

Parent Update – Friday 31 May 2019

June Dates for the Diary

Monday 3 June	New timetable
Tuesday 4 June	Parent School Partnership meeting
Friday 28 June	Community Ceilidh

North Berwick High School receives the GTCS Excellence in Professional Learning Award!

I am delighted to share this news with everyone in the North Berwick High School community! We were very honoured to be nominated for this prestigious Award by Fiona Robertson, East Lothian's Head of Education. Having reviewed the nomination, the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) agreed that our submission merited a visit by a GTCS Panel. This visit took place on Tuesday 21 May and, as you will see from the attached report, it was a very rigorous process indeed. (The report has been attached to this email and is also available to view on the school website.) The Panel met many staff, pupils and partners throughout the day; their activities included hearing a presentation from the senior leadership team, visiting classes, holding twelve focus groups and reading key documentation. In recognising the school's excellence in professional learning, the Panel noted key strengths under the following headings:

1. The Professional Standards (GTCS)
2. Leadership of and for learning
3. Learning by enquiry
4. Learning that deepens knowledge and understanding
5. Learning as collaborative.

I have always known that the staff at NBHS are passionate about their own learning as well as that of their pupils; I have also always known that our young people absolutely embody our values of curiosity and diligence. It is lovely, then, to have this recognised by the GTCS Panel. I am so proud of our whole school community!

Lauren Rodger
Head Teacher

Pupil Dress Code Consultation

In preparation for the start of the new session in August 2019, we are conducting a consultation on pupil dress code. Pupils, parents and staff are invited to take part in this consultation by completing an online survey. This survey seeks to gauge opinions and thoughts on our current and future approach to dress code for pupils. We would really appreciate it if you could complete this short questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/AYGv18FeSa2Cjptz8>

The deadline for responses is Wednesday 12 June

The survey results will be shared with pupils, parents and staff in the week beginning the **17 June**. The results will be carefully examined in order to help shape the school's dress code policy; this policy will be communicated to pupils, parents and staff before the summer holiday.

New Timetable – a reminder to bring PE kit on Monday!

Could the following year groups/ classes please remember their PE kit for the start of the new timetable on Monday?

S2 Y (2C2, 2G)

S2 Z (2F2, 2L)

All S3 pupils

All pupils who chose National 4/5 and Higher PE

NBHS S6 Experience Parent Presentation

A big thank you to all new S6 parents who attended the meeting last night! The presentation is available to view on the website [here](#).

Urgent: Spanish Exchange Host Needed – 13-20 June

Unfortunately, one of the families participating in the Spanish Exchange has had to withdraw at very short notice. We are therefore looking for a host family for one visiting **female** Spanish pupil. Would you be able to help? An opportunity to visit Spain in October 2019 is open to any pupil hosting but there is no requirement for you to take part in this.

If you are able to help, please contact **Miss Breslin** or **Miss Ritchie** in Modern Languages as soon as possible.

2019-20 Session Dates – Additional In-Service Days

East Lothian Council has added two extra in service days on the following dates:

- Tuesday 22 October 2019
- Tuesday 7 January 2020

Business Education & Computing Faculty: Request for Return of Learning Resources

A reminder for senior pupils to return all resources borrowed from the faculty e.g. textbooks and Higher Accounting laminated layouts.

National Book Tokens Competition to Win £5000 for the School Library

National Book Tokens is running a competition with a top prize of £5000 worth of tokens for the school library. Please visit the [National Book Tokens website](#) and nominate North Berwick High School to be in with a chance of winning. The more people who nominate us, the more opportunity we have to win! Thank you!

Free Residential CyberFirst Courses for 14-17 year olds

CyberFirst is hosting 5 day residential courses in Paisley this summer, **all expenses paid**. Your child can develop cyber security skills and get an insight into cyber security careers. Any pupil interested in this opportunity should speak to Mr Frew in the Business & Computing Faculty as soon as possible.

NBHS Golf Invitational

A reminder about our first ever NBHS Golf Invitational, which will take place on Friday 21 June. There is still time to sign up for this event. Players should either enter via the [link](#) on the website or collect an entry form from Mr Macdonald in PE.

Community Ceilidh

As you know, we are holding a community ceilidh on Friday 28 June. We would like to celebrate pupils' successes throughout this event so we invite you to let us know of any outstanding achievements throughout the year that we may not be aware of. Please email amacdonald@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk



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