

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 25/04/25

Dear all,

It has been wonderful welcoming all our young people back to school this week. It is hard to believe that exam season is already upon us, and the sun looks set to shine next week. We wish all of our students the very best of luck.

What is happening this week in school

- S4/5 Leavers' Celebration – took place on Wednesday.
- Study Leave – began on Thursday 24th April.
- S2 Tracking Reports – currently being completed by staff.
- S3 Assessments – the assessment window has now opened.
- SLT Feedback Analysis – the Senior Leadership Team has been reviewing feedback from our recent staff, pupil, and parent/carer questionnaires. This will be shared with staff on the upcoming in-service day. Many thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the evaluation form – your input is vital in shaping next year's improvement plan.
- Headteacher Assemblies – have taken place this week to welcome back our S1–S3 students and reinforce our shared expectations around mobile phone use, uniform, and punctuality. These messages support our collective efforts to foster a strong sense of community and help every learner thrive.
- Summer Fair & Brufts – preparations are well underway! This event takes place on Saturday 21st June from 12–2pm, in front of the school, as part of the Canal Festival. Last year's event was buzzing with energy, live music, and community spirit. We're now inviting members of our school community to sign up for a stall – a great opportunity to raise money for the school while keeping any profits you make from the day. Stalls cost £30. Last year our Parent Council ran a fantastic raffle, there was live music and a big range of stalls. Brufts our Dog Show will take place on the same morning from 10-11.30. Please complete this form if you would like a stall at our Fayre. [Summer Fayre 2025 Stall Sign Up](#)

Pupil success

- A reminder that sporting successes are generally celebrated on X (formerly Twitter). We're currently reviewing how we share achievements to ensure we're recognising the wide range of successes across our community. Work on our new school website is also nearing completion.
- This week on @BoroughmuirHS, you'll see celebrations of:

Freya Ballantine, who gained four international caps for the Girls U16 Scottish Hockey Team at the 5 Nations Championship in Valencia.

Will Lockhart, selected for the U18 Scotland Rugby Squad.

Lev Jac Hu, who has represented both Scotland and Great Britain in Cadet Fencing.

- If you haven't visited recently our school X account, there are plenty of updates from last term too – including our U14 Cross Country Team being crowned Scottish Schools

Champions, as well as highlights from swimming, football, rugby and other aspects of life at Boroughmuir High School.

Staffing news

- Ms Cavanagh (Science) has finished her time at Boroughmuir this week.
- Mr Broster, our School Support Assistant in Health and Food Technology, also leaves today.
A huge thank you to both for their contributions – we wish them every success in their next steps.
- Hayley Picken has joined our office team – welcome, Hayley!
- We currently have vacancies in Health & Food Technology, Music, Physics, and Chemistry. Interviews are expected to begin towards the end of next week.
- A huge congratulations to Mr Beard, who completed the Marathon des Sables over the Easter break – an incredible 252km across six stages through the Moroccan desert. What an achievement!

Further supports for parents and carers

- Teen Triple P Parenting group opportunities running May-June 2025 - please see attached for information.
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS), one of our key partners, is keen to gather feedback from parents and carers, about their services. Please see information attached.
- Support for Healthy Heads - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10532/wellbeing-edinburgh>. As we enter assessment session, can I highlight the section support health and well being, via this [link](#).

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

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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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.](#)

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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

Future Parent Council meetings

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

Many thanks,

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