

Hi Everyone,

Would you like to find out more about being involved in Friends of Duns Primary School? Scottish Borders Council are running several sessions that cover different aspects of parent councils and PTAs (FDPS covers both of these functions for Duns PS). The sessions are for those already involved but importantly will also be of interest to those of you considering becoming involved. The details are:

**Tues 25th Feb - 6.30 - 8.30pm, Duns Primary School**

Parent Council Essentials

Fun, fast and interactive, this is a whistle-stop tour of Parent Councils – how they work, what they can get involved in and what they can't. This session will give you lots of ideas for things you can do and help you work out the best ways to be an effective Parent Council. You'll go away with food for thought, good contacts and ideas too.

**Tues 11th March - 6.30 - 8.30pm, Berwickshire HS**

Focus on Communications

Learn all about communicating with your parent forum:

Methods of communication

New ways of communicating with your parent forum

How to get the most from your surveys

If you are thinking about using social media to communicate with parents, this course is for you.

**Mon 24th Feb - 10am - midday, Galashiels Academy - run by SPTC (Scottish Parent Teacher Council)**

The role office bearers and committee members

This session is a must for all office bearers or those who are considering taking up office in the future, and for other committee members who are not sure about their own role and what to expect from fellow parent council members.

Please note - SBC have offered organise this course again on an evening, if there is demand - let me know if you'd like me to request this - I think SBC are open to other venues, eg Duns, again dependent on demand.

SBC has asked that places for these sessions are booked in advance - if you'd like to attend please let me know.

Finally, if you have any questions please contact Julie, Lesley or myself.

Best wishes,

Jacqui Bennett  
Secretary, FDPS