Head Teacher Weekly Update – 20.06.25

Dear all,

It has been wonderful welcoming our P7s this week, during their 3 day visit. They were ably supported by groups of our current pupils. All involved really encapsulated our school values of being inclusive, resilient and respectful. I am looking forward to all the adventures and experiences well being week will bring next week. Just a reminder that we finish at lunch time next Thursday for the Summer holiday.

What is happening this week in school

- Ms Dunlop visited Sky Academy with her N5 Media class. They created a news report on teenage drinking, and were filmed and interviewed by STV. Watch their video here -<u>https://youtu.be/xKPkeGDY9Pk</u>
- There was a wonderful celebration of all the media work created by our young people as part of the journey within media.
- Mr Lynch had pupils out at the Minecraft Education Build League Finals day <u>Minecraft Education</u> <u>Build League Finals Day – Edinburgh Learns Digital</u>
- We are very excited for the School Summer Fayre tomorrow it looks warm and sunny! There has been a huge amount of work from our pupils in organising. We are proud to be part of the Canal festival and excited for the joy, and unpredictability, that Brufts can bring. Please remember to bring cash on the day and your sun screen. Flyer attached.
- Final assemblies of the year.

Your qualifications update - shared by Mr Hayes

Please find a link to the results guidance from SQA. Results day is Tuesday 5 August 2025. <u>Your results -</u> <u>Support and guidance - SQA</u>

Staff will be available in school to support any students who need to be re-coursed on Wednesday 6th August. These meetings are by appointment only, please phone the school office to make an appointment. Guidance staff will also be available for re-coursing on Tuesday 12th August (in-service day).

Students who have a concern about their result may be able to appeal. This asks the SQA to check your exam. Your mark may go down as well as up. Students should speak to their teacher first and then apply themselves using the link above. Students who need this done urgently for university entry should contact the school office on Wednesday the 6th August to get advice.

Skills Development Scotland results helpline

0808 100 8000

Opening hours:

- Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 August, 08:00 20:00 (UK time)
- Thursday 7 and Friday 8 August 09:00 17:00 (UK time)

If students are not sure about their next steps and need help to explore their options, SDS's expert careers advisers are at the end of the phone to help them and their parents or carer

COLLEGE CLEARING EVENT – Thursday 7th August

Edinburgh College will be hosting a College Clearing Day on the 7 August between 10am and 2pm at their Sighthill Campus. This will give students the chance to discuss their options after SQA results are issued. More details to follow on the College website <u>www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk</u>

Pupil success

- The S1 Boys football team lost 2-1 to Trinity, in the rain, last Saturday morning, in the final of the League cup final. To reach two cup finals in their first season playing together is a huge achievement.
- Rory Beattie ran an excellent race to win silver in 1,500m Boys C at Scottish Schools Championships on Saturday. A new pb 4:21.3. Photo attached.
- Fraser Black and Theo Miller represented the school in the ESMS Murrayfield Schools Invitational Golf Tournament. Theo was runner up in the under 15 Net Competition, Fraser won both the 15 and over net competition and the putting competition.

Staffing news

- Modern Studies and History fixed term position has been filled by Rachel Laird
- SfL fixed term vacancy will be filled by Sonia Howden-Glasgow
- Interviews for PE have been taking place this week.

Family Support

Please see attached for some ideas regarding some ideas for Summer activities.

You never know how the British weather will go! Will it rain? Will it shine? Either way, we have plenty going on across the city this summer holidays for the whole family to enjoy. You can find a list of free and low-cost activities to do during the summer holidays on the Family Holiday Activities webpage of the Support for Families website. The City of Edinburgh council are updating the webpage all the time, so please keep checking back in for new activities.

https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/family-activities/whats-families-holidays

Please see the attached NHS service to mop up any vaccinations missed.

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
A white shirt.	
A school tie. In S6 pupils are asked to wear the S6	Plain black jumper
tie.	Or
	A school branded hoodie
Plain all black bottoms with no logo.	And/or
	A school blazer
Black (black and white if all black is not an option) shoes or trainers.	

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:

<u>Help raise £750 to Support our parent council to provide much needed clubs, activities and resources within</u> <u>our whole school community. – JustGiving Crowdfunding</u>

justgiving.com

You spend, brands donate to Boroughmuir High School Parent Council.

easyfundraising.org.uk

Future Parent Council meetings

Next year's dates to be finalised.

Many thanks,

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