



## **NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Thursday 17 September 2020**

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#### **Head Team**

We are absolutely delighted to welcome our new Head Team and are really looking forward to working with them. Despite an unconventional start, they have risen to the challenge and shown outstanding leadership skills already. Being back at school and able to work with them in person is a real joy.



Front from left to right – Head Pupils Lucy Smith (17) and Jennifer Price (17). Middle - Depute Head Pupils Itske Hooftman (17) and Savannah Harper (16). Back – Depute Head Pupil Angus Mather (17)

#### **Overdue Library Books**

Across S2-6 there are currently 522 library books borrowed in the 2019/20 school year which are still outstanding. This is approximately a tenth of the school library's borrowing stock, and includes some extremely popular and well-requested titles. It would be appreciated if all pupils could have a hunt at home for any library books: these can be identified by plastic book jackets, date labels and barcodes on the inside front page, and labels on the spine. Books can be returned to the school library, to the boxes in the Social Area and at Reception or, if it is more convenient, to any of the following East Lothian public libraries which are now accepting returns: Dunbar, Haddington, Longniddry, Musselburgh, North Berwick, Tranent. Many thanks for all your help in this matter and for your help to keep North Berwick High School reading well!

### **Protect Scotland App**

Young Scot have produced an excellent "all you need to know" about the new Protect Scotland app, which we would encourage as many pupils as possible to install if they have suitable mobile phones. <https://young.scot/get-informed/national/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-protect-scotland-app>

### **Physical Education**

Pupils have been settling into new routines within the PE department this term and have participated in hockey, lacrosse, softball, ultimate frisbee and some fitness activities. They have been coping with the safety procedures in place and are developing new relationships with classmates and teachers. We are planning to return to some forms of indoor activity on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify some of our procedures, particularly with S1-3 pupils, which have been reinforced this week.

- Pupils are required to get changed before and after taking part in any physical activity and most pupils are managing to do this, and within a suitable time frame. Now that our lessons are 50 minutes, we will be focusing on changing time when we return after the September weekend and will set a target time of 7 minutes to get changed. We actually completed a little trial with some S1 pupils and, after they expressed a bit of concern that it would be too short a time, every single pupil was changed and ready within the time.
- If your child is carrying an injury, please send them with a note that excuses them from physical activity and we will create something alternative for them.
- Kit policy- From next week, if a child forgets their PE kit on more than one occasion within a term, they will complete a lunchtime detention whilst setting themselves some sort of reminder for the next lesson.

In the senior phase, wellbeing walks will remain an option until 5<sup>th</sup> October so pupils are encouraged to bring suitable footwear for walking on wet ground if this is their activity of choice.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Girls' Hockey**

Extra-curricular hockey starts w/c 21 September.

S1—Tuesday—1535-1635—Coach—Miss Parry

S2—Wednesday—1535-1635—Coach—Mr Smith

S3—Monday—1535-1635—Coach—Mrs Lovett

Seniors— Thursday—1535-1635—Coach—Miss Cutt

- This year we are asking all parents / guardians, who would like their daughter to take part in extra-curricular hockey, to sign up online <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-north-berwick-high-school?stage=Stage>
- If you are not able to sign up online, or have any issues, please contact Miss Parry, Sport and Physical Activity Co-ordinator - [cparry@elcschool.org.uk](mailto:cparry@elcschool.org.uk)
- All sessions are free
- Sessions will run for Terms 1 and 2
- Please also sign up to NBHS Sport Team App <https://nbhssportunitedkingdom.teamapp.com>
- All information, changes and cancellations will be made on Team App. If you are unable to access Team App, please let me know.
- If you have any questions, please let me know - [cparry@elcschool.org.uk](mailto:cparry@elcschool.org.uk) - 01620 89 4661 / 07969 428 511

**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS - New Attendance Mailbox**

We have now set up a new email address for all attendance matters. This should make it easier for parents and carers as there is no longer any need to phone the school – just send us an email to the Attendance address with the detail of absence, appointments etc. We recommend that you add this email address to your contacts so that it is quick and easy for you to access.

[attendance@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:attendance@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)

**NBHS Communication**

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you can email us at the address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly.

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

We wish everyone in the North Berwick High School community a happy and relaxing September holiday weekend.