



## **NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Friday 25 June 2021**

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#### **Message from Mrs Rodger, Head Teacher**

I've written many head teacher's messages over the years – some factual, some aiming to uplift and inspire, many expressing gratitude and some very personal. I can hardly believe that I'm now writing my last message. It's a cliché, I know, but head teacher of NBHS really has been my dream job. It's certainly not always easy, but I've loved it and I have always tried to lead with integrity. I truly believe there is something very special about this school community and I've been so fortunate to experience it as a pupil, a parent and a staff member.

Our young people are a joy to be around and I'm going to miss them hugely. One of the privileges of being in teaching is hearing from former pupils, often many years after they have left school. Without fail, they speak positively of their time at NBHS and that's a huge source of pride for me. I have always been grateful, too, that NBHS parents and carers give so much support to the school and to their children's learning. You are also kind and thoughtful – staff really appreciate that, especially in these challenging times. I have been overwhelmed by the lovely messages from parents, both current and past, as my days at the school come to an end.

One of the hardest things about retiring is saying goodbye to my wonderful colleagues. Over the years, I have loved the discussions about learning and teaching, the laughter, the friendship and the genuine care for one another. There is so much warmth and love in our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to everyone in our school community. I have been hugely privileged to lead this school for a brief time in its long history and I'm so proud that my name will always be on the head teachers' board outside the Hall. I know NBHS will continue to be a great place to work and to learn, and it will flourish under Mrs Moore's leadership.

I wish everyone in our NBHS school community a lovely, relaxing summer break – hopefully with lots of Scottish sunshine. And beyond that, I wish you all success, happiness and fulfilment in whatever you do in the future.

I will forever treasure my many very happy memories of North Berwick High School.

Thank you again, and warmest wishes  
Lauren Rodger

#### **NQ Provisional Results and Appeals Process**

Senior pupils received their provisional results on Tuesday afternoon. In line with Alternative Certification Model guidelines, teachers have been explaining to pupils throughout this assessment period their performance in the assessments/components, and what evidence would be used to determine their provisional results. Pupils and parents have also been made aware of the quality

checks that have been put in place to ensure that any assessment evidence used has been marked and moderated in line with the national standard. Given that we have carefully considered and moderated the assessment evidence we have for pupils' provisional results, we anticipate that there should be very few appeals.

If a pupil is still unhappy with a provisional result that has been determined for them, they can register their wish to appeal directly through the SQA website; the portal is now open and will close for priority appeals on 12 August and for non-priority appeals on 27 August. For those pupils who have requested an appeal, the assessment evidence that has been used by teachers to determine their provisional result will be forwarded to the SQA once the school reopens in August. Pupils should remember that their grade could go up, down, or remain the same after the evidence has been reviewed.

On 10 and 11 August, Mr McCallum will be available to speak to any pupils considering a priority appeal request. A priority appeal is for those pupils who did not secure the grades they needed for a Higher or Further Education course. Please call the school on 01620 894661 or email [sqaqueries@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:sqaqueries@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk).

Queries about non-priority appeals will be responded to after 18 August. Please also use the school's SQA queries email address, as detailed above.

### **Pupil Congratulations**

Congratulations to Roo Purves, S3, who won the 29er class race at the One Design Regatta in Largs, 2 weeks ago. Well done, Roo! For the full report, and photos, click here -

<https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/238617/Harken-One-Design-Regatta-at-Largs>

### **NBHS PTA Monthly Prize Draw**

The winners in the April prize draw are Gillian Graham (first prize: £50) and Lucy Tait (second prize: £25) and in the May prize draw Emma Hood (first prize: £50) and Duncan Edmondson (second prize: £25). Congratulations to all! Thank you to everyone who already supports this valuable fundraiser. If you'd like to sign up please contact [ptanbhs@gmail.com](mailto:ptanbhs@gmail.com). For an annual sub of just £18 your name gets entered into 12 monthly draws, with £75 of prize money each month!

### **North Berwick Trust Ltd**

North Berwick Trust Ltd is transforming 16 hectares of farmland on the south side of town, near to North Berwick High School, into a community green space for people and wildlife.

