



To

NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 24th September 2021

Message from HT

Huge thanks to all who attended the Parent Council AGM this week – great to see some faces and say hello. My thanks to Niall Bradley for chairing admirably, over recent sessions – I am very appreciative of the support and engagement of the PC, and look forward to working with the new members who represent all year groups S1-S6.

Please do continue to use the Communications inbox to share any of your child's successes and achievements you wish school to be aware of – it's so lovely to hear good news stories and I'm keen to recognise the skills and talents of our young people as much as possible.

Our workshop sharing our practice in learning and teaching was attended by over 200 delegates at the virtual Scottish Learning Festival this week! It was a privilege for Mr McCallum and I to represent North Berwick at this event and, despite technical hitches, all went well.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Mrs Moore

Guardian Summaries S1 pupils

S1 pupils have been sent a Googleform via their 'S1 Home Class' Googleclassroom, inviting them to give Guardian Summary access to their parent/carers. This will give parent/carers an overview of what homework tasks are being set for pupils in their Googleclassrooms.

Pupils must give their permission, so access can only be granted via this Googleform.

Once permission has been granted, an invite will be sent to the parent contact email that has been provided. If you are having issues when accepting the invite to be your child's guardian on Google Classroom, please try and accept the invite via a web browser, and if you are using a Googleaccount, please ensure that all Google profiles are logged out of before accepting the invite.

If you are having any problems accessing Guardian Summaries on Google Classroom, please see the Frequently Asked Questions below:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/7126518?hl=en>

Duke of Edinburgh Award (current participants)

I am currently having meetings with all current participants to update them on the completion of their awards. Bronze on Wed 22nd Sept and Silver on Monday 27th Sept. For those unable to attend and for all parents I have made a short presentation to give a brief update. The links are below.

Bronze - <https://youtu.be/z-kipO1tpog>

Silver - <https://youtu.be/z-kipO1tpog>

I will be in contact with more information shortly regarding their expeditions.

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Parent/Carers Information Evening - Your Child (young person) Their Future event – details [here](#)

Whitekirk Hill Resort – vacancies [here](#)

Apprenticeship and vacancies for Edinburgh and Lothians [here](#)

Careers resources for S6 students [here](#)

Young Ambassadors 2021-22

We are pleased to announce that our Young Ambassadors for this year are Poppy Fletcher and Millie Capaldi. Their role is to promote and inspire other young people to get involved in sport in our school and community.

PTA AGM Invitation: 7pm Wednesday 29th September

We would like to invite all parents and carers to the PTA AGM on Wednesday the 29th September at 7pm. We will be using Google Meet so if you'd like to attend, please email us in advance at ptanbhs@gmail.com and we will send you a link to join the meeting.

What is the PTA?

The PTA is a charity made up of parents, carers, teachers and students, who work together to support school activities and raise vital funds for the school and its students. In previous years we have supported large school-based events such as Winter and Spring Concerts and the S6 Burns Supper.

We welcome you to share your fundraising ideas and appreciate any support you can offer in terms of expertise or time. One way you can support the PTA is to participate in the monthly cash prize draw. To find out more about how you can get involved or support your PTA please email us at ptanbhs@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you

NBHS PTA

Golfing Success

Congratulations to Louise Martin 2G1 who won the Stephen Gallacher Foundation Under 14s Girls' Championship last Sunday. We are very proud of Louise's achievement! Well done!



Stephen Gallacher Foundation Under 14 Girls Champion Louise Martin

Covid Mitigations

It continues to be **vital** 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.

Absent Pupils Accessing Learning

We appreciate there is a need to ensure provision for learning is in place for young people self-isolating or awaiting test results. I understand that there is already good practice in place in the use of Google Classroom which can support this.

As Google Classroom has been set up for every class, key powerpoints or topic overviews are being routinely posted in class spaces. Assignments and home learning are also often posted for young people to access.

Please encourage your young person to check their Google Classrooms in the first instance.

Nationally, there are supplementary online learning offers available to all pupils as follows:

- The E-Sgoil online offer for Senior Phase learners can be accessed on GLOW and instructions for this are on our own school website: <https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/wp-content/blogs.dir/894/files/2020/10/GLOW-e-Sgoil-User-Guide-2020.pdf>
- For BGE learners, there are resources on West-OS, also accessed through GLOW – the app will appear on the pupils' launch pad
- The National E-Learning Offer (NELO) can be accessed here: <https://education.gov.scot/nelo/>
- SCHOLAR resources for seniors can be found here: <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>

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.

Parent Council meeting

Save the date!

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 or Vice Chair.

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



Parents & Pupils COVID-19 Guidance

- All Bookings / Sign Up must be online - Links available from www.activeeastlothian.co.uk/active-schools/
- Pupils arrive dressed to take part - weather appropriate. No Changing Facilities are available.
- Pupils bring own water bottle and hand sanitiser, with their name on both.
- Parents & Pupils walk, cycle or travel in own car (same household) to Activity Venue - avoid public transport if possible.
- Parents & Pupils enter venue via the entrance / gate as advised when signing up.
- Parents & Pupils arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before the start of the session.
- Only 1 adult from each household to attend / spectate.
- Parents must socially distance from other adults and children when arriving.
- Pupils must use hand sanitiser at the start and end of the activity.
- Pupils must stay within their Activity Bubble as advised by their activity leader.
Activity Bubble = The group they have been allocated at the activity.
- Pupils should be collected no later than 5 minutes from the end of the activity.
- Parents & Pupils should make their way home straight after the activity.
- Pupils should change when home, and have a shower.

If any pupils have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19 for they should not attend their activity and inform their School.

Please also advise your Active Schools Co-ordinator if you attended an Active Schools Activity in the 48 hours preceding your symptoms or positive test.

Advice about self isolation and booking a PCR test can be found at www.nhsinform.scot

Pupils are asked to self isolate and arrange to take a PCR test should they:

- Live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- Someone in their support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive
- They have been told by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19

Toilets will be available for children and adults in the PE department. We would ask that you follow all Covid regulations for entrance into a school building – face masks (unless exempt), hand hygiene, follow signage. Contact our Active Schools Coordinator Claire Parry, who will be present, for further information.

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

- 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**