



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 5th November 2021

Message from HT

A busy week here at NBHS. The young people continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm, kindness and ideas for our school. They're great (as I told them at assembly last week)!

I attended an Education and Children's Services conference on Wednesday (virtually, of course) and this reiterated to me how fortunate I am to work in East Lothian, a council with absolute determination to ensure children and young people are supported to achieve all they can.

Attainment conversations with Faculty Leaders are underway and I love the vision and aspiration of my staff. Thank you to all for their engagement in this.

Thank you so much for your comments on our new communications – they are valuable. We will be engaging in a full evaluation in December.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service video

We have been asked to draw your attention to this Bonfire Safety video for secondary schools:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz18cogF57c>

While I wish all a happy Bonfire Night, the safety of our young people and our community is of paramount importance.

Athelstaneford and Surrounding Area- Children and Young People Survey

This is a short survey to help understand the views of children and young people on the facilities in the village, things to do and other areas where their quality of life could improve. It is hoped that the results of this survey will help to guide priorities in the village and look to improve the lives of our young people.

If your young person would like to complete this, the link is here:
<https://forms.gle/Syatpdse6AKhSj458>

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School Ethos



Huge thanks to all who engaged with our end of half-term activities – opportunities to fill our corridors with laughter and joy are certainly welcomed at the moment.

The CDT department looked great!

NBHS Rugby Team results

RECENT RESULTS

16/10/21

NBHS U15s won 55 15 against Dalkeith (Home)

30/10/21

NBHS U15s won 56 35 against Ross High (Home) Schools Conference

NBHS U18s lost 24 7 against Ross High (Away)

UPCOMING FIXTURES

03/11/21

NBHS U15's v North Edinburgh Vikings at Inverleith Park, 630pm KO.

06/11/21 - Schools Conference

NBHS U13's v Musselburgh at Pinkie Playing Fields, 10am KO

NBHS U16's v Musselburgh at Pinkie Playing Fields, 10am KO

HAMISH WATSON

Some U15's and U16's players were recently treated to a coaching session at Recreation Park by Scotland and British Lion superstar Hamish Watson. Hamish imparted some of his rugby and life lessons on to the boys with a contact session and Q & A, he gave us an inspirational snippet of his career journey with ups and downs, with a key message of never giving up!



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

Careers

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

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

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

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

[S4-S4 and interested in a career in Civil Engineering? We have organised an online session on Wednesday 10 November at 4pm in conjunction with the Institute of Civil Engineers. Any student wanting to attend should email \[cburgess@edubuzz.org\]\(mailto:cburgess@edubuzz.org\) or \[mick.burns@sds.co.uk\]\(mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk\)](#)

ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

I'm delighted to share that two of our young people, Bethany Willis and Ella MacCulloch have been accepted for the role of COP26 Local Champions.

As a COP26 Local Champion, they will play a role in ensuring that young people and organisations in their community know about COP26 activities, and together with other Local Champions, they will support projects and activity within their area to create new opportunities for young people to get involved with climate action and decision making locally, nationally and globally. We look forward to hearing from them.

Ms Prete



Last Thursday evening, the Eco Committee were invited to join a group of individual speakers with an interest in the environment at an event in the Blackadder Church. This seems particularly relevant with Cops26 happening in Glasgow. This was a good opportunity for us to be heard in the community and to listen to what other people of all ages are doing and thinking. Taking part were individuals from Edinburgh University, Sustaining North Berwick and Fidra.Org along with Camille Charles and Zoe Gormley S6 pupils from NBHS Eco Committee. I was very proud of our pupils as they clearly presented their message, answered questions and gave their opinions. The following message from the event organiser, Niki McKenzie, says just that

'Please also do pass our thanks on to Zoe and Camille - they presented so clearly and we're great on Q&A, encouraging for all of us. I thought when they answered the question about whether what we did made a difference in the big scheme of things and they said 'well we're changing the behaviours of just a few hundred school pupils.....' that was a point well made.'



Charities update

The total amount raised by the Charities Committee Dress Down Day on Friday 15th October was £686.81! Fantastic!

The Poppy Appeal – we are going to be selling poppies around the school in the next couple of weeks for Remembrance Day. Your support of this would be appreciated.

Brave the Shave – Macmillan support

One of our pupils, Isla Kinniburgh, is currently raising money for Macmillan and has raised £345 already – she would love to raise more.

Find out more here:

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/isla-kinniburgh>

PTA Festive Fair Website: Stall Holder Invitation

The PTA Festive Fair Website is returning this year to make Christmas shopping with local crafters and small businesses easy from the comfort of your home.

The online shopping fair will open in mid November and run through to Christmas. Watch this space for a link to the Fair in the coming weeks.

This is a fantastic opportunity for local crafters to showcase their products to the local community and beyond.

If you are (or know of) a small business or crafter who are interested in taking a stall please email ptanbhs@gmail.com. There is a small fee to participate and all income will go directly to the PTA to support initiatives in the school.

Covid Mitigations

It continues to be **vitaly** 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](https://www.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**