

Parent Update – Friday 17 May 2019

May Dates for the Diary

Thursday 23 May

Curriculum Structure Information Evening

Thursday 30 May

S6 Information Evening

Sports Day - Report

We held our annual sports day this Thursday, with all pupils competing in at least one athletics event during the day. If pupils weren't participating in the track events in the afternoon, they were gaining points for their house in team building relays on the astroturf. The points gained in all the day's events go towards the House Cup and the results are as follows:



1st	Glen	872
2nd	Craig	796
3rd	Fidra	792
4th	Law	602



	S1 Girls		S1 Boys	
	A	B	A	B
80m	Caitlin John	Niamh John	Tom Mackay	Finlay Mitchell
200m	Anna Duncan	Iona Syme	Ben Hay	Archie Fletcher
800m	Grace Harley		Tom Mackay	
Long Jump	Grace Harley	Morven Cavers	Tom Mackay	Cameron MacIntyre
High Jump	Natasha Brunton	Lucy Thomas	Tom Mackay	Alex Smith
Shot Putt	Elysha Jackson	Lilia Hookway	Max Barbour	Tom Mackay
Discus	Megan Flockhart	Amy Paterson	Tom Mackay	Joe Hunter

	S2 Girls		S2 Boys	
	A	B	A	B
100m	Issy Ashall	Kristen Coley	Dylen Waldman	Finlay Jack
200m	Issy Ashall	Maja Thomson	Jo Thomas	Ruari McElroy
800m	Maja Thomson		Angus Wright	
Long Jump	Issy Ashall	Maja Thomson	Lewis Higgs	Joe Lumsden
High Jump	Issy Ashall	Alice Walter	Jo Thomas	Ruari McElroy
Shot Putt	Issy Ashall	Jaiden Smith	David O'Brien	Finlay Jack
Discus	Zuzia Olesiejuk	Maja Thomson	Korbin Sharp	Jo Thomas

We are extremely proud of all our pupils' efforts, they have been outstanding ambassadors for NBHS.

My Future East Lothian – Film Project

We have a great opportunity for some of our pupils to take the lead in the production of a film which will explore how they see living and working in their local authority and community in the future. Pupils will plan, write and develop skills in media production to produce their piece.

Our school librarian, working alongside another school's librarian and pupils, will link with partners from Queen Margaret University. QMU will provide pupils with the opportunity to engage in workshops where they can collaboratively decide the format of the work; produce a script and project manage the creation of their piece. The creative process will see pupils use their school libraries as film production offices and filming will be done within and outside of the normal school day.

The process will see pupils gain literacy skills through script and report writing, and they will also gain experience in creative and digital technologies which will impact on their life-long learning and provide skills for future workforce career pathways.

Pupils across all year groups are welcome to take part in the project, however they must be fully committed to attending meetings, workshops and creative events. Any interested pupils should come to an initial first meeting in the school library at lunchtime on Wednesday 22nd May (any senior pupils who wish to take part can email niwilson@edubuzz.org to register their interest and attend meetings after the end of exam leave).

Modern Apprenticeships - Roadworkers

Two modern apprentice posts are available and can be applied for via myjobscotland. Click on the following link for further information:

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/east-lothian-council/jobs/modern-apprentice-roadworker-154557?from=org>

Hockey Hoodies Plea



Please could all parents/carers keep an eye out for their daughters wearing a red hockey hoody and insist that they are returned to school as soon as possible. Several girls have been spotted both in school and out and about around North Berwick wearing them. These jumpers are school property and are required for the start of next season.

Thank you for your help in this matter,
Mrs Lovett

Urgent! S6 and Other Leavers - Library Books

An urgent reminder to all pupils not returning to school after study leave, to please ensure that any outstanding library books are returned as soon as possible. Pupils can check with our librarian Ms Wilson if they are unsure about whether they have any books on loan.

Curriculum Structure Information Evening, Thursday 23 May, 7pm at Law Primary School

Earlier this session, all parents and carers received a letter from Fiona Robertson, Head of Education, explaining that all East Lothian secondary schools will be moving to a common school day. North Berwick High School intends to make the move to these common timings for school days in June 2020. For us, this means a move from 27 hour-long lessons to 32 50-minute lessons each week.

This change of school day gives us an opportunity to look afresh at all aspects of our curriculum structure. We have looked outward at the curriculum structures of other high-performing schools and have consulted with teachers, pupils and the Parent School Partnership. We have also taken account of the fact that National courses no longer include three formal unit assessments, thus reducing the assessment burden for pupils.

We now have a proposed plan for the new curriculum structure - a plan which we believe will work very well in the new structure. We propose to move from six subjects in S4 to seven, and from ten subjects in S3 to nine. With 50 minute periods, S4 pupils will still have four lessons per week for each subject, and S3 pupils will now have three lessons per week for each subject rather than the current two. We would like to share our new curriculum structure with parents at an information evening on Thursday 23 May at 7.00 pm. Law Primary have generously offered to host the evening, as our school hall is occupied with exam desks.

The information evening will give us an opportunity to share the proposals in detail and to hear your thoughts, so that together we can ensure this change is managed as smoothly as possible for our children and young people.

S6 Information Evening for Parents of Pupils Currently in S5

We will be holding an S6 information evening for parents of pupils currently in S5 and moving into S6 in June, on **Thursday 30 May from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. This will be an opportunity to hear about the structure of the S6 timetable; other opportunities available to S6 pupils; the preparation that we do with our pupils for life beyond school and our expectations of our new S6 pupils. We look forward to seeing you there.

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