

## **Head Teacher Weekly Update – 28.03.25**

Dear all,

This week began very positively, for staff anyway, with a 2-1 defeat of S6 pupils in a tightly fought match on the hockey field! It will be interesting to see if this can be replicated in the netball match next week! I also had the great privilege of being in the audience for the TEDx talks last Friday. All the young people who delivered a talk did so with passion, integrity, courage and great wisdom. There were three representatives from Boroughmuir, Sophie, Roise and Thalia. A huge thank you to Ms Garland in English for organising. Our Boroughmuir Beans also did an unbelievable job, serving over 100 drinks during the breaks with great efficiency and grace.

Our Drama students have been showcasing their exam performances this week to their parents and carers, ably supported by their teachers.

Young people across all years have been delivering assemblies all week sharing their experience and knowledge of Ramadan. We are looking forward to our Eid celebrations in school next Thursday.

Next week's assemblies will be delivered by our SU group and will be focused on Easter.

I am looking forward to welcoming the Lord Provost this afternoon. He is a member of our judging panel for our YPI final, who will have the difficult task of judging groups of our S3 pupils who have made it through to the final. They will be delivering a presentation arguing why their chosen charity is worthy of a £3000 donation, through the YPI initiative.

If you have a spare 10 minutes, could I please ask you to consider completing the evaluation form. We really want to hear your views and experiences of the school. This information will be used to help us collectively shape next year's improvement plan, helping to identify what our priorities should be. The more feedback we get, the more accurate we can make our priorities.

### **[Parent/carer evaluation Form](#)**

## **Study Leave Dates - Reminder**

We will be celebrating the end of formal schooling with our S6 pupils next Friday; our leavers in S4 and S5 the week after Easter.

Study leave officially starts on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, so pupils are expected to attend school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Support for parents and carers**

**Parent/carer support group** - Please see attached a flyer, for a group intended for parents/ carers of children with neurodivergent conditions, whether diagnosed or not.

**Support for Healthy Heads** - This is a new resource from City of Edinburgh for pupils and their families. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10532/wellbeing-edinburgh>

This week, can I highlight the section for parents and carers in relation to free or low cost counselling across the city. This [link](#) will take you directly to that section.

[Free or low-cost counselling – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

Systemic Family Therapy- North East Edinburgh. Systemic Family Therapy offers a safe, non-judgmental space where families can explore changes or difficulties within family relationships.

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk)

**The Parent Club** - This is an additional website, created by Scottish Government, which tried to bring together lots of resources parents and carers might find useful.

<https://www.parentclub.scot/>

This is a direct link through to their section on supporting health and well being -

<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/mental-health-wellbeing>

**Study Support**

Please find attached the in-school study support programme.

Please consider signing up the e-Sgoil programme over the Easter Holidays - [Easter Study Support | e-Sgoil](#). Pupils were emailed their Glow username and password. They can email the school office or see me for their Glow username and password.

If pupils are using a school iPad to access Glow and/or e-Sgoil then pupils must follow the instructions in the link below:

[Accessing Glow on an Empowered Learning iPad – Edinburgh Learns Digital](#)

**Parent Council Corner**

Fundraising:


The Fundraising Team is using a number of different methods to raise money this year, in part because of changes to council policy and to make it easier for parents to be involved.


We will be hoping to bring you another cheese and wine night on the 24th of May - we have had to find a new venue but planning is progressing. If you would like to be involved on the night or, if you have any raffle prize donations things like: **Wine, toiletries, or anything else you would care to donate, for a raffle. Please can you hand them into school.**

Please get in touch via this email if you would like to be involved as a helper:

[pcfundraisingboroughmuirhighsc@gmail.com](mailto:pcfundraisingboroughmuirhighsc@gmail.com)

We thank the small contingent of parents who have continued to use Easyfundraising for boosting our funds and would like to get more parents and friends using You can add an extension to your browser to remind you to donate - every amount helps!


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[easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk)

We are always grateful for any donations that you take time to send. Our 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 our young people.



[Help raise £750 to Support our parent council to provide much needed clubs, activities and resources within our whole school community.](#)

[justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com)

### **Digital Support:**

The Parent Council Digital Support Subgroup is working together with the families and the school to ensure that all children can confidently enjoy the opportunities offered by digital learning whilst staying safe online. We are now consulting about the use of the iPads and supporting the school with building a healthy digital learning environment.

We invite all parents and carers to join the group and share their views or concerns. If you would like to continue the conversation, please, keep in touch with the Digital Support Subgroup at [digital@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk](mailto:digital@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk)

### **Future Parent Council meetings**

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

Many thanks,

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