

Parent Update – Friday 31 January 2020

HMI Inspection

HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will be visiting North Berwick High School to conduct an inspection during the week commencing Monday 24 February 2020. You can find out more about inspection, from the [inspection and review documentation](#) pages of Education Scotland's website.

As part of the inspection, Inspectors gather the views of stakeholders via an online survey which is available on the following link: <https://forms.education.gov.scot/s/05&seed=5556031&t=1>

I would like to encourage you to complete the survey. Inspectors will also be meeting with groups of parents during the inspection; if you wish to be part of that discussion, you should complete the survey with additional links provided to indicate your interest in taking part.

You should complete the survey by Wednesday 12 February, for one child or for each of your children in attendance.

NB Please put your own name at the top of the survey, not your child's name.

Kind regards

Lauren Rodger
Headteacher

Parents of S3, S4 and S5 pupils:

Senior Phase Learner Pathways Information Evening

Tuesday 4 February, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Are you wondering about the structure of the senior phase curriculum? Do you want to know more about the range of qualifications on offer, both within school and through partners on the 'travel afternoons'? Are you wondering what Foundation Apprenticeships are? Come along to the information evening and we will answer all these questions and more. There will also be presentations from Sean Smith, lecturer at Napier University, and Katie Higgins from East Lothian Works. We hope to see many of you there.

Dress Code

This session, register teachers and House teams have been monitoring dress code infringements. Pupils not following the dress code are spoken to by their register teacher and the House DHT; parents are contacted if there is no improvement. It is very pleasing that the majority of our pupils do follow the dress code; however, staff have commented that the dress code standards of quite a number of senior pupils have slipped during and since the prelims. Next week, we will have a spotlight focus on dress code. For any pupil not following the dress code, we will contact parents and carers to request support with this aspect of school life. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate dress code to school every day.

You can find details of the Dress Code [here](#). It is very simple, with only ties and senior blazers being specific to the school. All other items can be purchased at any clothing outlet. At the request of pupils and parents, we have recently added black pinafore to the dress code.

In particular, please ensure your child wears plain black footwear, and note that we expect skirts to be of an appropriate length for school. All pupils should wear a shirt and tie; plain black tops are not acceptable.

If you have any issue with sourcing an item for your child, please let us know. Thank you in anticipation for your continued support with this.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp and the humanities faculty, alongside our Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassadors, Ross Eaton and Ellie Roberson, has been raising awareness of the significance of remembering. Our HMD focus has included a programme of morning assemblies, history lessons and on Monday 27 January we were invited to participate in the Scottish Parliament's HMD.



The theme for HMD 2020 is Stand Together. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together and speaking out against oppression.

Our visit to the Scottish Parliament began with an address from the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, who welcomed Holocaust survivor, Janine Webber. 87 year old Janine shared her testimony with us and explained in intimate detail the persecution she received at the hands of the Nazis. If you would like to find out more about Janine Webber please click on the link below.

<https://www.het.org.uk/survivors-janine-webber>

Roo Wins Sailor of the Year Award

We were delighted to hear that S1 pupil Roo Purves has won the Royal Yachting Association Scotland award for Class Academy Sailor of the Year. Roo received his trophy at an awards ceremony held at the Falkirk wheel last weekend. Congratulations to Roo for this remarkable achievement.



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

Dates for your Diary

Senior Phase Learner Pathways Information Evening Tuesday 4 February

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