



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 20 August 2021

Welcome and thank you from the new HT

It has been a wonderful week! I have been made to feel so welcome by staff and pupils and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone. It is great to have everyone back in the building and see a real enthusiasm for learning. In my assemblies to the young people, I spoke of my belief in our school values and my aspirations for our learning community, as well as telling them a little bit more about my own journey back to North Berwick High School.

The S1 pupils are settling in well - I have really appreciated their smiley “hellos” in the corridors and love their natural curiosity about absolutely everything.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend our senior pupils on their achievements with their qualifications. Their resilience, adaptability and determination has certainly paid off – I could not be prouder of them.

Michelle Moore
Head Teacher

Uniform

When greeting pupils at the door, I have noticed very high standards of uniform and would very much like to see this continue as term progresses. Thank you for your ongoing support with uniform – it is much appreciated and supports the sense of community and belonging that is core to NBHS.

It is particularly important, while I am learning who our pupils are, that I can identify the members of our community in order to ensure I keep everyone safe. I know our senior pupils often have work or social commitments immediately after school but when they enter the building, they need to be in uniform (even on Fridays!).

Please could pupils, unless exempt, bring a face covering from home.

Extra-curricular Sport and Activities

In line with local Covid guidance, work on the Extra-curricular programme is underway. We have been able to offer the opportunities below from the start of term. Extra-curricular activities are great opportunities for our young people to make new friends and develop their skills, and I am hopeful we can return to a fuller programme this session.

In addition to what is below, we are finalising the details of our extra-curricular sport and activity programme for this term. We hope to have this done by Wednesday next week, when online booking will open. The first activities should start w/c 30 August. Further details will follow when everything is confirmed.

We are always looking for volunteers to widen the range of activities that we offer to our pupils. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Miss Parry, Active Schools Co-ordinator - cparry@elcschool.org.uk.

S1 Football	Open to all S1 boys and girls of all abilities	Wednesday, 3.45- 4.45pm, Recreation Park Astro	Mr G. Docherty	S1
National 5 after-school revision/support session	A support session where pupils aiming for National 5 can get help with topics causing difficulty or practise exam-style questions.	Every Monday 1530-1630 in Maths 5	Alan Cox	Senior Phase
Gardening	Learn gardening skills and have fun doing a make-over to the Social Area courtyard.	Mondays 3.30 - 4.15 when weather permits	Dr McKendrick	S1, S2, S3
Chess Club	Pupils can improve their strategic skills and compete against their friends at one of the world's oldest and finest games.	Wednesday lunch time (starting 13:10)	John O'Donnell and Tom Roulston	S1, S2, S3, Senior Phase
Biscuits and Books Junior Group	A book group for pupils in S1-3	1st Thursday of the month	Nicole Wilson	S1, S2, S3
Biscuits and Books Senior	A book group for pupils across the Senior phase	The 2nd Thursday of the month	Nicole Wilson	Senior Phase
Languages and film making project	https://seet.org.uk/about-our-world A creative film making challenge based on themes relating to global citizenship. The film has to contain at least one other language other than English. Selected teams will attend a film making working shop with a professional filmmaker. Participants will attend a premiere and awards ceremony to showcase their work and achievements.	Tuesday lunch time	Laura Williamson	S3, Senior Phase

Lunchtime

When the weather is fine, we are encouraging young people to get some fresh air at lunchtime. As well as the canteen, we have additional dining space in the hall and S2 and S3 are able to use the social area and garden, if they wish.

Transport Matters

Overcrowding

We are aware that there has been some crowding on school buses along the coastal routes. We are investigating, because there seems to be ample capacity in theory. If you live along the coast, could you please emphasise the following to your children:

- Gullane pupils should be on the 124/125 buses only - both to school and home. The 124 bus going home is currently used by very few pupils, leaving the other bus crowded.

Smartcards

Transport team staff are coming in to school on Monday morning to activate pupils' smartcards for their bus routes, so it is vital that pupils bring their smart cards with them on Monday. We will collect them as they leave the buses, and make the activated cards available in time for break/lunchtime use. Any pupils missing this opportunity may have to take their cards to John Muir House to have them activated.

Sailing ICLA Nationals

Congratulations and well done to Rory Ferrier 4F1 who came first in the silver fleet ICLA Nationals in Weymouth, competing against sailors from the UK and Ireland.

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.