



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 1st October 2021

Message from HT

This week has flown by! Thank you so much for your continuing support of our shared expectations – that young people arrive on time and ready to learn, bring face coverings from home (wherever possible and unless exempt), and are identifiable as NBHS pupils by adhering to the agreed dress code.

While the majority of our pupils have adjusted brilliantly to being back at school, we recognise that for some young people, they are requiring additional intervention and support. Let us work together to encourage full engagement in learning as much as possible.

The feedback I have received from you on the positive “school values” emails I’ve been sending home has been lovely – thank you. It is not difficult to find young people demonstrating diligence, kindness, belonging and curiosity on a daily basis and it’s great to be able to share when they do with their parent/carer.

Thank you to Julie Cetingoz for inviting me along to the PTA AGM this week – lots of creative thinking shared and achievements from last year recognised, despite the obvious challenges.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Chief Scout’s Gold Award

This past weekend S3 pupils, Grace Laurie-Pile, Isla Weir, Emily Wallace, Daniel Shields and Charlie Kay, planned and took part in a Scout expedition that involved walking, biking, walking, camping then more walking. This was their final challenge to complete in Scouts.

Subsequently, they were awarded the highest scout award possible: Chief Scout's Gold Award. Congratulations go to the Scouts, and huge thanks to the dedicated Scout Leaders who supported them with this. They are hoping to move into Scout Explorers to continue their learning and adventures.

Well done all!

School Session Dates – 2022/23 to 2024/25

The consultation on School Session Dates for 2022/23 to 2024/25 will be open on the Council’s Consultation Hub from 27 September 2021 until 18 October 2021. The consultation on the draft school session dates for these three school sessions is to seek stakeholder views. The East Lothian Council draft dates for 2022/23 to 2024/25 have taken cognisance of our neighbouring authority dates, very much aligning with City of Edinburgh Council dates.

The link to the consultation hub is – <https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/>

Scotland's Census 2022

In 2022, Scotland will run its once-a-decade count of the population. Census Day is Sunday 20th March.

The census is the official count of every person in the country. It collects information about where you stay and the people who stay there.

The information you give helps make decisions about how public money will be spent on schools, roads, healthcare and other important services in your local community.

Please find further information at the following link:

<https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/about/taking-part-in-the-2022-census/scotland-s-census-2022/>

Total Adventure Secondary Schools' Surfing

Booking goes live at 1800 on 1 October

<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-total-adventure/total-adventure-surfing/>

S1-S3 Pupil Coach Education Day - Thursday 14th October

An introduction to sports coaching for S1-S3 pupils.

Times: 0930 - 1300

Venue: Meadowmill

Sports: Multisports/ Rugby/ Football/ Hockey

All pupils will take part in Multisports (first session) and then will have to choose a sport for 2nd session.

If you are interested in taking part, please email me with your name, and the sport that you're interested in taking part in, by Tuesday 5 October

– cparry@elcschool.org.uk

Please note that places are limited, and we will draw names at random if we are oversubscribed.

Senior Pupil Coach Education Day - Wednesday 13th October

An introduction to sports coaching for S4-S6 pupils.

Times: 0930 - 1430

Venue: Meadowmill

Sports: Football/ Rugby/ Hockey

If you are interested in taking part, please email me with your name, and the sport that you're interested in taking part in, by Tuesday 5 October

– cparry@elcschool.org.uk

Please note that places are limited, and we will draw names at random if we are oversubscribed.

Assessing National Qualifications 2021-2022 – an updated message from SQA

The most recent message (30 September) from SQA about the assessment of the NQs this year, can be found via this link:

[Parent guide to NQ assessments 2021-22 - SQA](#)

Summary of modifications to National Qualifications

A summary of the modifications that are in place for the National Qualifications this academic year can be found via this link:

[Modifications to assessment summary table- SQA](#)

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>

North Berwick Rugby Club

Are you looking for a way to meet new friends, keep fit and learn how to be a team player then North Berwick community rugby are looking for boys and girls of all ages to join our rugby squads with the core values of respect, leadership, achievement, engagement and enjoyment. For everybody.

There is a place in every team for all shapes and sizes so come along and give rugby a try.

Mr Sibbald

Training times

Girls

S1 to S4 Saturday 9am til 10am (club)

Boys

S1 Tuesday 6pm til 7pm (club) and soon to be Thursday 4pm til 5pm (school)

S2 Tuesday 6:30pm til 8pm (school) and Thursday 6:30pm til 8pm (school)

S3 Tuesday 5pm til 6pm (club) and Thursday 5pm til 6pm (club)

S4 Monday 7:30pm til 9pm (school) and Thursday 6pm til 7:30pm (school)

U-18's Tuesday 5pm til 6:30pm (club) and Thursday 5pm til 6:30pm (club)

North Berwick Rugby Results and Fixtures

North Berwick Rugby Team results from last weekend are as follows:

NB U14s lost 46 21 against Dunbar (Home)

NB U15s won 40 33 against George Heriots (Away)

NB U16s won 52 0 against Dunbar (Home)

NB U18s lost 31 26 against George Heriots (Away)

Fantastic efforts all!

Upcoming club fixtures this week on Sunday 3rd October

NB U14s v Boroughmuir (Home game at Recreation Park 11am KO)

NB U15s v Boroughmuir (Away game at Meggetland 11am KO)

NB U16s v Boroughmuir (Away game at Meggetland 11am KO)

Careers

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Blog: www.edubuzz.org/careers

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](#)

[We have delivered our S1 careers talks this week and you can view the content here](#)

[Vacancy and volunteering opportunities here](#)

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**. Please contact the Communications Inbox to request a link for the meeting.

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

- 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**