



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 4 June 2021

School closed to pupils on **Monday 7 June** for SQA inservice. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Tuesday 8 June** at 8.30 am

Staffing

A warm welcome back to Mrs Johnston, who has returned to NBHS after 20 months away, first in an acting PT secondment role at Preston Lodge, then on maternity leave. It's lovely to have her back in the Support for Learning department.

The Scottish Government is continuing to provide funding for staff in schools as part of its COVID-19 recovery measures. In East Lothian, all of the monies for 2021-2022 are being allocated directly to schools. NBHS has been granted funding for the equivalent of one full-time equivalent (FTE) teacher and one FTE pupil support worker for the whole of next session. Recruitment will be underway as soon as possible. A priority for the teaching post will be literacy in the BGE, working with our cluster primary schools as well as with S1 and S2 pupils.

SQA Appeals Process

On Wednesday this week, the SQA issued details of the appeals process for 2021. You can read the details by following this link: [Appeals 2021 - Information for learners - SQA](#). Senior pupils will receive further information on the appeals process when provisional results are conveyed to them in the week beginning 21 June.

Extra-Curricular Sports

We are always looking to develop the extra-curricular sports opportunities that we offer to our pupils. In order to do this, we are looking for volunteers to support current activities, and to offer new ones too. In particular, we are looking for coaching and umpiring support with hockey.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping with sport and activity at NBHS, please get in touch - cparry@elcschool.org.uk

Girls' Hockey

Well done Caitlin and Niamh John and Iona Syme who have been selected for Edinburgh Lightning in Scottish Hockey's new emerging talent programme. The Emerging Talent Academy League begins this weekend for players at the younger talent stage of under 15/16 age group for boys and girls. Following a number of regional talent days, three regional training groups were identified to train and play in the new competition. The new league format will see fixtures taking place over the next

couple of months to decide a winner, but more importantly to give the youngsters an opportunity to learn and develop their skills. Congratulation girls, what a great opportunity!

Social Security Benefits

We have been asked by North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership to share with our school community my.gov Scotland information on social security benefits for families. You can find details by following this link:

[5 family Payment Factsheet May 2021.pdf](#)

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

Careers

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- New vacancies added this week at edubuzz.org/careers
- Current Modern Apprenticeships in Edinburgh and Lothians [here](#)
- Gallery Assistant - Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh [here](#)
- Lawscot Foundation bursary package 2021 [here](#)
- East Lothian Volunteering Opportunities [here](#)
- You Can Be A Doctor: UCAT Online Summer School (2021) details and registration [here](#)
- UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair Wednesday 16 June 12noon-6pm [here](#)
- Other useful sites if you are looking for local vacancies is edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies as well as www.apprenticeship.scot
- **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](#)
- **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/Topics/healthandcare/coronavirus/covid-19/testing)

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 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