



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 11 September 2020

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

Updated Advice from NHS Lothian

An updated version of Frequently Asked Questions for parents and carers was produced by NHS Lothian this week. Below is a link to the most up to date version:

<https://www.nhslothian.scot/Coronavirus/Parents/Schools/Pages/default.aspx>

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

A reminder of information sent out in last week's update about upcoming parental meetings: Whilst we are not able to have adult visitors in school at present, there are still opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in the life and work of the school. We have a very active Parent Council and Parent Teacher Association, and we would welcome new members to either – or both – groups. If you would like to find out more, there are two meetings coming up in September. Just send an email to receive a link to the relevant Google Meet:

- * Thursday 17 September, 7.00 pm Parent Council AGM
(communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)
- * Wednesday 23 September, 7.00 pm Parent Teacher Association AGM
(ptanbhs@gmail.com)

Employer Engagement Opportunities for S4 - S6 Pupils

Get into Accounting with PwC:

- Tuesday 29 September, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
- Careers in Accounting (workshops, Q&A + an overview of PwC opportunities)
- What it's like working for a Big 4 firm
- Parents and carers are also welcome to join
- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H2C65G8>

Get into Technology with PwC:

- 30th September, 4pm - 5pm
- Careers in Technology (workshops, Q&A + an overview of PwC opportunities)
- Cyber security, AI, robotics and all things tech!

- What it's like working for a Big 4 firm
- Parents and guardians are also welcome to join
- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HJSDMV>

EY Webinar Details:

- 16th September, 4pm – 5pm
- £40 billion accountancy and professional services firm
- **Fast Track offers** for all attendees on the webinar when you select Young Professionals on your application under the **partnerships tab!**
- Y12 / S5 **paid Summer 2021 Work Experience** / Y13 / S6 **Degree Apprenticeship Opportunities**
- **Bring your parents along** too so they can find out what it could be like for you working in one of the biggest companies in the world!
- Starting salaries for apprentices are in the region of **£20,000**
- **LIMITED PLACES**

Please follow the link to book on and confirm your spot!

<https://forms.integrate-events.com/#/events/ey/318624?background=ffffff&font=808080&page=ffe600>

Please ensure you book your place using the links above. Additionally, please email Mrs Fox hfox@edubuzz.org to let her know you are taking part.

E-Sgoil National Study Support Webinars

E-Sgoil is the remote learning institution set up by the local authority in Stornoway. Commencing 7 September 2020, E-Sgoil are offering free weekly 45 minutes live webinar lessons will be offered for a range of National 5 and Higher courses as scheduled below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Live webinar lessons will run for an initial block of eight sessions. Pupils may need their Glow login details to access the webinars – these were emailed to them. For a summary schedule of live webinar lesson dates and content for each course please [click here](#).

	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM
Monday	Higher RMPS National 5 Mathematics	Higher Business Management National 5 Physics	Higher Physics Higher Computing Science
Tuesday	Higher Music	Higher Spanish	
Wednesday	Higher French	Higher Mathematics	Higher English
Thursday	Higher History	Higher Chemistry	National 5 English National 5 Mandarin

Safer Active Travel: Law Primary and North Berwick High School

Stantec are helping to deliver infrastructure improvements in the area surrounding Law Primary and North Berwick High School to make journeys to school, by walking, cycling and wheeling, safer and more enjoyable.

They would like your views on the draft concept designs, which can be viewed here (not compatible with Internet Explorer):

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ac557e0d4a734b259e58d8af1933becb>

Please provide your feedback in the brief questionnaire at the end of the presentation.

Food & Textile Technology Aprons

All our pupils in the Food & Textile Technology Department wear an apron when cooking and these aprons are then wiped down. We have been advised by Scottish Government that during COVID-19, pupils should supply their own apron and take it home to be washed, rather than share an apron with others. We would appreciate, where possible, if pupils could bring an apron to school when in the department.

Dress Code

The majority of our pupils are always very smart and follow the school dress code. During tutor group time this week, senior leaders have spoken to a number of pupils who are not following the dress code. We hope that those pupils who have been spoken to will now follow the dress code but, if not, next week we will be contacting parents to ask for your support in ensuring your child dresses appropriately for school. Of those pupils we spoke to this week, two issues in particular were prevalent:

- wearing a black top instead of shirt and school tie;
- not wearing plain black footwear.

A further concern for me, and one that I have mentioned to you in many updates over the years, is the length of school skirts – many of them are very short indeed. I would like to see pupils wearing skirts that are an appropriate length for school, or opting to wear plain black trousers instead.

We understand that, because of the COVID-19 situation, S4 pupils have not yet had the opportunity to purchase blazers with the school logo, and that S6s have not been able to get their blazers braided through the school. Apart from these items, though, our pupils should be able to follow the dress code. All items apart from the school ties and blazers with school logos can be purchased at any clothing store.

Could parents please also remind pupils to wear a plain black jersey to school. We are keeping classrooms well-ventilated so a jumper may be needed for warmth.

Mrs Rodger

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