

## **Parent Update – Friday 6 March 2020**

### **Coronavirus Advice**

A letter from Lesley Brown, Chief Operating Officer (Education), detailing the most recent information and advice about the Coronavirus, can be viewed on the school website via the following link:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/2020/03/06/advice-to-parents-on-coronavirus/>

### **Library – Overdue Books**

A plea from our librarian to all pupils, particularly those senior pupils who are leaving at the end of this school year, to please check at home for any school library books. School library books normally have a plastic jacket, a date label and a barcode on the inside front page, as well as sometimes having various spine labels. Any library books found can be returned to either the school library or the nearest local East Lothian public library. All pupils with at least one overdue item will have received an email with the details of the book(s) to their edubuzz accounts by the end of Friday 6 March. Currently, the total number of overdue books is almost 600! We would be grateful for their return as soon as possible.

### **Careers Update**

#### **Jobs Roadshow**

This week around 40 of our senior pupils visited the DYW Jobs Roadshow in Edinburgh, where they had the chance to meet and talk with 70 employer representatives about current and future employment opportunities. 96% of the group told us that they found the event was useful, they had gained something from it and that they were glad they had attended.

#### **Vacancies**

We post vacancies and other careers information on the school screens so everyone at North Berwick can view the range of opportunities on offer. In addition to this, updates are posted at [edubuzz.org/careers](http://edubuzz.org/careers) and Twitter [mickburns2](https://twitter.com/mickburns2). The careers blog has links to other employment websites, which can be found on the left hand side of the main page.

#### **S2 Careers Talks**

These talks will be given by class, starting from the week beginning 16 March. As with every talk we deliver, you will be able to view this on the careers blog.

#### **Contact**

We can be contacted at: [jennifer.jones@sds.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.jones@sds.co.uk) or [mick.burns@sds.co.uk](mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk)

### **PTA Monthly Prize Draw Winners!**

The winners in the January prize draw are Liz Noar (first prize: £50) and Caroline Hitchen (second prize: £25) and the winners in the February prize draw are Clare Jones (first prize: £50) and Rachel Morrison (second prize: £25). Congratulations to all! Thank you to everyone who already supports this valuable fundraiser. If you would 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!

## **PTA Meeting – Thursday 12 March**

The PTA holds its next meeting on Thursday 12 March in the NBHS conference room from 7.00 pm. Any and all parents and carers are more than welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

## **Eco-Committee**



The Eco-Committee has been working hard towards NBHS achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, which is given to schools who can demonstrate a commitment to Learning for Sustainability and have completed the rigorous seven element programme, plan action on three out of a possible ten topics and have chosen a sustainable development goal to support. The Eco-Committee has recently run a

series of assemblies to raise awareness throughout the school, and earlier this week the whole committee attended a full day of Eco-Ambassador training from Keep Scotland Beautiful, learning more about climate change, carbon emissions and how we can do our bit to help the planet! Further information on the Green Flag Award can be found [here](#).

## **Outdoor Learning Service Winter Mountaineering Course – S5 & S6**

You may remember a while back we told you about these fantastic residential courses, which are run by the Outdoor Learning Service. The S3 & S4 Winter Skills course took place last weekend and we have had feedback from attending pupils on how much they enjoyed the experience. There are still places available in the S5 & S6 course, which runs from 13-15 March. If your son or daughter is interested, further information can be found [here](#) on the Outdoor Learning Service website.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Parent Council Meetings**

*all at 7.00 pm in Support for Learning classroom*

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)**