

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are managing to enjoy some of this late September sunshine as we head towards October. It has been a busy week in school this week and the bulletin reflects this. This week marks our first set of tracking reports being sent home. We send three tracking reports home for each pupil every year, plus a parent and carer consultation evening, to keep families updated with progress.

What is happening this week in school

European day of Languages

Please see the update below from Ms Purkiss

There was a wonderful pupil led celebration in the Assembly Hall for European Day of Languages. There was music, they created their own decorations, designed games and quizzes, and brought in a variety of traditional dishes, many of which they'd made themselves for others to sample! One pupil (Michelle) even wore traditional dress, which added such a lovely touch to the atmosphere. It was wonderful to see how proudly the students celebrated their heritage and the languages and cultures they're passionate about. The younger pupils were really engaged too. Many of them learned something new, which was fantastic to see!

We had stalls for all the following countries:

1. Greece
2. Catalonia
3. Uruguay
4. Lithuania
5. Korea
6. France
7. Germany
8. Turkey
9. Spain (Spanish and Catalan)
10. Switzerland
11. Brazil
12. Belgium
13. Austria

14. South Africa (Afrikaans)

15. Italy

These were some senior pupils involved in organising the day –

1. Saif Ahmed
2. Kemal Aksahin
3. Shaniah Barretto
4. Elsa Beard
5. Caroline Brodie
6. Lucy Crosbie
7. Emma Duncan
8. Matthew Esser
9. Sean Gatenby
10. Sylvie Green
11. Imogen Liddell
12. Iggy Lanza Ruiz
13. Evan Marwick
14. Sasha Nelson
15. Christina Polydorides
16. Athena Robertson
17. Alexandra Seliantis
18. Lukas Simaska
19. Colours Wong
20. Kieran Wenceslau
21. Michelle Yoon

Girls' Rugby Performance Day at Boroughmuir Rugby Club – Mr Anderson

On the 19th of Sept, Boroughmuir Rugby Club hosted a fantastic Girls' Rugby Performance Day, welcoming players from both Boroughmuir and James Gillespie's. A total of 26 girls took part in what was an energetic, challenging, and highly rewarding day.

The event kicked off with a strength and conditioning session, led by the women's S&C coach, Tilly. Her great energy and enthusiasm ensured the girls were fully engaged, taking on a tough but enjoyable workout to set the tone for the day.

After a short break, the girls headed pitch-side for a rugby skills session led by George Stephens, our club coach who now also supports the school rugby programme part-time. The focus was on key fundamentals—passing, movement, and tackle technique—with George's excellent delivery helping the girls develop confidence and sharpen their skills.

The day concluded with a full-pitch match, giving the players the chance to put everything they had learned into practice. This match play was a real highlight, showcasing the progress made and the enthusiasm the girls brought to the game.

A huge thank you to Boroughmuir Rugby Club for their support in hosting this event, and also to the school for recognising the value of wider achievement through sport and prioritising this important aspect of teaching. With days like this, the future of the girls' game looks very exciting, and it is brilliant to see participation and passion continue to grow.

What's Happening This Week

- Senior tracking issued to families
- European Day of Languages – see separate post
- School visit by Danish colleagues and students - thanks to Ms Bloomer for organising
- Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday 26th Sept, – many thanks to Mrs Kelly for organising.
- Professional learning session this afternoon, focused on digital learning, which will involve colleagues from across our learning community.

Pupil Success

Ben Cramer's Higher short film "I'm fine" has been selected as a finalist at the Scottish youth film festival. The festival is on 3rd October

Thanks to support from parents, we had representation at the Scottish Schools MTB Championship at Comrie Croft by Crieff, a competition with nearly 500 kids in attendance.

The following pupils were brilliant ambassadors for the school:

S1/2

Ruaridh Cook 11th

Alasdair Doherty 44th

Brodie Deas 79th

Gregor Logie 89th

S3/4

Murray Kirkhope 68th

Samuel Haagenrud-Linnett 90th

Sandy Gallivan 91st

Edgar Lithgow 97th

Alumni Newsletter

Please click here to access the latest brilliant Alumni newsletter. It is full of fascinating articles, past and present, about the school.

[Boroughmuir Alumni Newsletter](#)

Exam timetable is published

[Exam timetable and learner apps - SQA](#)

The SQA website is an important place to find out information about your exams. You should check this and also look at the information about supporting study.

All the school's study resources are also on the school website and on TEAMS in the year group sections.

Damian Hayes

Depute Headteacher

Musical Celebration of the 45th Anniversary of The Eric Liddell Community - repeat

We are really excited to be part of this celebration. Our school community has worked closely with the Eric Liddell community and this relationship supports much of our intergenerational work that pupils are involved with. It would be lovely to welcome parents and carers to this event.

We would like to invite you to a special evening marking the 45th anniversary of The Eric Liddell Community, featuring musical performances by pupils from James Gillespie's and Boroughmuir High Schools.

Date: 30th October 2025, 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Address: James Gillespie's High School, 120 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh EH9 1DD

Dress Code: Casual

For the past 45 years, The Eric Liddell Community (formerly the Eric Liddell Centre) has provided vital support to people living with dementia, unpaid carers and has served as a welcoming community hub.

To mark this milestone, we are inviting our community, friends, and supporters of The Eric Liddell Community to come together for an evening of celebration and music.

This will include a non-alcoholic welcome reception, an opportunity to network with members of The Eric Liddell Community, partners, and friends, and then enjoy diverse musical performances by the pupils.

This is a free event, and all are welcome. [Reserve your ticket via Eventbrite](#)

Parent Council Corner

Parent Council Update - 26 September 2025

This week we were represented at the City of Edinburgh Council's parental consultation committee colloquially referred to as the CCWP. (<https://tinyurl.com/yuym82wr>).

There was an update on the consultation process on mobile phones in schools which will start next year. Our Digital and ASN Subgroups will be watching this with interest and if you would like to get involved in this process, please get in touch.

I hope to be able to publish the minutes from our September AGM in the next week or so but we continue to have a number of opportunities to get involved, particularly to lead our communications and engagement efforts. If you would like more information on these, please drop me an email to chair@boroughmuir-pc.co.uk.

Best wishes,

Karen Galloway

Interim Chair, Boroughmuir Parent Council

Parent Council Meetings	
Wednesday 12th November 2025	In person
Tuesday 20th January 2026	On-line
Wednesday 6th May 2026	In Person in school and Online

Many thanks,

Kate Fraser

Headteacher

Boroughmuir High School

