

# Kelso High School

## Message from the Chairperson

Oh my goodness what a month it has been!! I feel I am a little late getting this newsletter out to you all, it has just been a crazy month for me. We held our AGM at the start of the month which went super well. I have been kept on for another year as Chairperson for the Parent Council so I am so very grateful for that, thank you to everyone who has supported me. We have a wonderful new Treasurer Avril Marriot, so very thankful she has taken on this role and can't wait to start planning and working on how we can push forward the fundraising of the Parent Council Lottery. Suzanne Cowe has very kindly stayed on as Clerk which is the best news as I'm not sure where we would all be without all of her hard work and keeping us right on everything.

We are hoping to hold a planning meeting sometime soon to discuss how we can move forward with the Parent Council and how we can make sure we are being inclusive to all families. Below are just some of the things we would like to change and make happen in the near future:

- Updating the KHS website with more information regarding the Parent Council
- Create an up to date Information leaflet to be given to all new starts/new families with a lot more helpful information about Kelso High School and its local community
- Promote the Parent Council Lottery which helps to fund all the school clubs etc with equipment and trips, anything they really need help with.
- Setting up dates for our Coffee & Chat with families to discuss any issues
- Setting up a rota for the Newsletter
- Setting up dates for the coming year for all of our Parent Council meetings etc

I have a few names of people who are already willing to help set these things up but if you would like to help in anyway please do hesitate to get in touch through the Parent Council email, it would be lovely to hear from you.



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I have been busy doing my best to set up a Local Parent Council Community Group to consist of all Parent Councils in the Kelso area; KHS, Broomlands, Edenside, Ednam, Sprouston, Yetholm and Morebattle. My aim is to be of help to each other and work more as a community rather than individual schools in regards to pulling resources to help each other out better. We are going through such a difficult time at the minute and I would prefer us all to be looking out for each other more and if we are able to help another school / Parent Council then we have the ability to do so. Times are hard enough we should be able to work as a community rather than suffer ourselves. Please if anyone would like to help with this I would very much appreciate it thank you.

I am still attending all of the SBC Chair Forums which have been every two weeks to find out more information for us all about what is happening. The last meeting was all about a new app that they trying to make available to all families which will help with Home Schooling if we were to move into Plan B which we all now have information on. At our next Parent Council Meeting I will be showing slides on this app which you can use on any device and will be so much easier for teachers and families to communicate regarding school work. I feeling very positive about this and I know it will make a huge difference on communication within schools and homes. It is called "Showbie" please get in touch if you would like more information, I will be talking about this at our next parent council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Finally I would like to let you all know I have taken the position as the Scottish Borders Representative for the National Parent Forum Scotland. I took this position so I could hopefully be our voice within the Parent Forum and I would be able to help our families within the Scottish Borders be heard. I want to be able to make a difference for you all and help with any issues you may be having. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss, I am always here to help.

There was also a new Leadership Team elected within the National Parent Forum Scotland. Click [here](#) to all information please take a look and read through some of what the parent forum is all about.



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Thanks again for all your support and please do get in touch with us, we can only help with any issues if you tell us what's going on. Please don't suffer in silence, please don't sit at home and worry, get in touch either through the email or contact me directly. I am here for all families and will do my very best to give you the resources or information you need.

Take care, stay safe, look after each other and BE KIND!

**Gemma Douglas - PC Chair**

## Next KHS Parent Council Meeting - Tuesday 06/10/20 @7.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking [here](#)

Meeting ID: 965 3380 8062

Passcode: 243725



Minutes from the recent AGM and previous meetings can be found on the KHS website or follow the below link:

<https://www.kelsohighschool.org.uk/parent-council/>



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