

## Head Teacher Weekly Update 7/2/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thoroughly enjoyed my first experience of Boroughmuir's Top of the Pops last night. What a showcase of the varied musical talent we have across the school, and a wonderful example of pupil leadership. It was such a positive way to end a very busy half term. Mrs Grant has now organised 26 Boroughmuir does TOTP. We are all hugely appreciative of all the additional work she puts in to ensure this event takes place.

### S1 Parents/Carers Consultation

We are looking forward to meeting our S1 parents and carers on Wednesday, 26th February, from 4:25 pm to 7:05 pm. This will be held in school. Booking can only be made when the system is open. Bookings open on Monday, 17th February, at 6 pm until Friday, 21st February, at 6 pm. Please note that due to the large number of pupils at Boroughmuir, only one parent can make appointments. However, both parents are welcome to attend together on the night.

Choosing Appointments: Appointments are 5 minutes in length, and up to 10 appointments can be made. It will not be possible to see all teachers in all subjects. The recent tracking report may help when choosing appointments. If you need any further help or advice, please do get in touch with us.

### S2 to S3 Course Choice for 2025/26

Course choices are requested by the end of the February holidays when the website closes (the final day to enter these is Sunday, 16th February). Choices are entered using the website <https://www.studentoptions.co/S2-BOR/>. Individual login details have been issued. The link to the course choice booklet is here. The link to the slides used in last week's information session is here.

The latest S2 Tracking and Progress Report is accessed by logging into <https://cec-boroughmuir.pupiltracking.com/>.

### School Values – repeat from last week

Thank you for the feedback and suggestions about our new draft school values. Almost all responses were very positive. There was some useful feedback and suggested reading materials from one response and a request for more detail about the consultation process. This consultation is still open for all parents and carers, so please feel free to respond [here](#).

All staff were involved in this process during our October in-service day. The morning was spent as a full staff team reflecting upon the values we wanted to model as a staff and support across our community. All pupils also had the chance to be consulted. In our new pupil parliament structure, all PSE classes are asked to select two pupils to represent the views of their class. This pupil collective spent a morning together in December, identifying the values that matter most to them. The draft values were also shared with our NEST group, ensuring we were capturing the views of our neurodivergent members of our community. We identified three overlapping values from both pupils and staff. This was how we agreed on Respectful, Inclusive, and Resilient. We then worked together to think about what these enacted values looked like across the school and how they could

support our shared collective experience as members of the community of Boroughmuir High School. Terms like being kind and feeling safe were ones the pupils were really keen to be included. These were shared at all assemblies and a form was again shared with staff and all pupils for their feedback. I have shared with the Parent Council, and now opened to all parents and carers to gather any further feedback.

1. Respectful – We value kindness and consideration in every interaction, fostering an environment where every individual feels safe, valued, and heard.
2. Inclusive – We commit to equity, belonging, and unity, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive and contribute in meaningful ways.
3. Resilient – We encourage perseverance, determination, and a growth mindset, empowering individuals to navigate challenges with confidence and optimism. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please do so via this form.

### **Staffing News**

We have appointed Gill Thomson, our new Support for Learning teacher, this week. She will be joining us after the February break. We are hopeful we can share our new Maths and Computing teachers with you after the holidays. These positions will be starting in August.

### **Parent Council Corner**

Please find attached the minutes from the last Parent Council Meeting.

### **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 JustGiving 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

We thank the 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

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

### **Future Parent Council meetings**

Wednesday, 7th May - hybrid - in person and online.

Wishing all our pupils a lovely mid term break next week.

Many thanks,

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