

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 24.01.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping safe today. The red weather warning has led the authority to make the unusual decision to close all schools today. One of the many advantages of digital learning is that staff can share resources easily on the one-to-one devices, so hopefully, your child has been able to follow their usual timetable whilst at home.

Many thanks to all those who attended the Parent Council meeting on Tuesday evening. As always, the school is very appreciative of the time and support offered by all those who attend the meeting. The next meeting will be on 7th May. You will be able to attend in person or online.

Edinburgh School Uniform Bank

Please see the attached flyer regarding their current appeal. Please remember this support is open to all families.

GROW Poster

This support might be helpful for some families.

Burns Supper - 30th January

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

Course Choice for 2025/26

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

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending the choice evenings for S4 and S5. The PowerPoint used for the S4 evening is available on the school website. I have also attached the study skills PowerPoint I used during the study skills session I led for S3 and S4 families.

S2 Course Choice

On Wednesday, 29th January, we will be holding an S2 Course Choice Information Evening from 6-8pm. This event is 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 (repeat from last week)

We have started discussing next term's S3 Assessments with S3s in Assembly and in the PSE classes. S3 Assessments will 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 have appointed a new Support for Learning teacher this week. They will be joining us in 4 weeks' time. Next week we are interviewing for a Maths and Computing teacher for next year.

We were delighted to welcome a new PSA this week, Christine Schulze.

Social times

We are seeking donations of card games, chess sets, and other tabletop 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

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

Many thanks,

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