual child's course choices. The format will be:

6pm-7.15pm Subject Marketplace (Atrium)

7.15pm-8pm Parent Presentation (Assembly Hall).

We politely request that pupils do not attend the presentations due to potential capacity limitations within the Assembly Hall. Pupils are welcome to wait in the Atrium.

S3 Assessments – April/May 2025

We have started to discuss next term's S3 Assessments with S3s in Assembly and in the PSE classes. S3 Assessments start after the Easter Holiday and are scheduled over a number of weeks. They

provide an important opportunity for S3s to prepare for future S4 prelims (practice exams) which usually take place in November 2025. Unlike the S4 prelims, these S3 assessments are completed under the supervision of regular class teachers and during normal lesson times. S3 assessments typically cover much of the course knowledge, understanding, and skills from the start of S3.

There is a slightly different schedule based on Registration classes, which are grouped as either 3R1-3R5 or 3R6-3R10. We will be supporting pupils with their revision over the coming weeks.

The draft assessment schedule is [found here](#).

Staffing news

We are at the interview stage for a new Sfl teacher. Staffing adverts are now starting to go out for next year, beginning with those subjects where there is a national shortage of teachers. We have had a new pupil support assistant, Peter Maxwell, starting this week.

Social times -

We are seeking donations of card games, chess sets, and other table top games to encourage our pupils to engage and connect with each other during social times. Any donations would be much appreciated.

Parent Council Corner

Fundraising

The Fundraising Team are using a number of different methods of raising money this year in part because of changes to council policy and to make it easier for parents to be involved. We will have a Just Giving account available for any donations at events or at any time:

[Help raise £500 to support our parent council to provide much needed clubs, activities and spaces within BHS.](#)

justgiving.com

We thank small contingent of parents who have continued to use Easyfundraising for boosting our funds and we would like to get more parents and friends using the method, especially coming up to Christmas. You can add an extension to your browser to remind you to donate - all instructions are on the app.

[You spend, brands donate to Boroughmuir High School Parent Council.](#)

easyfundraising.org.uk

We will be very grateful for any donations that come from events or any of these methods. The school benefits from what we collect by supporting the sports teams, science labs, spaces for young people to use and much much more.

Your help and money goes directly back to the school and directly to the young people.

Future Parent Council meetings

Tuesday 21st January - online -

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 365 484 635 275

Passcode: kf2qU9NS

Wednesday 7th May - hybrid - in person and on-line

Many thanks,

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