

Parent Update – Friday 29 November 2019

NBHS Model United Nations Conference

Staff and pupils at North Berwick High School were delighted to host our fourth annual Model United Nations Conference last Friday. 150 visiting pupils from schools across Scotland attended the event to take part in lively debate and discussions. There was a wide range of interesting and challenging topics to be debated, including the use of interrogation; prisoner voting rights; the rise of public interest journalism and climate change to name but a few!

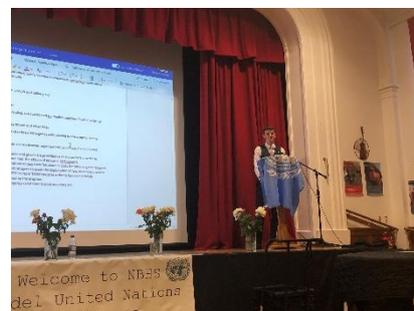
Glenn Campbell, BBC Scotland editor, opened the ceremony with an informative talk about his life as a journalist and the changing role of the media over his 22 year career. He spoke about the



importance of reporting, investigative journalism and the challenges facing the profession. He then opened himself up to a Q&A session with the audience and was happy to be confronted with some hard hitting questions.

After a break for lunch, lobbying and research, delegates returned to the main hall to undertake an emergency debate on the impact of a destructive volcanic eruption. This was an excellent chance to build alliances and network with pupils from other schools and also offered the opportunity to speak in front of a large and eager audience.

The day finished with an awards ceremony where the UK delegation, who were from St George's School for Girls Edinburgh, won the best overall delegation award. They demonstrated confidence, insightful opinions and enhanced the overall tone and sophistication of the debate. The committees and emergency debate were run by very able chairs from S3, S5 and S6 NBHS pupils, who did a great job ensuring that the day ran smoothly, keeping the delegates to the correct format of MUN and making it a fun and enjoyable experience for all.



Thank you to Mrs Martin and Miss Anderson all the other staff who helped to organise this very successful event.

NBHS Positive Behaviour Policy

We have recently reviewed and adapted our Positive Behaviour Policy, which is attached to this email and also available to view on the website. The Policy has been shared with our Pupil Council, who will be discussing it at their next meeting, and with the Parent Council. We would welcome any comments or suggestions on the revised policy, which can be emailed to communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk. The Policy will be reviewed towards the end of this session.

NBHS Charities – East Lothian Foodbank Jingles Bags Appeal

This year, the NBHS Charities Committee have chosen to support the East Lothian Foodbank Jingle Bags appeal. Not everyone looks forward to Christmas and it can be a hard time of year for those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. The East Lothian Foodbank Jingle Bags contain everything needed to celebrate Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The charities committee has asked each register class to gather together the ingredients for one or even two Christmas dinners. The register classes have been shown the list of items needed and there will be pupils from each class to oversee the collection, to ensure that each item is accounted for. The Charities Committee and East Lothian Foodbank would be very grateful if you are able to support this appeal.

Christmas Concert Tickets

Tickets to our very popular Christmas concerts are now on general sale, and are available from the school office at break and lunch time. Tickets are £5 and we do have limited numbers, so make sure to buy your ticket soon for this festive treat!

East Lothian Council Personalised Support Survey

East Lothian Council is carrying out a review to find out how well East Lothian children and young people are supported at school. This will help to understand what works well and also what needs to be improved. You can help by completing an online survey that gives you the opportunity to share your views. The survey can be accessed on the school website, or by following this link: [Personalised Support Survey](#). At the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to leave comments. All responses are anonymous. The survey must be completed by **Friday 21 December**.

NBHS PTA Monthly Prize Draw

The winners in the October prize draw are Robert Crowley (first prize: £50) and Hilary Way (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!

Gymnastics Success for Poppy



Congratulations to talented S2 gymnast Poppy Cunningham, who competed in the Gymnastics Challenge Cup in Surrey last weekend. Poppy was crowned Espoir Beam Champion with a score of 13.1, which turned out to be the highest score awarded across all the age categories in the event. This win and a creditable fourth place finish in vault, meant that Poppy finished in overall 6th place.

We always welcome hearing about the achievements of all our pupils and would love to include more. Please forward anything which you would like the school to consider including in this update to

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Omission

Apologies to S1 pupil Issy Berwick, who was accidentally left off of the list in last week's newsletter of the swimming team who competed in the East Lothian School Swimming Championships.

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evening Dates 2019-20

- 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

- 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