



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 12 March 2021

Phased Return to School from Monday 15 March

It's not long now until all our pupils will be back in school, at least for some time over the next three weeks. As you know, we only became aware that all pupils were to be part of this phased return last Tuesday afternoon and a great deal of work has gone into getting us to the stage where we are ready to welcome our young people into lessons in the building from Monday. An important aspect of our planning has been to aim for timeous and effective communication with all members of the school community – not easy with such a tight turnaround. We are aware, too, that a lot of information is coming out today. Here is a note of the various communications that pupils and parents have received (or will shortly receive), which we hope you will find helpful as a summary:

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| Friday 5 March | Item in Weekly Update to all pupils, parents and carers |
| Wed 10 March | Letter from Head Teacher to all pupils, parents and carers, including general timetable for the 3 weeks |
| Friday 12 March | Individual timetable to each pupil for week one (weeks 2 and 3 to follow) |
| Friday 12 March | BGE subject rotas to S1, S2 and S3 pupils |
| Friday 12 March | Information to parents and carers, as relevant, on changes to critical childcare provision/hub |
| Friday 12 March | Return to NBHS Briefing booklet to all pupils, parents and carers |
| Friday 12 March | Individual transport information to pupils, as relevant |
| Friday 12 March | Letter to parents and carers of S1, S2 and S3 pupils on Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme (NHS Test & Protect document) |

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 16 March

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 16 March at 7.00 pm. If you wish to attend the meeting, please email the communications inbox and you will be sent a link to the Google Meet. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Topics on the agenda include: pastoral support for pupils on return to school; Senior Phase assessment; school expansion.

PTA Meeting - Thursday 18 March

Interested in helping to raise vital funds for the school and sharing your fundraising ideas? Then we warmly welcome you to join the Online PTA Meeting on Thursday 18 March at 7.00 pm. All new and existing parents and carers are very welcome.

The meeting will be held using Google Meet so if you'd like to attend, please email us in advance at ptanbhs@gmail.com and we will send you a link to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

Emotional Wellbeing

We understand that many young people may be feeling anxious at this time. We want to reassure our pupils that we are really looking forward to seeing them in person and continuing to support them with any worries they may have. To further help our young people, ELC Mental Health Youth Workers have published a COVID-19 tab (<https://sites.google.com/edubuzz.org/mhwb-information-point/covid-19>). There is 12+ section which has links for:

- The NHS's "It's ok to worry about going back to school after a lockdown" resource pack for teens
- Self-care advice
- A video with steps for managing feelings of uncertainty

The website is really useful and has some super tips and advice. Please do encourage anyone who is feeling worried or anxious to have a look. We will also make sure that pupils are aware of this resource when they return next week.

SQA National Qualifications – Information for Learners

In response to feedback from learners, SQA has created a booklet with what they need to know for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher in 2021. It is available on the SQA website now and will be posted to learners next week.

[What you need to know for 2021 - National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher - SQA](#)

Message from East Lothian Council - LFD Test kits being used by family members and others

The School Asymptomatic Testing Programme is aimed at school staff and secondary pupils only. The tests will be handed to these participants and **should not be used for anyone else**. Family members should NOT use these kits and they must not be shared with anyone.

There are separate arrangements in place for asymptomatic Community testing in East Lothian. Two mobile Covid-19 asymptomatic testing units are currently operating to help identify positive cases in people who have no symptoms and break chains of transmission. Almost 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 don't have any of the usual symptoms but are potentially passing the virus on to loved ones, friends and others in the community.

he units, which are being provided by the Scottish Government and staffed by the Scottish Ambulance Service, are currently operating in **Prestonpans, Tranent, Port Seton and Whitecraig**. These locations have been identified on a targeted basis in co-operation with public health colleagues, using the most up-to-date data looking at virus prevalence. Appointments should be made in advance by [booking a test online](#) or alternatively telephoning 0300 303 2713. Appointments should be booked before attending and are only for people without symptoms.

East Lothian Council is developing further arrangements for asymptomatic community testing for rollout in the weeks ahead and the dedicated page on our website will be kept updated with information on the locations/dates/times:

<https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/testing>

Future Asset – DYW Sessions

We are very excited to invite you to join us at our four live workshops in March with DYW Live, in partnership with Education Scotland and E-Sgoil. After introducing investment and why it matters to us all, professionals from investment firms in Scotland will give talks on three sectors: Oil, Healthcare and Fast Fashion. We'll look at the pros and cons, and some issues in each of these sectors, and then give students the opportunity to raise points, ask questions, consider the facts and ultimately vote on whether they would advise investing in that area or not.

