

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to provide you with a quick update on the Parent Council*.

No, don't stop reading please. This is important and won't take long.

The Parent Council exists to represent the view of all parent and guardians and report back to you - the Parent Forum. (We do lots more but I said this would be quick)

Last year we discussed and fed into the School and Council on a wide range of issues including

- School expansion plans
- The introduction of the common school day
- Curriculum restructure
- School value and priorities
- School uniform
- Mobile phone use
- Mental health
- Cost of the school day and trips

As budgets become ever tighter it is essential that the parent voice is heard. This school year will see the start of the building work to expand the school and I realise this will raise concerns, especially amongst those of you with children taking exams in May and June.

If there are issues you would like us to address with the school or the council then please get in touch, via email (parentcouncil@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk), our new Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/511754542944030/>) or twitter (@NBHigh_Parents)

Or come along to a meeting. These will be on:

Tuesday 1st October 2019

Wednesday 20th November 2019

Tuesday 21st January 2020

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Tuesday 28th April 2020

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Minutes of our meetings are published online via the school website.

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/parents/your-parent-council/parent-council-minutes/>

Best wishes,

Niall

*Yes we have changed our name. We used to be the Parent School Partnership – to emphasise that this is about partnership between us and the school – but the term used almost everywhere else across Scotland is Parent Council and as this is in common usage we have moved back to that name.