

Head Teacher Weekly Update – 30.05.25

Dear all,

I thoroughly enjoyed my first Boroughmuir High School sports day. The weather was perfect and I thought the whole day encapsulated our school values of respect, inclusion and resilience. Thanks again to everyone involved. Congratulations to Montpelier again for their victory!

We are really looking forward to the return of our seniors next week and the start of our new timetable, a great time to revisit expectations and values of the school. Thank you, as always, for supporting the dress code below and our expectations with regards mobile phones. Our policy remains consistent in that they are not allowed at all, and should not be seen, during learning times. We really appreciate conversations you have at home around this, and asking your child to keep phones zipped away in their bags. Medical needs, such as diabetes, are exempt of course. Remember, smart phones are not required for school.

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 tie.	Plain black jumper
	Or
Plain all black bottoms with no logo.	A school branded hoodie
	And/or
Black (black and white if all black is not an option) shoes or trainers.	A school blazer

What is happening this week in school

- Preparations for the new timetable. All pupils will receive their new timetable during registration, so punctuality will be especially helpful on Monday. There will be changes in August, as new staff and probationers join the school. Monday is an induction day for our S5 and S6. Information has already gone home regarding this, but there is a reminder below.
- S3 reports being completed and plan to be released for parents and carers next week.
- Last week of the Enhanced Transition/Positive Start programme for our new S1.
- The French Exchange trip has returned. Our German Exchange partners are visiting this week. There was a Ceilidh On Wednesday and a trip to St Andrews yesterday.
- Despite unexpected injury to one of the performers, there was a theatre trip to the Traverse for a sizeable group of our S1 pupils.
- Plans for School Summer Fayre on-going.

- Staff first aid training for staff today.
- Final preparations for the Award ceremony on Thursday June 5th.

Plans for induction days

S5 new timetable Monday 2nd June - message from Mr Hayes

Well done for all your hard work over the past few months. Here is the key information for the new timetable (the detail is group called home and on your year group Teams)

- You return to school on Monday 2nd June at 8.32.
- Registration is as normal; you will collect your timetables at registration from your registration teacher.
- Induction takes place in workshops during Monday morning. You will finish at lunchtime.
- Your leadership class options will be chosen on Tuesday Period 1.
- Normal lessons then continue on Tuesday.
- College June Induction will take place on the 3rd, 5th, 10th and 12th of June from 1:30pm-3:30pm. (except Psychology, Intro, Langs, lates)
- Work experience is on 23rd June to 29th June
- Course changes on August 12th (tbc)

S6 Induction - from Mrs Paterson

We are looking forward to seeing the new S6 on **Monday 2 June** for their first morning of induction. This will be held at **Napier University Craiglockhart Campus from 08:45-12:30**. Pupils will be issued with their new S6 timetables at the end of the morning. A letter with further information was group called to all parents/carers last week.

Pupil success

- Shreyas Tekale (5R4) has been selected to represent Scotland in the U17 National Cricket Winter Squad.
- Marguerite Glend plays club hockey with WHC. Her team has won the U14 (A) league and the Scottish U14's Club Cup.
- Three of the Boroughmuir S3 hockey boys have been selected to play in the Scottish Hockey Inter-district Tournament for East (Lorcan Morrison) and South (Bram Dorman and Oscar Cobham). Great achievement for all three as it's very competitive! Photo attached.
- Edie Wilkie, Izzy Moon and Amber Hastie (S1) have been working for the past couple of months to design an app to solve a problem. Their idea has been selected as a finalist in the Apps for Good Showcase where they will have the opportunity to pitch their app idea to a panel of industry experts. Their idea has been chosen in competition against schools all

across the UK so this is a fantastic achievement for the team. They will be pitching their app idea called Childemic, an app to support children with long-term illnesses who stay frequently in hospital to stay engaged with school, on Thursday 19th June.

- After participating in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators, through our World Languages and Cultures Club, Sean Gatenby (S5) has received a commendation for his translation work.

Staffing news

- Mrs Kustra has started her maternity leave this week. Wishing her all the very best!
- Ms Tench was successful in securing the full time permanent English post.
- Interviews for Modern Languages were completed on Wednesday.
- Interviews for positions in HFT and RMPS have also been happening this week.
- Probationer names have been confirmed and shared with relevant faculties.

Further supports for parents and carers

- Edinburgh Partner Support Partnerships - Umbrella Hubs - Information from Children First - We are excited to share with you information on the **Edinburgh Family Support Partnership (EFSP) – Umbrella Hubs**. This new service provides early help within local communities where families can access a range of services to support their family's needs. All families also have free access to wrap around support from the Children First support line, where they can also receive financial wellbeing support and guidance.

To access the EFSP-Umbrella Hubs families can simply pop along to one of our hubs (please see QR code) or they can give the Children first Support line a call or use the web chat function where support can be provided, if further assistance is needed families will be connected into the EFSP – Umbrella Hubs. All the information is in the attached flyer.

Parent Council Corner

Fundraising:

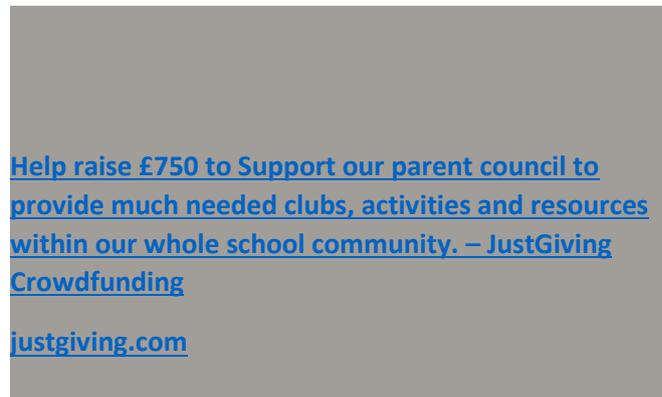
The planned cheese and wine night has unfortunately been cancelled. The logistics proved too difficult for the event to be held outside school. We do intend to have another event in the future. The fundraising team will now focus all efforts on the summer fair on the 21st of June. There have been some 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.

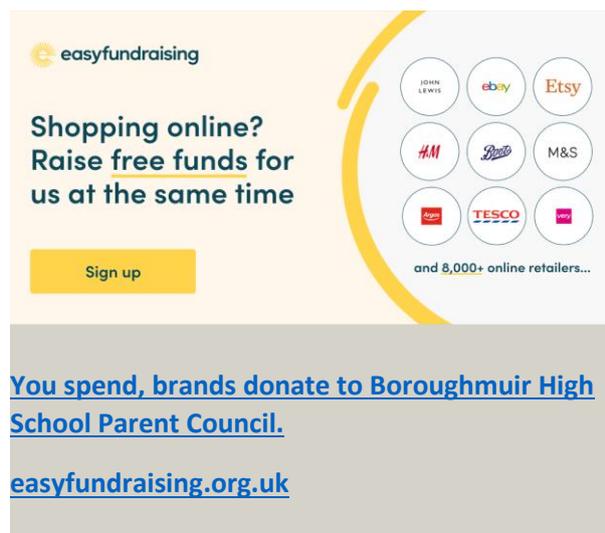
This came about because we can't hold some events at the school anymore. Holding events that involve alcohol have to be replaced and we are trying to do that, in reality they don't raise as much money and we are going to have to rent somewhere at a cost to hold the event.

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



easyfundraising

Shopping online?
Raise free funds for us at the same time

Sign up

and 8,000+ online retailers...

Logos for retailers: John Lewis, eBay, Etsy, HM, Debenhams, M&S, Argos, Tesco, and ASDA.

[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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