

## **Parent Update – Friday 17 January 2020**

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, we hope that you all enjoyed a very happy and restful holiday.

### **Additional Day of School Closure on Friday 8 May 2020 to celebrate VE Day 75**

Late last year, a consultation exercise was undertaken with parents and carers in relation to an additional day's leave on Friday 8 May 2020 to coincide with VE Day 75 celebrations. The outcome of this consultation was overwhelming support for an additional day's school closure, with the retention of the already agreed school holiday closure on Monday 4 May 2020. Approval was sought from the Scottish Government and this has now been received. This means that schools will be closed on Monday 4 May 2020 **and** on Friday 8 May 2020. A letter from Lesley Brown, East Lothian Chief Operating Officer for Education and the revised dates for the 2019-2020 session can be viewed on our website: [Additional Day of School Closure, 8 May 2020](#)

### **S2 Ski Trip / Activities Week**

Many of our S2 pupils will be getting very excited about their trip to La Thuile in Italy, which sets off tomorrow morning. Pupils not going to ski can still look forward to a fun week with a variety of activities:

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| Monday    | Ten pin bowling in Edinburgh (lunch is included)                      |
| Tuesday   | "Jumanji: the Next Level" at Vue Cinema (lunch is included)           |
| Wednesday | Group 1 at Foxlake (packed lunch) / Group 2 Bake-Off day in school*   |
| Thursday  | Group 2 at Foxlake (packed lunch) / Group 1 Bake-Off day in school    |
| Friday    | Activities in school (pupils have signed up to their chosen activity) |

\* Pupils will be told which group they are in on Monday morning.

### **Message from the PTA: Burns' Supper**

If you still haven't bought your S6 Burns' Supper tickets, now's the time! Tickets are on sale until **Monday 20 January**. Buy them from the school office at £8 for students and £18 for adults – and adults are very much encouraged to come along... If you won't be coming to the Supper, perhaps you could volunteer to help us at the event? Email [ptanbhs@gmail.com](mailto:ptanbhs@gmail.com) and let us know if you can help out.

### **Opportunities for Senior Pupils!**

#### **S5 Pupils - PwC Paid Work Experience**

- Interested in a potential career in Business, Digital Technology (links to Computing Science) or Accounting?
- Studying 5 Highers?

PwC is offering a week of paid work experience in their Edinburgh office in each of the areas mentioned above. Interested? See the following link for more information: [www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk](http://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk)

Be proactive as applications closed Friday 14 February 2020!

### **PwC Open Evening – Senior Students**

This event is an opportunity for pupils and parents to come along and see the PwC office space, learn more about the opportunities at PwC and meet with some of the Edinburgh team. Attending one of these office-based events will give you the chance to discover more about life at PwC. During the interactive presentation, you'll find out more about PwC, apprenticeships, degree programmes and work experience, and you'll hear from PwC people. You'll pick up lots of information about the application process. The event is on Wednesday 12 February 2020, from 5 – 7 pm in the PwC office in Edinburgh.

You must register for the event using the following link:

<http://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/Events/ShowEvent/Edinburgh-Schools-Office-Open-Event/903657>

### **S5/ 6 Pupils - M&G Prudential Insight Workshop Event**

- Interested in a future career in sectors such as banking/finance, technology, marketing and business?
- In S5 or S6? (S6 pupils must not have already committed to university).

M&G Prudential is hosting an insight event to introduce pupils to the organisation and potential opportunities such as paid work experience and apprenticeships. They will be leading workshops related to the career sectors they operate in. The event is on Thursday 6 February 2020, from 12:30 – 4pm at the Cornerstone Building in Edinburgh.

Please note that pupils would be attending the event unaccompanied by a teacher and will be expected to use public transport to get there.

Interested? See Mrs Fox asap for a form as spaces are limited. First come, first served.

### **Applying for a College Course August 2020? Our careers advisers are here to help!**

Edinburgh College applications will open soon and it is important that pupils get ready to apply now. To help pupils with this process, we are running sessions every Tuesday, period 4 in the computing room. These sessions are open to S4 to S6 pupils, but S4 and S5 pupils must inform their Guidance Teacher if they want to attend.

Most of the resources we will use can be accessed at:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2017/12/06/applying-for-college-2018/>

If you are planning to apply for a college course can you please complete the short questionnaire at:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2020/01/08/nbhs-college-applicants/>

Any questions, just email our careers advisers at [mick.burns@sds.co.uk](mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk) or [jennifer.jones@sds.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.jones@sds.co.uk).

### **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio & Men ACWY Immunisations**

All S3 pupils and some S4, S5 and S6 catch-ups have received forms for an upcoming Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Men ACWY immunisations – these are now urgently required back as soon as possible.

### **NBHS PTA Monthly Prize Draw**

The winner of the first prize in the December prize draw is Louise Antscherl (£50) and second prize goes to Alison Clark (£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](mailto: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!

### **Sailing Recognition for Roo**



Congratulations to S1 pupil Roo Purves, who has been shortlisted for the Royal Yachting Association Scotland Class Academy Sailor of the Year. Roo, who is an East Lothian Yacht Club cadet, will be attending an awards ceremony at the Falkirk Wheel later this month. Well done to Roo!

**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](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)**

### **Beach Wheelchairs**

Local charity Beach Wheelchairs is having a drop-in event, followed by their AGM on Saturday 18 January, from 2-4pm in the Hope Rooms in North Berwick. This event is for prospective customers and anyone that may be interested in volunteering with Beach Wheelchairs - you are most welcome to go along to learn more about what they do and see the fabulous beach wheelchairs.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Parents' Evening Dates 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 3 March 2020
- Tuesday 28 April 2020
- Tuesday 2 June 2020

#### **Spring Concert**

Tuesday 31 March 2020

**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](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)**