We wish to consult with the local community and develop a 5-year plan setting out how the Nature Park should be managed.

Please take the time to complete our online survey <https://tinyurl.com/NBTNaturePark> by 21st July 2021.

Visit [A Nature Park For You – Public Consultation 16th June – 21st July 2021 | North Berwick Trust](#) to view drone footage of the nature park and for more information.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

A message from Mr Mumford:

I am writing to give an update about the Duke of Edinburgh award at North Berwick High School. At present we are unable to organise or carry out any overnight expeditions due to current restrictions. This means that we are still unable to offer this activity for our current participants. We are in regular contact with East Lothian Council and the DofE award team and will review our situation

again in August after the summer vacation, and we will update you at the earliest possible opportunity.

All participants, at bronze and silver, were invited to a meeting this week to update them on the award and have been encouraged to complete all activities which are safe to do and to update their reflective diary on DofE. We hope that everyone is able to complete their voluntary, physical and skills sections over the summer including getting their assessors reports completed. If anyone is struggling to continue with an activity please contact one of the DofE staff team at NBHS.

Finally, due to ongoing restrictions we are unable to offer any places for new participants in S3 or S4 at present. We will continue to review this and will advertise to pupils any opportunities as they arise. If your young person is wanting to complete the award I would recommend looking for local groups in the short term.

## Careers

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We have delivered **the S3 and S6 careers talks** which can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#) and you can download the resources to help with career planning, particularly those now in S6.

**Virtual Work Experience** There are over 20 programmes which are completely free for students (and always will be). They include everything from politics and journalism, to sustainability and engineering and can be completed at times that suit your students. Most notably, they offer a certificate great for CVs, cover letters and future interviews upon completion. More details [here](#)

### Law Virtual Work Experience:

- Friday 2nd July, 9am - 4pm
- An insight to law, different departments and areas of work (including non law routes)
- Networking opportunities and being added to a fast track list for in person events when safe to do so
- Breakout rooms with solicitors in talking about different areas of law
- Panel discussion and a real world project for you to work on!
- Client relationships and winning new business
- Workshops & interactive sessions
- Open to students in Y10 / S3, Y11 / S4, Y12 / S5, Y13 / S6 & Y14 + University students

### Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/Law-VWEX>

### New vacancies added this week at [edubuzz.org/careers](https://edubuzz.org/careers)

- Optical receptionist, Ballantine Goldie, Gullane [here](#)
- Standard Life Aberdeen's Traineeship 2021 – Edinburgh [here](#)
- Other useful sites if you are looking for local vacancies is [edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies](https://edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies) as well as [www.apprenticeship.scot](https://www.apprenticeship.scot)
- Current Modern Apprenticeships and vacancies in Edinburgh and Lothians on the [edubuzz.org/careers](https://edubuzz.org/careers) site and updated weekly.
- 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](#)
- Summer Virtual Work Placements [here](#)

- Training and Support Coach [here](#)

### **SDS Helpline and Results Helpline:**

The general SDS Helpline is available now on 0800 917 8000. It is available Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. The dedicated SDS Results Helpline number is 0808 100 8000 – this goes live at 8 am on results day, Tuesday 10 August. Advisers will have access to information on course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, Confirmation and Clearing, advice about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and jobs, volunteering or staying on at school. On both helplines SDS's expert advisers are at the end of the phone to help young people and their parents and carers. There's also lots of support on Scotland's career website, My World of Work, and through our social media channels.

[We are available over the summer break at: mick.burns@sds.co.uk and wendy.malcolm@sds.co.uk](mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk)  
[just email both addresses! Have a great summer everyone.](#)

### **COVID-19 Positive Cases During the Summer Holiday**

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. Details on how to book a test can be found via this link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested in Scotland - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

[covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk)

### **NBHS Communications**

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you should email us at the communications email address below. Please note that this mailbox will not be monitored regularly throughout the summer break. Messages may not be picked up and responded to until the beginning of the new session.

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

### **Date for your Diary**

Friday 25 June

school closes for summer holiday at 12.15 pm

Wednesday 18 August

school opens for the new session at 8.30 am sharp