

Parent Update – Friday 8 November 2019

S4 Study Skills Workshop

This week all S4 pupils attended a Study Skills workshop, which was run by Support for Learning, Physics, PE, Geography and Biology staff. Pupils learned about the fundamentals of good revision habits as well as getting the opportunity to try out a variety of revision techniques. The presentation that accompanied this workshop will soon be available on the school website. It contains web links and recommendations to support pupils in the important run up to prelims and exams. A session for interested S5/6 pupils will be run next Thursday afternoon.

Remembrance



This week we held Remembrance assemblies to commemorate the fallen from World War I and all subsequent wars. Advanced Higher History students Ross Eaton, Ellie Robertson and Keir Davison joined Mrs Brownlee and Miss Anderson in telling the story of Victor Silvester, a fourteen year old boy who lied about his age in order to join the Army and serve during WWI.

Many of our pupils pinned a poppy of remembrance onto the Humanities poppy wall.

NBHS Christmas Concert Helpers & Raffle Donations

The PTA would love to have some adult helpers assisting at the Christmas Concerts, on 9th and 10th December. If you are able to support us setting up and overseeing the events, please email the PTA on ptanbhs@gmail.com. It is a lovely event, and you'll really enjoy it! In addition, we're looking for luxury donations to the hampers which are raffled on both nights. If you would be generous enough to donate wine, pickles, nice chocolates or anything else you'd imagine being delighted to receive, we'd be hugely grateful. Thank you!

Book Week Scotland

This year's Book Week Scotland is from the 18 – 24 November. To celebrate, the library is holding a Big Book Quiz for pupils on Monday 18 November at lunchtime, starting at 1.10pm, so pupils should bring their lunch. We are also running a Folded Book Art session on Thursday 21 November at lunchtime, starting at 1.15pm - all welcome to come along and join in!

Overdue Library Books

A plea from our librarian to please check for any overdue library books which might be lying forgotten on a shelf at home. There are currently 544 books on loan to pupils which are overdue, with a range of lateness from 4 days to 4 years! The total cost of late books is approaching £3500, which puts a huge strain on our library resources. It would be much appreciated if a search could be done at home, or if a pupil thinks that a book has been left in a classroom, please encourage them to let the librarian know, so a search can be undertaken. The librarian is in the process of arranging for every pupil with an overdue item to receive a reminder slip at registration. Many thanks for your help.

Hockey / Rugby Tuckshop

The hockey and rugby tuckshop is open for all home games. Based in the school social area, it is now serving freshly brewed coffee as well as tea, hot chocolate, cold drinks, home baking and snacks. So please do come along to support our amazing players and fantastic coaches while sampling some delicious home baking!

Snow-Sports Trip 2021

The Snow-Sports 2021 trip information evening for S1 parents is on Tuesday 12 November, from 7pm in the school hall.

Food Bank Christmas Collection



Pupils from 1F and 1C2 are helping to arrange a Christmas collection for the East Lothian Food Bank. If you are able, the pupils would be very grateful for donations of canned foods and packets of store cupboard goods, to ensure that those in need have a Christmas meal this year. Please find below a list of the goods that the food bank is always in need of. We have been asked, if possible, to include some Christmas themed items which can be added to the 'Jingle Bag Christmas Dinner', for instance tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, Christmas pudding and custard (no brandy sauce). The food bank would also be very grateful to receive children's selection boxes. If you would like to make a donation of any of these or the following items, pupils can hand them in to Mrs Hudson in English room 5, by Tuesday 10 December.

A typical food parcel includes:

Cereal; soup; pasta; rice; tinned tomatoes; jars of pasta sauce; lentils; beans and pulses; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tea and coffee; tinned fruit; biscuits; UHT milk; long-life fruit juice.

Non-food items food bags include:

Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes.

Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid.

Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons.

Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Forth 1 Mission Christmas

NBHS has also registered to take part in this year's Forth 1 Mission Christmas appeal, which aims to provide Christmas gifts for impoverished children in Scotland. NBHS will have a drop off point for donations in the foyer outside reception – if you would like to donate, gifts can be suitable for any age from 0-18. Forth 1 asks that donations should be new and unwrapped.

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evening Dates 2019-20

- S1 Tuesday 19 November 2019
- S2 Wednesday 15 January 2020
- S3 Thursday 6 February 2020
- S4 Wednesday 19 February 2020
- S5/6 Thursday 27 February 2020

Parent Council Meetings

all at 7.00 pm in Support for Learning classroom

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Tuesday 28 April 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Concerts

Monday 9 December 2019

Tuesday 10 December 2019

Tuesday 31 March 2020

Christmas Dances

S1 Monday 16 December

S2 Wednesday 11 December

S3/S4 Tuesday 17 December

S5/S6 Thursday 12 December

Should you have any queries about anything covered in this update, or any general enquiries, please contact the School at: communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk