Welcome to North Berwick High School’s Life After School event.

Those of us who are privileged enough to work in education genuinely believe that school is a great place to be – we see young people developing their skills, enjoying their learning, and maturing over the years. Ironically, then, one of our greatest pleasures is seeing those young people leave school. When pupils set off to college or university, to an apprenticeship or their first full-time job, we have achieved one of our main aims: our pupils embarking on life after school with a positive destination in sight.

But we can’t achieve that aim on our own: the pupils themselves need to be committed to their learning and resilient in the face of difficulties; parents must be supportive, while also encouraging their children to be independent.

We need the expertise of our partners outwith school, too, and that’s what the Life After School event is all about. There are so many choices available to young people when they leave school and finding a way through that maze can be confusing. Life After School gives the young people of NBHS and their parents an opportunity to explore options. Professionals will provide advice and guidance to help young people make informed decisions about their future.

So do make the most of this opportunity: speak to as many people as you can, be inquisitive, gather lots of information. Tonight may just take you that step closer to a happy and rewarding life after school!

Lauren Rodger

Head Teacher
Name
Niall Bradley

Job
Head of Recruitment
Student Recruitment & Admissions

Biography

Worked in Higher Education recruitment & admissions for last 20 years in a number of Scottish Universities. Keen to ensure that students make informed choices about Higher Education.

Recommended resources

www.ed.ac.uk/studying
www.saas.gov.uk

Presentation

Can speak on a range of topics, from general advice on choosing and applying for University to specific information on Edinburgh University.

Email: niall.bradley@ed.ac.uk
Name
Mick Burns

Job
Careers Adviser

Biography

After leaving school I trained as an architectural technician but moved on to a degree course in psychology. I followed this up with the usual array of graduate building site/various jobs and then completed my postgraduate Diploma in Careers Guidance in 1995. Since qualifying, I have worked with career services in West Lancashire, Edinburgh, West and Midlothian before arriving here in East Lothian in 2000. I provide careers advice, information and guidance to a wide range client groups, the largest of which is the senior school cohort in school.

Presentation

My session will allow you to use an online careers tool we have at North Berwick and will be used by all S4, 5 and 6 in the next academic session. So, if you are interested in creating your personal profile, generating career ideas and linking these to possible study options this session may interest you.

Recommended resources

www.myworldofwork.co.uk
www.planitplus.net
www.ucas.com
www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk
www.sruc.ac.uk
edubuzz.org/careers

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Company website
www.myworldofwork.co.uk
Biography

Have worked for Scottish Government for 15 years and have spent the majority of that time in a variety of posts in SAAS.

Recommended resources

www.saas.gov.uk

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Higher education challenges students to develop new learning strategies compared to what they will have used at high school. In particular, degree-level study places a greater emphasis on independent learning, combined with a wider variety of teaching and assessment modes. Undergraduates might also experience a less hierarchical relationship with tutors and may find that working with peers contributes greatly to academic success. Drawing on range a different disciplines and institutions, this presentation will outline some of the key academic transitions students can expect to make as they adapt to their new university surroundings.
Ged Lerpiniere has been Director of LEAPS for twelve years. Before that he was head of Careers at Edinburgh Napier University. He has worked as a Careers Adviser in schools and colleges in England and Scotland.

He has worked in the building trade as a tile layer, the bar trade and was a nurse for 10 years.

In his spare time he paints. www.drem-gallery.co.uk

Presentation
Short talk on who can access LEAPS services and what LEAPS can do to help those students.

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As Project Manager, I am responsible for all the youth work and all the programmes we run. I staff some of the drop-in sessions, deliver several life skills programme in partnership with North Berwick High School and I provide individual support to some of the most vulnerable pupils. I was recently runner up in Youthlink’s Youth Worker of the Year Awards. I also gained an A in HNC, Working with Communities.

Recommended resources

Our staff are our main resource and can be contacted directly by students or parents in addition to referrals from the High School.

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Name
Mark Elliott

Job
Head of Communications

Biography

Experienced communications professional.

Currently Head of Comms with RBS Business Services.

Previous roles at Standard Life, Lloyds Bank, Bank of Scotland, Levi Strauss & Co and BP.

Roles across Internal Communication, Media Relations, Strategic Communications, Executive Communication, Marketing Comms.

Company website
www.rbs.com

Presentation

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Biography

Alan has over 15 years experience of working in the recruitment industry and for the last 5 years has been specialising in executive level recruitment across all sectors including financial services, industry, education and other public sector bodies.

A graduate of the University of Birmingham Alan’s career has included spells within local government and management consultancy before entering the recruitment industry.

Alan now heads up the executive search practice for Eden Scott Ltd, a leading independent Scottish recruitment company based in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Recommended resources

There are many on-line tools suggesting how to create a CV. Some you have to pay for and others you don’t.

Find a format that suits your style on-line and then re-create using your own Word or pdf document

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