



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 27 August 2021

Message from HT

It's been a busy and productive week here at NBHS. I've learned so much already and it has been fantastic to see and hear the young people engaging in learning too. The new S1 are settling in well and continue their cheery greetings in the mornings. I have some wonderful new art work on my office wall and am reminded daily of how talented our pupils are – it looks great! It has also been fantastic to see our pupils taking initiative – S6 helping out in the canteen when they can see a need for this, older pupils kindly helping S1 to find their way around, young people sharing their ideas for improving our school with me, and feeling able to do so.

Michelle Moore
Head Teacher

P7/S1 Open Afternoon

Originally scheduled for Friday 10th September, regrettably this event has been postponed due to current Covid regulations. We hope to have a new date to share with you soon - watch this space!

Cashless Catering

Just a reminder that we operate a cashless catering system for the purchase of food and drink from our school canteen. Money should be added to your child's Young Scot card, via our online payments system, SchoolPay. The card can then be used for purchases from the canteen.

We are aware that a small number of pupils are still waiting on delivery of their Young Scot cards, but hopefully, these will arrive shortly.

If you are not registered for SchoolPay and need assistance with this, then please let us know.

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

School Dates

Please note that following approval by East Lothian Council, revised session dates have now been approved. Term ends on Friday 17th December, 2021 and resumes on Wednesday 5th January, 2022.

Flu Vaccination Programme

From this academic year 2021/22, the flu vaccine will be offered to all primary AND secondary school pupils. This programme will take place in school later in this session; the date will be confirmed in due course. In the meantime, flu consent forms have been issued to all pupils today. Please discuss this with your young person, and if you wish them to participate, then please return the completed consent form to the school by **Friday 3 September 2021**.

Dress Code

Young people displaying they are part of the NBHS community by adhering to dress code is very important to our ethos and to the safety of our school. Please continue to support the wearing of dress code whenever possible.

Parents' Evenings

A short consultation will be undertaken shortly via Google Survey to capture your views on online Parents' Evenings. Feedback to date has been very positive.

SQA

The Scottish Government has confirmed that an exam diet for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses will be held from 26th April to 1st June 2022, as long as it is safe to do so. Further information can be found here: <https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/awarding2021/national-qualification-assessments-in-2021-22-learner-guide/>

Smartcards

Transport team staff are coming in to school again on Tuesday morning to activate pupils' smartcards for their bus routes, so it is vital that pupils that missed this last week bring their smart cards with them on Tuesday. Pupils should hand their smartcards to their tutor teacher at tutor time, the activated cards will be available in time for break/lunchtime use and can be collected from the school office.

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.

Some local part time opportunities with Anderson's Quality Meats and Cake can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#)

University of Glasgow: Virtual Open Day 1 September 2021 details [here](#)

IT Engagement Trainee – Glasgow This role supports the IT Engagement team to provide effective IT service delivery and governance of IT Suppliers for the Business. More details [here](#)

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.