

Parent Update – Friday 28 February 2020

HMI Inspection

As you know, we have had a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors in school this week. From Monday afternoon until Thursday lunchtime, they were observing classes; meeting focus groups of pupils, staff, parents and partners; speaking to pupils at intervals and lunchtimes; and reading school documentation. It was a very robust and rigorous process. The Inspectors really enjoyed being in the school and were very impressed by our young people – which is no surprise to us, of course.

The Senior Leadership Team, together with our Quality Improvement Officer from the local authority, received initial feedback this morning, when the Inspectors shared their Summary of Findings. We are extremely pleased as there were so many positive aspects of the school's work recognised, and strengths identified. The Summary of Findings now has to go through HMI's quality assurance process; following that, it will be shared with the school community.

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed HMI's pre-inspection parental survey. Thank you, too, to those parents and carers who gave up time to come into school and meet with the Inspectors. They have asked me to pass on their thanks to you, too.

I am hugely proud of the North Berwick High School community, never more so than this week.

Lauren Rodger
Head Teacher

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 3 March, 7.00 pm

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March, from 7.00 pm in the Support for Learning classroom. All parent and carers are most welcome to attend.

Jobs Roadshow 2020 – Wednesday 4 March

As part of the Scottish Apprenticeship Week, we will be taking 60 pupils to this excellent event at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange. Pupils in S4-S6 will have the opportunity to meet with employers who have planned, current recruitment activity in Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships; full and part time job vacancies and paid internships. Last year's Jobs Roadshow welcomed over 70 employers, showcasing over 2000 live vacancies, all keen to recruit young people into their business. Jobs Roadshow 2020 returns with employers across a number of sectors with vacancies to fill with talented young people. Application and CV support will also be available on the day from employers and careers advisors.

Any S4-S6 pupils who wish to attend should register their interest via the survey link below:

<https://forms.gle/xx3WiSU9P18LChf7A>

Pupils will be out on Wednesday 4 March, from periods 1-4, returning in time for lunch-break.

Alex in the driver's seat!



Congratulations to S1 pupil Alex Hill, who recently completed all 6 levels of the Young Driver programme at Ingliston. The instructors were blown away by Alex's natural ability and told him it is unusual for a student to complete all 6 levels and especially rare for a 12 year old! Alex will now be able to try his hand at advanced driving skills.

NBHS pupils achieve national success with City of Edinburgh Basketball Club



Huge congratulations to S3 pupils Sofia Amis and Sophie Frost, and S6 pupils Finlay Baxter, Owen Mackle, Scott Patey and Shaun Samson, who recently won the Scottish Cup with their club team, City of Edinburgh Basketball Club. Sofia and Sophie played for the U16 girls' team, beating Falkirk Fury to win the cup, while Finlay, Owen, Scott and Shaun played for the U18 boys' team, beating Boroughmuir Blaze to claim the top spot.

NBHS pupils chosen to represent East Lothian Junior Golf League at Pinehurst

Finally, congratulations to S1 pupil Grace Crawford and S5 pupil Angus Mather, who were both picked to represent East Lothian Junior Golf League on a 10 day trip to the Pinehurst in North Carolina. A packed schedule saw the East Lothian team play a round every day on the world famous Pinehurst resort, pitting themselves against the best junior golfers in North Carolina.

Dates for your Diary

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