



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 10th September 2021

Message from HT

This week has again been full of learning – for me and for the young people. I delivered an assembly on choices and on respecting our school environment, which remains a topic I wish to highlight. Encouraging all pupils to be responsible citizens is very much a focus at present and this will continue.

This week, the Senior Leadership team carried out a dress code “sweep” of S1 and S2 classes– they were fantastic! Just brilliant! A huge thank you for your support – I was so pleased to see our youngest pupils embracing being part of our community in this way.

We have our Eco-Flag ceremony taking place this afternoon – I’m hugely proud of NBHS for gaining this recognition for our commitment to environmental education and action. Our young people have been the leaders of this work and my thanks to Ms Prete for guiding and supporting them.

This week has also been about connections – reaching out to community partners, being visited by our Quality Improvement Officer, making plans to meet with our school Educational Psychologist, and connecting with the outgoing Chair of the Parent Council.

Have a great weekend!
Michelle Moore
Head Teacher

Curricular P.E.

Just a reminder to all pupils to come appropriately dressed to P.E.

- Trainers
- Tracksuit trousers / leggings
- T-shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Sun cream, if it's hot and sunny
- Waterproof / warm jacket for colder days
- Please make sure that long hair is tied back

Junior Basketball

Junior basketball sessions will now take place on Wednesdays in the Sports Centre. Senior basketball will be on Thursdays in the basketball gym. Both sessions run from 1530-1630.

Boys' Hockey

Boys' hockey will run on Wednesdays from 1530-1630, starting on Wednesday 15 September.

Please make sure that you sign up to 'Boys' Hockey - Season 2021-2022' via this link

- <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-north-berwick-high-school/nbhs-hockey/>

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

SSAA Secondary Road Race Championships 2021

Date : Wednesday 6th October 2021

Venue : Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline

Entry fee : £8

Parents / guardians will be responsible for transport to and from, and supervision at, this event.

Anyone interested in running in the above event, please email Miss Parry cparry@elcschool.org.uk by Wednesday 15 September.

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

Due to current circumstances, we are asking pupils to make their own way to matches.

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

Please could all pupils come to school in dress code even if they have PE first thing.

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.

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.

Asymptomatic Testing

With children back at school it's important to be aware of the latest guidance to help everyone stay safe.

For the latest information, visit:
gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

Testing can help reduce the risks of an outbreak. Pupils should test themselves twice a week, reporting the results online even if they are negative or void. Test kits can be picked up at the school office.

Prizegiving

This year's Prizegiving will take place in school on the morning of Thursday 16th September. I am looking forward to recognising all the successes and achievements of our seniors. Prizewinners will be informed of when to come to the hall at tutor time next week. Parents and Carers – we are hoping to send a memento of this occasion to you shortly after the event! Check your email inboxes!

Parent Council AGM

This will take place on **Tuesday 21st September at 7-8pm** via Googlemeet. **Please email the Communications inbox if you would like to be sent the link.** Matters of business will include agreeing the Parent Council Constitution and the election of a new Chair and members. Please do consider if you would like to be our new Chair – it's a great opportunity to represent the Parent Forum and work in partnership with the school.

Parent Council meeting

The first PC meeting of the year is planned for **Tuesday 5th October at 7-8:30pm**. Further information will follow from the new Chair.

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.

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
- Parent Council AGM Tuesday 21st September at 7pm
- October holiday runs from Monday 18th-Friday 22nd October inclusive, with Monday 25th October an inservice day for staff only – we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school after October break on Tuesday 26th October