

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 10/01/25

Happy New Year!

I hope you all managed to have a restful break over the holidays. It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils this week. I have been leading assemblies, welcoming all our young people and reminding them of the expectations we have to help everyone achieve their potential and to create an inclusive and equitable learning community. I have attached some of the key messages I have been sharing.

S5/6 prelims have started today. Best of luck to all the young people involved.

MBE news

We were all delighted to hear the wonderful news of David Dempster's award of an MBE in the King's New Year Honours. I am sharing his message once more below. David will be attending the FP's Burn's Supper, details below, if anyone would like to congratulate him in person whilst also attending a most enjoyable evening.

Message from ex Head Teacher, David C. Dempster MBE

I'm writing to all in the Boroughmuir High School Community to let you know that I am honoured to be receiving an MBE in the King's New Years Honours List 2025. This is for services to Education in Scotland and is published in the London Gazette on Tuesday 31st December 2024.

This recognition has only come about through the successful collaboration and teamwork of all in the Boroughmuir High School Community. It is this that has made Boroughmuir the hugely successful school it is.

I want to thank everyone in the school community for their support of the school and of me personally throughout my time at Boroughmuir.

Leading this community as Head Teacher for 13 years was a huge privilege and receiving this award is indeed a true honour.

Best wishes and a very Happy New Year to you all.

David C Dempster, MBE.

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

We will be issuing course choice information over the next few weeks to the current S2, S4 and S5 pupils.

S4/5 Course Choice

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

- S4 starting at 6.30pm
- 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.

Reminder for S3 parents of Duke of Edinburgh Information evenings

There is a parents explanation evening online Tuesday 14th January 7 pm. Link https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTQ4ZWMzOWItMGVjOC00NTM0LTk2NzQtNWY3OTRkZTBhMzky%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2248acfe69-376a-42b5-9f69-c9e47bbfb9c4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%226d9661e8-2e3e-4eec-9747-3ef4bb728f34%22%7d

Parents expedition information evening in school Monday 28th April 5 pm

Staffing news

We currently have a vacancy for a full time, Support for Learning Teacher. One ESP PSA has been appointed.

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](https://www.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

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

Many thanks,

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