

Head Teacher Weekly Update 26.06.25

Dear all,

I am finding it hard to believe that this is my final weekly update of the school year. What a week it has been! I am so impressed by the unbelievable amount of work that goes in from all staff, including our brilliant admin team in the office, to offer opportunities for all our pupils in S1-S3 to experience wider curricular opportunities. The breadth of opportunities, the trips and excursions, and the input from organisations like Humanutopia, adds such important breadth and depth to the learner experience. I hope all of our senior pupils have been enjoying a productive week of work experience.

Brufts and the School Fair was an incredible success last Saturday. Many thanks to so many of you for coming along and helping. It was also wonderful to be supported by two of our local MPs, who helped out on the Boroughmuir Burger stand.

On a personal note, thank you so much for all your support as I have navigated my first year here as headteacher. This is an incredible school, with such a dedicated and hardworking team of staff, enacting and modelling our school values of respect, resilience, and inclusion. I have loved getting to know the full community this year, and getting to see, day after day, what phenomenal young people attend this school. It is such a privilege to be headteacher of this incredible school community. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Summer.

What is happening this week in school

- Well Being Week
- Trips to London, Iona and Benmore, returning today.
- Our First Tech Challenge Championship finalists are off to London today, for the final in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
- Latest Boroughmuir Chronicle

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/c6CxUmEdiR43vSM3?ref=email&loc=play>

Your qualifications update - shared by Mr Hayes - repeat from last week

Please find a link to the results guidance from SQA. Results day is Tuesday 5 August 2025. [Your results - Support and guidance - SQA](#)

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 www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk

Pupil success

- Andrew Porteous (currently 3R2) has completed his first solo flight in a glider after many hours of instruction and study - photos attached

Staffing news

- New permanent PE teacher - Duncan Jarvie
- New fixed term PE teacher - Fraser Hudson

Family Support - there is quite a lot of information here that some families might find helpful over the Summer

Support for Healthy Heads - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10532/wellbeing-edinburgh>

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>

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

Parent Council Corner

Fundraising:

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

Future Parent Council meetings

Tuesday 16th September – Hybrid

Wednesday 12th November – Teams

Tuesday 20th January – Teams

Wednesday 6th May – hybrid.

Many thanks,

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