

Parent Update – Friday 23 August 2019

Attainment

We were absolutely delighted with the results of our pupils in their SQA exams this year. We saw real diligence and curiosity from almost all of them throughout last session, and we are very proud of them. Of course the results are about individual successes and disappointments, but some overall highlights from this year include:

- Impressive Higher results from S5s, who did a great job converting National 5 passes into Highers, with 81% of the year-group gaining at least 1 Higher course award, and 40% gaining 5 Highers.
- Strong S4 results, with 90% of the year-group gaining at least 1 National 5 course award, and 72% gaining 5 or more.
- Record breaking S6 results, with 47% of the year-group gaining at least 1 Advanced Higher course award and many pupils adding to their National 5 and Higher qualifications.

Parental Enquiries

Working in partnership with parents and carers is vital in ensuring that our young people have a positive and successful school experience. To that end, we welcome communication from parents and carers and we are always happy to deal with any requests, issues or concerns. We believe that positive relationships are built on courtesy, trust and respect. We ask that our parents support us with this approach to resolving any difficulties.

NBHS Careers Evening - Wednesday 25 September

We are really looking forward to our annual Careers Evening, which this year will be on 25 September, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. We have secured representation from a variety of organisations, including Lloyds Bank, Anderson Strathern, JM Architects, EY, Mercat Tours, Macdonald Hotels and many more. Last year, we had more than 300 people attending over the course of the evening – this year we want to make this event even bigger and we really hope you that can join us for a very worthwhile evening.

Higher Maths Revision Classes

Higher Maths revision classes are now running every Monday at 4pm with Mr Cox. Get ahead of the game – don't leave it until the prelims!

PTA AGM – Thursday 26 September

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Thursday 26 September, 6.45pm for a 7pm start, in the High School conference room. All are welcome, including anyone who would like to become a committee member. Not all committee members have roles, however there is one vacancy at the moment, the role of "communications co-ordinator". If you are interested in that role, or just want to help out, please get in touch with the PTA either by emailing ptanbhs@gmail.com or by messaging us via the Facebook page, NBHSPTA. Full support will be provided by a really fabulous team. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the AGM, and would be delighted to welcome any new S1 parents too.

P7 / S1 Open Afternoon – Friday 30 August

Our annual open afternoon for P7s, S1s and their families will be held from 1 -3 pm on Friday 30 August. The afternoon gives S1 families the opportunity to visit the school and meet some of the teachers in an informal way. Many classrooms will have displays of pupils' work and demonstrations of activities undertaken in that department. We look forward to seeing many of you next Friday.

S1 East Links Trip

All S1s have been handed forms for their upcoming East Links trips. Please return these as soon as possible.

Parent School Partnership AGM

The PSP AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 September, from 7pm in the Pupil Support classroom. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

S4 Pupils Take on the Fringe



Finally, congratulations to The Shoegazers, a group of NBHS S4 pupils who were lucky enough so secure a cancellation slot at Fringe by the Sea.

The band, made up of Jason Lovell, Sam Cowan, Fraser McCarter and Luke Smith, played in front of an audience of more than 300 people.

Their set included energetic covers of classics by The Fratellis, The Ramones, and The Kinks. However, the boys were also keen to show their creative ability and

played some improvised blues, as well as 3 of their own compositions.

Although the gig was free, they asked for donations to Beach Wheelchairs and raised a fantastic £350.

Following their success at the Fringe, the boys have been asked to play at Steampunk. You can catch them there on Friday 6 September from 6-7pm.



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