

Parent Update – Friday 1 February 2019

Parental Engagement Strategy Survey

East Lothian Council are seeking to evaluate the impact of the 2017 parental engagement strategy. This is being done by means of a survey which can be accessed on our school website or by copy and pasting this link to your browser:

<https://edubuzz.limequery.org/index.php/482392/lang-en>.

The strategy document can be read either on the school website or by copy and pasting this link to your browser:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/12712/parental_engagement_strategy.

If you have any difficulties accessing either of these links, please contact us at communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk and we will forward the links to you directly.

Feedback from this evaluation will be extremely helpful to the school, so it would be much appreciated if you could take the time to complete the survey.

As the survey results will be collated on a school basis, if you have children at different schools a separate survey will need to be carried out for each school, however if you have more than one child at the same school, only one survey will be necessary.

DYW Jobs Roadshow

We have a number of places available to senior pupils who wish to attend this year's DYW Jobs Roadshow on Wednesday 6 March at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh. Pupils will have the opportunities to meet employers advertising live jobs, apprenticeships and intern opportunities across a variety of industries. We have arranged for free travel to and from this event. Pupils who would like to attend should complete this survey by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/juxFKC18vCJpINTN2> If you have any difficulties accessing this link, please contact us at communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk and we will forward the link to you directly.

Malawi Expedition Parents' Information Evening - Wednesday 6 February

There will be a parents' information evening for S3 and S4 students interested in the **2020 Expedition to Malawi** on Wednesday 6 February, at 6.30 pm in the assembly hall. Pupils who would like more information should speak to Mr Ferriman or Ms Prete.

Senior Phase Learner Pathways Evening – Monday 25 February

Our Senior Phase Learner Pathways evening is taking place on Monday 25 February at 6.30 pm in the assembly hall. This is particularly aimed at parents and carers of S3 pupils - who have not been through the senior phase course choosing process before - but parents and carers of all the senior phase year groups are welcome. We will give more details about the event next week.

S3 Humanities Pupils Debate Proposed Bill

Last week, the S3 Humanities pupils were visited by Iain Clark from the Scottish Parliament to discuss the proposed Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill. This bill is a significant piece of human rights legislation and if passed will end the physical punishment of children by parents and carers. This week, the pupils have further considered the proposed bill in class; asking questions and having an open discussion. The pupils put a lot of thought into their opinions and responses, which were very mature. These responses will now be anonymously shared with the Equalities and Human Rights Committee at the Scottish Parliament.

Follow the Parent School Partnership (PSP) on Twitter!

If you use Twitter, hopefully you already follow us @NorthBerwickHS, but did you know that you can now keep up to date with the Parent School Partnership @NorthberwickhsP ? The PSP represents the voice of the Parent Forum and will use the feed to share information and updates and receive feedback from you.

Dress Code – Congratulations to S1!

Well done to our S1 cohort, who demonstrated a very high standard of dress code during checks this week. S2 dress code checks will be carried out during registration next week.

Library Update – Overdue and Damaged Books

A plea from our librarian to encourage pupils to search out any overdue library books they might have, as we currently have a whopping 500 books overdue, 340 of which are over 3 months out of date. All pupils with overdue books have had an email sent to their edubuzz account, so please do ask them to check and try to get any outstanding books back to the library as soon as possible.

Our librarian has also reported that many books are being returned damaged, most of them irreparably and therefore unsuitable for further lending. Since the October break approximately 25 books have had to be removed from circulation due to significant damage – this represents about £200 worth of stock. In some cases, the book has been especially ordered in from the public library system. Clearly, this is unsustainable as the library does not have the funds to replace the books, therefore if a pupil returns a book too damaged to be used again, a letter will be sent home requesting either a replacement copy of the book or the cost of a replacement. Our librarian is happy to provide a bag or plastic folder to pupils who are concerned that their books will be damaged while carrying them to and from school.

Harry Potter Quiz

Calling all Potter-Heads! There will be a Harry Potter themed quiz at lunchtime on Thursday 7 February, in the library. All year groups are invited to take part, with a maximum of 4 in each team.

Excelsior Comic Awards

After the February break, the library will be running the Excelsior Comic Awards, with the first meeting at lunchtime on the Thursday 28 February. This is the first time that the awards are being run at NBHS and it is open to all year groups.

HPV Vaccination Forms

Forms for HPV vaccinations have been handed out to all S1 girls and any catch-up pupils from other years. It is important that we receive these forms back as soon as possible and by Friday 8 February at the latest.

Should you have any queries about anything covered in this email, or any general enquiries, please contact the School at: communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk