



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 21 May 2021

School closed to pupils on **Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 May** for staff inservice. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Wednesday 26 May** at 8.30 am

S6 Leavers

S6 pupils who have completed all of their assessments may complete a leaver's form if they choose to do so and do not need to attend school, other than for leaving events that are currently being arranged. S6 pupils will shortly receive more detailed information about the programme of events that we are planning for them. We wish all of our S6 pupils the very best for the future and we will miss them greatly. We are really looking forward to celebrating the end of their time at North Berwick High School with them over the next few weeks.

The Big Beach Clean, 5 - 8 June

We have been asked to share information about this excellent initiative with our school community:

The Big Beach Clean is part of a big project marking World Oceans Day to try and clean up our seas and beaches. They are looking for groups from Edinburgh to Berwick to clean up a patch of the beach. Given where we live and our shared love of the beach and sea, I feel it would be a great investment to involve and educate the teenagers of our area.

The details of the event are below and are superb. It includes plans to collect and weigh the waste we gather, creating art for Fringe by the Sea from items collected and more. The young people of our area who love the beach will hopefully want to get involved.

https://www.dolilthings.org/blog/the-big-beach-clean?fbclid=IwAR3j7U3912VQheitpvraYmi9JaNaH9kkeCIU6KqyjJZQXhwO5Uk-ayd_10c

Many thanks

Katy Wakefield

Brunton Youth Theatre

Exciting news! The Brunton Youth Theatre has face to face classes resuming in May/June.

Here is the link to register:

<https://thebrunton.co.uk/en-GB/shows/brunton%20youth%20theatre%20network%20classes/events>

Fringe by the Sea

Fringe By The Sea's Artist in Residence Eilidh Muldoon is inviting you to get creative.

Join the FBTS21 Art Club, create your own art – and your piece could be exhibited around North Berwick at the festival from 6th – 15th August 2021. FBTS21 Art Club is open to ALL

[FBTS-Art-Club_2-1.pdf \(edubuzz.org\)](#)

Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme – Survey for Secondary Pupils and Parents/Guardians

The deadline for completion of this survey is 9.00 pm on Sunday 23 May. Apologies for the short notice, but it was just brought to our attention this morning.

The Scottish Government would like your help to improve the schools asymptomatic testing programme.

What is the Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme?

Some people may have COVID-19 but not have any symptoms. The testing programme aims to help secondary school pupils and staff in schools and childcare settings to find out if they have the virus, so that they and their close contacts can self-isolate. This should help reduce the extent to which the COVID-19 is likely to be passed on in school/childcare communities, reducing the likelihood of outbreaks.

Why are we being asked to complete a survey?

The Scottish Government would like to learn how to improve the testing experience for school communities. In order to do this, we are asking secondary school pupils and the parents/guardians of secondary pupils a few questions about their experience of and views on the testing programme. The surveys should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Pupils aged 15 and under will be prompted to discuss their participation in the survey with a parent or guardian. It closes at 9pm on Sunday 23rd May.

Please watch this **short video from Professor Jason Leitch** encouraging people to participate:

<https://youtu.be/nMletsFhOBU>.

Do we have to fill out the surveys?

Your participation in the surveys is voluntary. You may choose not to participate. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time. All replies are anonymous. We will only use the information you provide to help improve the testing programme and the support we give to those involved. Thank you for your help.

Is anyone else being asked to do a survey?

Yes, we will be asking school staff and others involved in managing the testing programme for their views too.

Links to the surveys

Here are the links to the surveys:

- [Survey for secondary school pupils](#) (click on the underlined text/hyperlink)
- [Survey for parents/guardians of secondary school pupils](#) (click on the underlined text/hyperlink)

If you have any questions about these surveys, please feel free to get in touch with

clare.magill@gov.scot.

Community Testing Information

Here is some information about Community Testing in East Lothian which we have been asked to share with our families:

[Asymptomatic community testing in East Lothian | Asymptomatic community testing in East Lothian | East Lothian Council](#)

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Test Replacements

If a pupil requires a replacement lateral flow test kit they can obtain it in one of the following ways:

- E-mail your request to admin@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk
- Complete a green form, which can be found at entrances to school, and place it in the box
- Ask a member of staff at the office

New Covid-19 Test Centre for East Lothian Residents

A new Covid-19 testing centre aimed at identifying positive cases among people showing no symptoms of the virus will open in Musselburgh on Friday, 30 April. Please click link for more info [here](#)

Careers

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- Account Executive – Emperor Edinburgh [here](#)
- Vacancy and other information from SDS Edinburgh [here](#)
- East Lothian Volunteering Opportunities [here](#)
- Current Modern Apprenticeships in Edinburgh and Lothians [here](#)
- BFI Film Academy Young Programmers [here](#)
- Wheatley Group Modern Apprenticeships [here](#)
- Lawscot Foundation bursary package 2021 [here](#)
- Seasonal Leisure Assistants - North Berwick [here](#)
- Had-Fab East Lothian Engineering vacancies - [here](#)
- **Online Summer Schools** – Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland’s exciting programme of online summer schools, featuring a range of courses designed to keep you learning and creating at home, will run throughout July and August 2021. Details [here](#)
- **Online Resources from Future Asset**
We are really excited to tell you about the new online resources available from Future Asset to inform and educate your students about a career in investment management and to help put learning into context. Resources can be accessed [here](#)
- **Apprenticeship Family**
We have put together a short presentation in The Apprenticeship Family [here](#) that you may find useful, particularly at subject choice time.
- **Edinburgh College Applications**
I have posted a preparation for college talk with additional resources which can viewed [here](#)
I have posted several vacancies recently at 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 as well as www.apprenticeship.scot
- **Scotland’s Rural College applications**
<https://ww1.sruc.ac.uk/>
- **Scottish Seabird Centre - Marine Careers**
Ever wondered what sort of jobs there are that involve working with the ocean?
The good news is there is a huge variety of work out there for all types of people from all sorts of different backgrounds.
<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/24/scottish-seabird-centre-marine-careers/>

Parents Coming Into the School Building

Please note that the following COVID-19 mitigation measure remains in place during this time: parents and carers cannot come into the school building. Unfortunately, this means that if your child forgets something, you cannot drop the item off at school for them.

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

COVID-19 Positive Cases

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please inform the local authority by emailing the details to the address below. If you have no access to email then call East Lothian Council on 01875 613 921.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms; rather, keep your child isolated at home and book a test for them. Details on how to book a test can be found via this link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2020/06/Coronavirus_COVID-19_getting_tested_in_Scotland_-_gov.scot.pdf)

covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk

Attendance Mailbox

Separate from the East Lothian COVID-19 email address mentioned above, we would like to remind you that NBHS has a dedicated email address for all attendance matters. There is no need to phone the school – just send an email to the attendance address below, giving the detail of absence, appointments etc. **Please be sure to include the reason for your child being absent from school;** we need this information to ensure that all absences are recorded correctly. We recommend that you add this email address to your contacts so this it is quick and easy for you to access:

attendance@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

NBHS Communications

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you should email us at the communications email address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly. If your child is absent from school, please contact the dedicated absence line

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24 May	school closed (staff inservice day)
Tuesday 25 May	school closed (staff working on SQA Alternative Certification Model)
Tuesday 1 June	Parent Council meeting
Monday 7 June	school closed (staff working on SQA Alternative Certification Model)
Wednesday 9 June	PTA meeting
Friday 25 June	school closes for summer holiday at 12.15 pm