



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 15th October 2021

Message from HT



A huge thank you to all in the North Berwick High School community for their hard work, commitment and support during my first term.

May I wish you all a very happy and healthy October break. I look forward to welcoming our young people back on Tuesday 26th October.

Mrs Moore

Staffing Update

We say au revoir to Ms Suzanne Ritchie, Faculty Leader of Languages, who leaves us for a 6 month secondment to the Scottish National Centre for Languages (SCILT) as a Development Officer. Ms Ritchie is a highly valued member of staff and we wish her well on her new adventure.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Mr David Foulkes, who leaves us to take up post as Acting Faculty Head of Numeracy at Preston Lodge High School. I have no doubt that Mr Foulkes will do a brilliant job and we will miss him.

Ms Pamela Loudon will become Acting Faculty Leader of Performing Arts on Thursdays and Fridays, job-sharing with Ms Julia Spooner. We say also say goodbye to Ms Maria Perez Serna in Drama and thank her for all she has contributed.

After the October break, the following staff will take up post:

- Ms Gillian Breslin – Acting Faculty Leader of Languages
- Mr Andrew Graham (took up post on Monday 11th October) – Temporary Teacher of English
- Clare McAdam (took up post on Monday 11th October) – Senior Business Support Assistant
- Mr Neil Galbraith – Teacher of English
- Mr Malcolm Nelms – Temporary Teacher of Mathematics
- Ms Anja Schoenfeld - Temporary Teacher of French and German

- Ms Aimee Dudgeon – Pupil Support Worker (previously Pupil Support Assistant)
- Ms Pamela Loudon – Acting Faculty Leader of Performing Arts (Thurs/Fri)
- Ms Aimee Ferrier – Scottish Government Funded BGE Literacy Development Teacher

Bicycle Security

Could parents please ensure pupils have a padlock so they can lock their bikes during the school day – thank you.

127 Bus Route – unaffected by road closure

Locals will be aware that the road from West Fenton to Gullane will be "closed" for 8 weeks from 18th October. We have been informed that access will be provided for the 127 bus, and that its route will therefore be unaffected.

Scottish Youth Climate Summit

We're excited to invite you to join us for the **Scottish Youth Climate Summit** to connect with young people (11-26), learn from experts and create Scotland's Youth Climate Declaration in advance of COP26.

Date: Saturday 30th October, 9:30 – 17:00 (however you can hop in and out of events throughout the day depending on your availability)

Register here: www.hopin.com/events/scottish-climate-youth-summit

SQA update

A letter from the Head of Education, Nicola McDowell, regarding SQA National Qualifications 2022 has been sent out to parents of S4, S5 and S6 pupils and appears on the school website at this link: [SQA-NQ22-Communication-to-Pupils-and-Parents-October-2021.pdf \(edubuzz.org\)](#)

We have recently been informed by SQA that notification of any SQA Appeal result for the 20-21 diet will now not be sent to schools until the week beginning 25th October.

NBHS Dress Code – Dispelling the Myths

Contrary to rumour, staff at NBHS do care about dress code. It is important to our school ethos, equity and safety that NBHS pupils are easily identifiable as such.

Another myth doing the rounds is that school dress does not have to be adhered to on Fridays. This is not the case!

Finally, it is a myth that if you have PE first thing, you can wear PE clothing to school.

As temperatures are getting lower, and as ventilation in classrooms remains an important Covid mitigation, I fully appreciate that it may be more comfortable for young people to wear their coats and jackets in class, at the teacher's discretion. I understand this was also in place last year.

Thank you

Mrs Moore

PTA Meeting Invitation: 7pm Wednesday 27th October

We would like to invite all parents and carers to the first PTA meeting of the 2021/22 school year on Wednesday the 27th October at 7pm. We welcome your input, and appreciate any support you can offer in terms of time, expertise and fundraising ideas.

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. 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

How to join the meeting?

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.

We look forward to seeing you
NBHS PTA

Free Family events at the Scottish Seabird Centre this October Break

Live Science Shows: Climate Sale (When It's Gone, It's Gone!)

This year Professor Egghead will be helping you to save a penny and the planet in this fun and interactive live science show! Can how you spend your pocket money really help combat climate change? Come along and find out - laughs and learning guaranteed!

- Dates: 16 & 23 October 2021
- Time: 2pm
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick
- Recommended ages 6+
- [Book here](#)

Seaside Storytelling

Bring your kids along for an hour of escapism, with a series of wonderful marine-themed stories. Let our Discovery Experience staff transport you to the underwater worlds of a few of our favourite marine-themed short stories.

- Dates: 17 & 24 October 2021
- Time: 11.15am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre
- Recommended ages 3+
- [Book here](#)

What's for Snack – Puppet Show

Join Craig the crab and friends for a fun interactive puppet show - What's for Snack?

Craig has eaten some marine litter by mistake and is not feeling very well. He'll be joined by some of his seaside friends who, along with our audience, will try to help him get rid of his sore tummy.

- Date: 20 October 2021
- Time: 11.15am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre
- Recommended ages 2+
- [Book here](#)

Careers

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Whitekirk Hill Resort – vacancies [here](#)

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

We have delivered our S4 careers talks this week and you can view the content here

Leith School of Art Open Days [here](#)

Skills Development Scotland - S1 parents webinar [here](#)

Are you a future Engineer? Find out about activities next week and beyond [here](#)

60,000 free travel passes for young people in EU and UK [here](#)

Springpod - October Virtual Work Experience programmes [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.

We expect a National update on Covid school guidance **after the October break. NBHS will communicate with you as to the nature of any changes as soon as we are able to.**

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.

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

North Berwick Rugby Club – results and fixtures

NB U13s lost 45 12 against Haddington (Home)

NB U14s lost 45 14 against Haddington (Away)

NB U15s lost 37 7 against Linlithgow (Away)

NB U16s won 31 0 against Berwick (Home)

NB U18s lost 38 15 against Haddington (Home)

A tough weekend for the majority of NB teams, although the super 16's had another victory!

Just one upcoming home fixture this week on Saturday 15th October

NB U15's v Dalkeith at Recreation Park, 11am KO. Why not come down and support the NB boys.

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**
- Next Rolling Monday is **Wednesday 27th October** all pupils should follow their Monday timetable
- Next Parent Council meeting is **Wednesday 24th November**