This is a great opportunity for students to engage directly with professionals and discuss issues around the economy, sustainability, ethics and business. They will see how these issues interact and how making decisions is never as straightforward as they may think!

- 18 March, 1pm: Healthy Finances? Scientific research and new technology are rapidly changing how we deliver healthcare and treat disease. Pfizer, Astra Zeneca and Moderna are companies in the news with COVID 19 vaccines, but do they or other Healthcare firms make a good investment? With Luran Halpin, Edinburgh Partners
- 25 March, 1pm: Outmoded: Is investing in Fast Fashion sustainable? Boohoo and ASOS are in the news, making a profit from inexpensive clothes. But is fast fashion really sustainable both environmentally and as a business model? With Carolyn Bell, Aegon Asset Management

Interested? Email Mrs Fox – hfox@edubuzz.org

You need to be able to access your Glow account to take part. Check you can access it (you received an email from Mr Frew in June with your log in details), if not let Mrs Fox know.

Performing Arts

Free Arts Events for 14-19 year olds starting this weekend. Try your hand at creative writing, DJing, Hip Hop, Performance or Visual Art.

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/11/impact-arts-march-events/>



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NHS Modern Apprentice: Business and Administration

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/11/nhs-modern-apprentice-business-and-administration/>

Closing date 18 March 2021

Impact Arts for 14 to 19 year olds

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Careers in Investment presentations from Future Asset

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/future-asset-careers-insight-videos/>

M & G Modern Apprenticeships

Current Modern Apprenticeships with M&G

Includes:

Business Analyst, Software Tester, Client Experience, Software Engineer

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/modern-apprenticeships-with-mg/>

NHS Careers - Healthcare Scientists

To celebrate Healthcare Science Week 2021, we're talking to healthcare scientists across NHS Scotland. Healthcare scientists are vital to the NHS, assisting with 80% of all clinical diagnoses.

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/10/nhs-careers-healthcare-scientists/>

Scottish Government Modern Apprenticeship

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/10/scottish-government-modern-apprenticeship-9/>

GRAHAM – TRAINEE QUANTITY SURVEYOR (BUILDING)

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/graham-trainee-quantity-surveyor-building/>

Edinburgh College courses are now taking applications

I have delivered a preparation for college talk on 20 January and you can view this [here](#)

I have posted several vacancies recently at [edubuzz.org/careers](https://www.edubuzz.org/careers) so please visit if you are considering employment, apprenticeships or training.

Another useful site if you are looking for local vacancies is [edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies](https://www.edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies) as well as www.apprenticeship.scot

[We have put together a short presentation in The Apprenticeship Family here that you may find useful, particularly at subject choice time.](#)

St James Quarter Recruitment Event:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/02/st-james-quarter-recruitment-event/>

Law virtual work experience opportunity:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/02/25/s4-6-law-work-experience/>

S4 Medic Insight event

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/03/medic-insight-event/>

Richardson & Starling Apprenticeship Programme 2021

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<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/02/23/richardson-starling-apprenticeship-programme-2021/>

COVID-19 Positive Cases

We would appreciate it if you would inform the local authority if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please email the details to covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk. If you have no access to email then please call East Lothian Council on 01875 613 921. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms**; instead, please ensure that they self-isolate and book a test.

COVID-19 – Financial Issues

The following link provides information to parents and carers on the advice and support available for anyone experiencing financial hardship due to COVID.

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/30092/financial_support_during_covid-19

NBHS Communications

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you should email us at the address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly. This email inbox will be monitored every school day during the closure of the school building; it will also be checked occasionally over weekends. During the school day, there are not always staff available in the building to take phone calls so please email, or leave a phone message which will be picked up as soon as possible. Please note that should a member of school staff phone you, it will likely be from a withheld number.

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 15 March | Pupils from all year groups begin returning to the school building on a phased basis (individual timetables emailed to pupils) |
| Tuesday 16 March | Parent Council meeting |
| Thursday 18 March | PTA Meeting |
| Thursday 1 April | School closes for Easter break |
| Tuesday 20 April | School reopens, with all pupils back in the school building (dependent upon confirmation from Scottish Government) |