

Parent Update – Friday 4 October 2019

Changes to School Payment System

All parents and carers should have received a letter earlier this week, explaining that all East Lothian schools are moving to a cashless payment policy from Monday 28 October. Please use our online payment system, SchoolPay, for any payments to the school. *Please note that this does not affect the canteen's payment system – pupils are still able to bring cash in to school to add to their cards at the machines located in the canteen.* We are in the process of sending emails out to the parents and carers of those pupils not currently registered with SchoolPay, with guidance on how to access the system. If you have any queries about the SchoolPay system, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further assistance, by emailing communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Youth Philanthropy Initiative



The Youth Philanthropy Initiative this year has seen an excellent standard of presentation across the S5 year group. We were delighted to see such strong candidates competing in the event and congratulations to all our six finalist groups. Well done to winners Mairi Johnston, Jamila Sode-Woodhead, Kristina Grant and Emilee Large, who gave an excellent presentation on behalf of **Muirfield Riding Therapy**, a local charity supporting horse riding therapy for the disabled. The winning group won a £3,000 prize fund for their chosen charity, which is sure to make a big difference to MRT! Well done to all the S5 year group for their hard work and effort.

Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Two Advanced Higher History students, Ellie Robertson and Ross Eaton, have been taking part in the Lessons for Auschwitz project with the aim of becoming educational ambassadors. This has included attending seminars in Edinburgh; reflecting on what the Holocaust was and how it can be best remembered and taught. Yesterday Ellie and Ross travelled to Poland where they visited the town of Oswiecim to learn about vibrant pre-war Jewish life, before visiting Auschwitz I and Birkenau. The visit was a moving and educational experience which culminated in a memorial service at the ruins of Crematoria II, Birkenau.

Pupil Council Applications

We are looking for pupils who have some great ideas to improve the school and the drive to turn these ideas into action! We are launching our Pupil Council for this year and applications for places are now open to all year groups. The Pupil Council meets once a month to discuss ideas and make improvements to benefit everyone at NBHS. Pupils can pick up application forms in registration or from outside Mr Docherty's room, Social Subjects 7. Pupils will need one of their teachers to sign their form as a reference. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 9 October.

NBHS Battle of the Bands

Auditions for this year's North Berwick High School Battle of the Bands will be on Thursday 10 October from 4.00 – 5.30pm, with the final competition on being held on Friday 1 November from 6.30 – 9.00pm. Bands should choose one song to perform at the auditions. They will then perform two songs at the finale – either two covers or one cover and one original song. Bands must consist of two or more people. There is a sign-up sheet in the music department corridor for any bands who would like to take part. Family and friends are very welcome to join us on Friday 1 November to cheer all our talented performers along.

PTA Prize Draw

The winners in the August prize draw are Karen Jack (first prize: £50) and Alexa Hughes (second prize: £25). Congratulations to both! Thank you to everyone who already supports this valuable fundraiser. If you'd like to sign up please contact ptanbhs@gmail.com. For an annual sub of just £18 your name gets entered into 12 monthly draws, with £75 of prize money each month!

Parents' Evening Dates 2019-20

- S1 Tuesday 19 November
- S2 Wednesday 15 January
- S3 Thursday 6 February
- S4 Wednesday 19 February
- S5/6 Thursday 27 February