

Head Teacher Weekly Update 19.12.25

Dear all —

It is quite hard to believe that this is my last headteacher's update of 2025. It has been a wonderful week in school. The pupil led drama show on Tuesday and Wednesday evening was phenomenal. The highly competitive Christmas Doors competition has reached climax. The standards this year were incredibly high. We also delivered the foodbank donations from the school to the Edinburgh Food Bank Project (photo attached). We also had confirmation from the Scottish Love in Action Charity of our donation of £647.73, collected by our Diwali committee of pupils during our school celebrations of Diwali.

Thank you for all your support this year. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas.

What's happening this week:

- S1 and S3 tracking reports released
- Drama Show
- Judging of Christmas Doors

Study Skills

Please find attached the PowerPoint from the recent study skills evening. This will also go onto the school website.

Fundraising for Papyrus

Hamish O'Hara did a brilliant job at the S1-S4 assemblies this week, inviting students to participate in the Edinburgh Marathon Festival (EMF) to raise money for Papyrus. This fundraising event has been set up in memory of one of our pupils, Zac Khalifah. This was discussed in smaller groups with our S5 and S6.

About Papyrus: Papyrus is a national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people. More information about the charity can be found [here](#).

Assembly Focus: The sign up link is below.

- EMF signup: <https://www.edinburghmarathon.com/>

Alumni Newsletter

Please see a link to the latest newsletter from our hugely supportive former pupils.

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Pupil Success - updates from parents, carers and coaches.

Rugby - Boroughmuir RFC Under 18s Boys Team won the Scottish Youth Cup Final at Murrayfield on Sunday, defeating Ayr RFC 29-14 in a closely fought game. The team played tremendously well and were buoyed by some fantastic support. There were 4 Boroughmuir High School pupils involved in the final squad (Cal Cunningham, Archie Stewart, Jack McRae (All S6) and Eli McNair (S5) as well as a number of other players in the squad who contributed across the season (Torin Reid, Robbie Spence, Iggy Lanza, Finlay Cadger, Kyle Watters and Alexander McPhie).

It was great to see so many Boroughmuir parents, staff and pupils supporting the team.

Cricket - Shreyas Tekale [6R4], has been selected for the Scotland U19 cricket squad for the upcoming ICC U19 Cricket World Cup. He will be representing Scotland at the tournament to be held in Zimbabwe.

Football - The S4 Boys Football team won the local derby against James Gillespie's on Saturday morning - it was a brilliant team performance and the coaches & parents were delighted with the way the lads played and how they represented the school - it was great to see them play as a true team to win an important match.

Short Match Report:

Congratulations to the S4 boys football team, led by their captain Jamie, who won the local "Bruntsfield Derby" against James Gillespie's on Saturday morning at Meggetland. It was a great team performance with goals from Murray, Aaron and Fiontan and a brilliant controlled defensive performance in the second half to see the game out and get the win for Boroughmuir. Special shout out to Alec and Hector for deputising in goals and also to Gregor and Donald for two brilliant defensive performances against the strong fast Gillespie's wingers! All round it was a brilliant team performance to finish 2025 – well done to the whole squad !

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CyberFirst Girls competition. Our winning team of Nia Evans, Zicky Zhou and Natalie Cheuk visited the Scottish Parliament to be awarded their prize. Please see the photo attached.

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Former Pupils Burns Supper, supported by the Parent Council and School

Message from the FPs *'Our Annual Burns Supper will be on 23rd January 2026. If you would like to join us on this occasion, it would be helpful if you could reserve your ticket(s) to enable us to finalise arrangements. The booking details are on the attached poster (payment methods will be sent to you on 12th January). We do hope to see you on the 23rd'*.

Parent and Carer Information

Please see attached an on-line safety event for parents and carers in January.

Parent Council Corner

Parent Council Update

Papers for our meeting on January 21st will be circulated in the first week of the new term in January. This is an important meeting as we will be joined by a number of Councillors. In order to ensure we manage this meeting well, we will be seeking questions in advance both via email and the parent community Facebook group which can be found [here](#).

We are also at the planning stages for our Wine Tasting which is a key fundraiser in our calendar. We are hoping this will take place in March at Canalside. This will need additional help both in planning and on the night. If you would like to get involved, drop us an email.

The FPA Burns Supper will take place on 23 January at Canalside and it would be great to see some parents and our senior pupils at this event. It promises to be a great fun night. More information is available on the FPA website [here](#).

We seem to be experiencing some issues with our email so please bear with us and route any queries through karen@xenosophy.com.

Finally, I wish you and your families a very restful and happy Christmas and look forward to creating more engagement opportunities for parents in 2026.

Best wishes

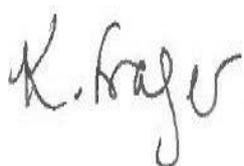
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Parent Council Meetings	
Wednesday 21st January 2026	In person
Wednesday 6th May 2026	In Person in school and Online

Many thanks,



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