



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 3rd September 2021

Message from HT

This week, I have really started to feel “at home” – having been a Depute here before, it has been reassuring to be able to find my way around, to know how the canteen works, and see some familiar faces in the staff I worked with 5 years ago. I’m also coming across lots of siblings of pupils I got to know last time! My thanks to parents who have taken the time to contact me to say hello and welcome – it has been lovely to receive such kind wishes.

Our Head Team have led assemblies this week – it’s been great to hear these young people talk about their aspirations and hopes for our school. My thanks to them for their contributions. Assemblies are a great way for us to share our values – especially around the school environment and sense of belonging that makes NBHS the special place it is.

My favourite moment of the week has been visiting the wonderful Pupil Support base and being presented with the most delicious hot roll. Thanks, Mr Walker!

Michelle Moore
Head Teacher

Extra-curricular sport and activity

We are pleased to attach the Term 1 sport and activity programme.

Online booking is now open - <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-north-berwick-high-school>

Any questions, please contact Miss Parry - cparry@elcschool.org.uk

Sports Committee

We are looking for volunteers from S4-S6 to be part of our Sports Committee. This will involve planning, organising and delivering sports events and sessions - lunchtime clubs etc. - as well as promoting sport and activity at NBHS and in the community.

In addition to this, we are also looking for 2 x S6 pupils to be our Young Ambassadors, who will lead the sports committee. They will also be part of a national programme, run by sportscotland - <https://sportscotland.org.uk/schools/young-ambassadors/>

If this is something that you're interested in, please email me - cparry@elcschool.org.uk to note your interest by Wednesday 8 September.

Volleyball Club

Volleyball club will start on Wednesday 8 September at 1310 in the basketball gym.

Bring a packed lunch, and get changed as quickly as you can, and come to the basketball gym.

All welcome!

Any questions, see Mr McKerracher P.E.

Astroturf – Organised Sports at Lunchtime

We are now able to offer organised sports on the Astroturf during lunchtime, run by our S6 Sports Council. The pitch will, therefore, no longer be available as a social space during lunch breaks, which will also protect the specialised surface. Pupils opting into these sessions will be required to change into sports kit but can use the PE changing rooms for this. We are looking forward to our pupils leading and participating in the sessions – all welcome!

Dress Code

It's great to see the vast majority of our young people adhering to our agreed dress code. The Senior Leadership team have done a dress code "sweep" of senior classes this week and have further "sweeps" planned for all year groups. You may, following this, receive a short communication to inform you if your young person was found to not be wearing appropriate school clothing. Your help in supporting the wearing of dress code really does support our ethos and sense of community. Thank you.

The dress code for the school is available on the school website:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/schoolinformation/school-dress-code/>

Ties can be purchased through SchoolPay/iPay – you will see the link on our school website. Go to School Shop, scroll down and purchase a tie. Ties will then be delivered to your young person's registration class.

If you wish to apply for a school clothing grant – further information can be found

here: https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210557/schools_and_learning/11899/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/2. Please contact school if you require assistance with this as we are happy to help.

Flora's Fundraising Campaign

Gemma and Lucy Dalrymple both S2 have been fundraising all over the summer online and had a last push to raise funds last Friday in Aberlady. They have been running a Teddy Tombola and have managed to raise the amazing amount of £1009.50 which will be donated to Flora's Fundraising Campaign.

Flora's family live in Aberlady and her parents are fundraising for further treatment either to get Flora into remission or to try and keep the cancer away if treatment does not go to plan. This could cost hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Well done Gemma and Lucy.

Covid Mitigations

It continues to be important that all pupils follow the the one way system, wear face coverings (unless exempt) and ensure good hand hygiene. Please use the information in the Warn and Inform letter as your guide to current protocols.

Prizegiving

This year's Prizegiving will take place in school on the morning of Thursday 16th September. It is a real shame that we cannot invite any parents or guests to this fantastic event but we will do our best to make it as celebratory as we can, amidst the understandable restrictions. We are looking forward to recognising all the successes and achievements of our seniors. Further information will follow.

Parents' Evenings

We have now received notification from East Lothian Council that it is the expectation that all Parents' Evenings will be online for the remainder of the session. The date of the upcoming Parent Council AGM will be agreed with the Chair shortly and further information will follow.

A warm welcome to our new staff

Nathan Watson – Teacher of English
Kelly Evans – School Auxiliary
Trish Lang – Teacher of Maths
Claire Coupar – Teacher of Geography
David Watkins – Teacher of Maths
Karen Whyte – Teacher of Chemistry
Laura Hutchison – Teacher of Biology
Bex Chisholm – Teacher of Home Economics
Molly Chappell – Teacher of PE
Lauren Hughes – Teacher of RME

Careers

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A very warm welcome to the updates from Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisers for North Berwick High, 2021/22 session.

I'm delighted to be joined by my colleague, Wendy Malcolm wendy.malcolm@sds.co.uk this session and please free to contact us if you have any questions.

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. All S3 students are offered an individual careers interview and these will take place over this term.

Parents coming into 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 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
- Ask a member of staff at the office

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

- Friday 17th and Monday 20th September – school closed
- Tuesday 21st September is a Rolling Monday – all pupils will follow their Monday timetable on this date.