



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 12th November 2021

Message from HT

Hello everyone –

This week, I met with our Community Warden, Donna Montgomery, to discuss the recent graffiti that has appeared in our communities. Donna was very clear that almost all of her engagement with our young people is hugely positive – that she finds our young people, as I do, receptive and responsive to encouragement to behave respectfully. Donna has kindly agreed to deliver some year group assemblies shortly for us.

I have also been delighted to hear that our new praise notifications are being warmly received by all of you – we will now extend our pilot to all staff until Christmas, when we will do our full evaluation of our new electronic communication system. Huge thanks to the Science faculty for their efforts to date.

Latecoming to school remains a concern – young people are missing important information by not being present at tutor group by 8:30am and our online assemblies are one of our key methods of communicating our values and any changes to school processes to our pupils. I'd be very grateful of your ongoing support with this.

Thank you and have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

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Free Sanitary Products

We are very lucky to have period products provided to the school and hope that all who need them are able to access them easily. Currently they are distributed by Miss Evans – see her to pick them up. Please take enough to keep you going!

Badminton Success

All here at NBHS are very proud of Callum Jack, 3L2. Callum competed in the Highland Junior under 15 badminton tournament on 30th October in Fortrose and won the boys' doubles title and also the mixed doubles title.

Judo Success

In Largs on Saturday, at the Scottish Judo Cadet National Championships, Cameron McVey (5L2) won gold and with it the title of Scottish Champion. A brilliant achievement after 10 years of hard work and dedication.

Football Results

Under 13

North Berwick 2 Queensferry HS 2 (3-4 pens)

North Berwick 7 Newbattle HS

Under 18s

Heriots 1 North Berwick 0

Car Park Safety

Please can we remind parents not to drop their young people off directly in front of the school building. This part of the car park has double-yellow lines and full access is needed. You are very welcome to drive further into the main car park to drop off there.

Green Christmas – Paul McLennan (MSP)

Our MSP Paul McLennan is running a competition to find a winning design for his official Christmas card, which will be sent to local businesses, stakeholders and organisations he meets throughout the year across East Lothian.

The theme is a 'Green Christmas' and how to make Christmas a more environmentally friendly occasion.

Submissions for the competition can be sent to his constituency office or scanned and sent to the email address: paul.mclennan@parliament.scot . Deadline for submissions is the **30 November**.

The address for the constituency office is:

5A Mitchell's Close
Haddington
EH41 3NB

East Lothian Council Attendance Policy – Public Consultation

Public consultation on our draft attendance policy: *Included, Engaged and Involved. A Positive Approach to Promoting Attendance School Attendance* can be made via the East Lothian Council consultation hub:

<https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/new-school-attendance-policy/>

Consultation closes on 16th November 2021

Admin & Business Revision Sessions

We are offering revision sessions for pupils, please see below.
These sessions will give pupils the opportunity to work on areas of their choosing.

N5 Admin & IT

Wednesday afterschool, 15:30 - 16:30 - Business Education Room 1

Thursday lunchtime, 13:05 - 13:40 - Business Education Room 1

Higher Business Management

Tuesday afterschool, 15:30 - 16:30 - Computing Room 2

Thursday lunchtime, 13:05 - 13:40 - Computing Room 2

If you have any questions please contact S Frew (Faculty Leader Business & Computing)

Careers

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Blog: www.edubuzz.org/careers

S4-6 and considering college as an option? The college preparation talk is being held on Monday 22 (S6) and Tuesday (S4 and 5) 23 November 2022. If you have not received an email invite, please let Mr Burgess cburgess@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk or Mick Burns mick.burns@sds.co.uk know as soon as possible.

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

[SRUC Open Days information here](#)

[We have delivered two S5 careers talks to the whole year and you can view the content here You will find the survey an interesting snapshot of their future plans!](#)

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

Graduate Apprenticeship (work and study for a degree) vacancies in Engineering and Business at www.apprenticeship.scot

The Rangers Soccer Academy offers the opportunity of training and degree level study, more details [here](#)

Allied health professions session

We'll be at this year's SkillsScotland virtual careers event on 16 November. Visit our chat room at 11:30am to talk to us about careers in the allied health professions. Book you place [here](#) Any students wanting to attend need to speak to their Guidance Teacher.

BAE Systems apprenticeship recruitment [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.

The expected National update on Covid school guidance has now clarified that there will be **no changes to current mitigations at present.**

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.

You may find the Parent Club webpage on testing useful: [COVID-19 testing for staff and pupils | Parent Club..](#)



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

- S1 Virtual Parents' Evening is on **Thursday 18th November**
- Next Parent Council meeting is **Wednesday 24th November**