

## **Head Teacher Weekly Update – 13.06.25**

Dear all,

I so enjoyed my first S6 Ball last weekend, a memorable final event to their school journey.

### **What is happening this week in school**

- DofE expedition was out over last weekend.
- S6 Epic Days at Bonaly.
- Plans for School Summer Fayre on-going.
- Plans for the 3 day visit - we are very excited to welcome our new S1 intake for the 3 day visit next week - all 300 of them!
- A couple of our pupils have been involved in a podcast with some P7 pupils from South Morningside. You can listen here -



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- Assemblies with a focus on empathy, led by Ms Aleksandrowicz, our school librarian.
- Our S2 Junior Chef competition took place on Wednesday afternoon. Thankfully, I was joined by two others on the judging panel (Graeme Pacitti, hospitality and hotel operations manager for Heart of Midlothian and Stewart Grace, our catering manager) as deciding upon the winning dishes was exceptionally difficult. All the dishes were of such a high standard and it was so impressive to watch them work, both individually and collaboratively. The eventual top three were Nancy Howarth, Isabel Ulrych and George Orr. Pictures of the winning dishes are attached.

### **Pupil success**

- The S1 Boys football team were second in Scotland, following their defeat on Friday evening in what was a very balanced match. They are in another final this Saturday - this time for the regional league cup.
- Christopher Watt (S1) achieved 3rd place in Athletics: Scottish Schools Combined Event Championships
- Penelope Viola (S2, 1R10) has taken part to the Scottish Schools Fencing Championships 2025 and placed second in the Under 14 women foil. She is therefore the runner up the 2025 Scottish championship

- U15 girls football team won their final game of the season 11-1 against Trinity. They were also presented with the trophy for winning the league. Photo attached.
- Freya Ballantine (S6) was awarded the captaincy of the Scotland U16 Girls Hockey Team and led them to a series victory against Ulster in Belfast at the weekend. They were undefeated across three days, winning all three games. Photos attached.
- Hollie Davanna (S4) has been selected to represent Scotland BGC (Boys and Girls Clubs Scotland) Football team.
- Winsy Tsui (4R1) represented Boroughmuir at the Scottish Schools Fencing Championship and won Gold at the weekend

### Staffing news

Interviews are taking place next week for a History/Modern Studies position and a PE post.

### Former Pupils

The former pupils association have launched a new newsletter, which they are keen to share with the full community. They would particularly like to draw attention to their planned summer BBQ at Canalside on June 27th. All within the Boroughmuir community are most welcome - not just former pupils!

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**Dress Code Reminder** - we are always here to help with any items, if required.

Pupils in S1-S6	
All pupils must wear	Personalisation and choice
<p>A white shirt.</p> <p>A school tie. In S6 pupils are asked to wear the S6 tie.</p> <p>Plain all <b>black</b> bottoms with no logo.</p> <p>Black (black and white if all black is not an option) shoes or trainers.</p>	<p><b>Plain black</b> jumper</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>A school branded hoodie</p> <p><b>And/or</b></p> <p>A school blazer</p>

### Parent Council Corner

Fundraising:

The fundraising team are currently focusing all efforts on the summer fair on the 21st of June. There

have been some donations given to school and by Forth Canoe Club - thank you for these, they are much appreciated and we would intend to use them for a raffle at the summer fair.

The Just Giving page remains open, noting some conversations on Facebook about this - any money raised goes directly to the school. We fund Active Schools and teachers bid for money for items they need for classes and school teams. We contributed to the wellbeing hub last year too. The requirement for this money hasn't gone away and the fundraising team have supplemented events like the cheese and wine event with Just Giving.

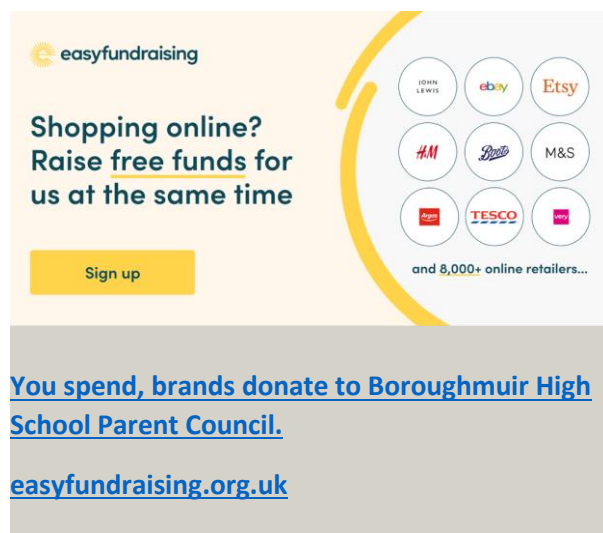
This came about because we can't hold some events at the school anymore. Holding events that involve alcohol have to be replaced and we are trying to do that, in reality they don't raise as much money and we are going to have to rent somewhere at a cost to hold the event.

We can make sure the school has some income from Just Giving and Easy Fundraising and parents can contribute if they want to. Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

Here are the links:

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

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

A banner for Easy Fundraising. On the left, it says 'easyfundraising' with a logo, followed by 'Shopping online? Raise free funds for us at the same time' and a yellow 'Sign up' button. On the right, there's a grid of retailer logos including John Lewis, eBay, Etsy, HM, Debenhams, M&S, Argos, Tesco, and Next, with the text 'and 8,000+ online retailers...' below them. At the bottom, it says 'You spend, brands donate to Boroughmuir High School Parent Council.' and 'easyfundraising.org.uk'.

[Future Parent Council meetings](#)

Next year's dates to be finalised.

Many thanks,

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