



## **NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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#### **Message from HT**

#### **Our expectations**

We have now been back in school for a month and it's been brilliant! Our young people are adjusting to school life incredibly well but the basics of being a member of our community remain really important. This means:

- Being on time and attending all timetabled classes
- Ensuring kindness and respect are central to our daily interactions
- Being identifiable as a North Berwick High School pupil by wearing dress code
- Adhere to teacher instruction on removal of earphones and mobile phone use
- Respecting the school environment at all times

Have a great holiday weekend!  
Mrs Moore

#### **Rolling Monday – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Please note: Tuesday 21st September is a Rolling Monday – all pupils will follow their Monday timetable on this date.

#### **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS S1, S2 AND S6 – WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2021**

On Wednesday 22 September 2021, the photographer from Tempest Photography will be in school to take the individual photographs of the S1s, S2s (because they missed out last year) and the S6s.

The timing of these photographs will be as follows:

Period 1	S6
Period 2	S2
Periods 3 and 4	S1

Other than the S6s, pupils should attend their above classes, as normal; they will then be accompanied by their period teacher, at the allotted time, to the location where the photographs will be taken.

Pupils should follow the school dress code.

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to arrange for year group photographs to be taken.

#### **Covid Mitigations**

It continues to be important that all pupils follow 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](https://www.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.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Music Ensembles**

Please be assured that dialogue is ongoing to allow these important activities to resume again, when it is safe to do so. The situation is being monitored closely and an update is expected at the end of the 6 week review point, which will be shared as soon as we are able to. It will be wonderful to see our young people participate in these much-loved groups again as soon as it is possible to do so.

### **Skills Development Scotland**

SDS are delivering a national webinar **Introduction to Skills Development Scotland (SDS) for parents and carers of S1 pupils** on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 6.30pm. This session aims to give parents and carers an introduction to SDS, the role of Careers Advisers in school as well as information to support career planning.

**Suggested social media posts to share (can use image attached):**

**Twitter:**

Parents and carers of S1 pupils! Want to know more about SDS support for your young person throughout their time at school? This webinar is for you. [Sign up](#) to hear about the role of SDS careers advisers in schools, including information to support career planning.

**Facebook:**

Want to know more about SDS career information, advice and guidance support for your young person throughout their time at school? This webinar is for parents and carers of S1 pupils to find out more. [Sign up](#) to hear about SDS and the role of SDS careers advisers in schools, including information to support career planning.

**Information for websites, emails, letters etc**

**Introduction to Skills Development Scotland (SDS) for parents and carers of S1 pupils- Wednesday 29 September 2021**

Want to know more about SDS career information, advice and guidance support for your young person throughout their time at school? Join our careers advisers Lesley and Gordon to hear about SDS, the role of SDS careers advisers in schools and information to support career planning. The online session will also introduce our careers web service [My World of Work](#), which has a dedicated area for parents and carers.

Parents and carers can register for our session [here](#).

### **NBHS at the Scottish Learning Festival**

In recognition of North Berwick's success with our HMIE inspection, we have been asked to deliver a virtual workshop to delegates at this year's Scottish Learning Festival on our approach to learning

and teaching, and professional learning for staff. Thank you to Mr McCallum for leading this – there are 400 educators signed up to our session so no pressure there! We are looking forward to the opportunity.

### **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.

### **Wifi Access**

Please be aware that it may not be possible to connect to school wifi on some personal devices as, in some circumstances, the ELC system does not support them. Please check personal settings, in the first instance.

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

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Friday 17th and Monday 20th September – school closed
- Parent Council AGM Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm
- October holiday runs from Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October inclusive, with Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October an inservice day for staff only – we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school after October break on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October