



## **NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Friday 10th December 2021**

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#### **Message from HT**

A busy, productive week! The S6 have been making their House videos that we will show in assemblies on Monday, the tree is up and looking beautiful, classroom doors are being decorated for our annual door competition, UCAS forms are being sent away, S4 Virtual Parent's Evening has taken place and block 1 of the prelim diet has now concluded.

I met with a small group of parent council members online this week to discuss how to promote positive home/school communications – huge thanks to them for their constructive suggestions. Great to be working together!

Please keep letting us know of good news stories and your young person's achievements– it is lovely to be able to hear of such successes and receive positive emails into the communications inbox.

Short electronic evaluations of our pilot e-communication system will be sent in the last week of term to all parents, pupils and staff. Your feedback and comments will be most appreciated, and help inform our practice moving forward. The surveys will remain open until well after the holiday.

Have a happy and healthy weekend!  
Mrs Moore

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Wednesday 15 Dec is the official UK Christmas Jumper Day in schools and NBHS will be participating too with all money raised going towards our school charities.

#### **Senior Phase Information Evening**

These videos and presentations are now live and can be accessed on the school website at this link: <https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/2021/12/02/senior-phase-virtual-information-evening/>

These will remain online for you to watch at a time that suits you.

Kind regards  
Mr Jones

## NBHS YPI success

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a powerful active citizenship programme, empowering young people to make a difference in their communities while developing a range of skills. NBHS is an active participant in this. It was a pleasure for the winning team to be able to donate £3000 to the Bridges Project. Huge thanks to our wonderful pupils and Mr Binnie (who took the photo below but really should have been in it!) for their sterling effort.

Simen Jordsmyr Holm, Fundraising and Communications Manager for Bridges, commented: ““We’re honoured to be the charity these students chose to support. Bridges Project is a charity for young people and we’re therefore absolutely delighted to see that young people themselves recognise the work we do across East Lothian. Thanks to these students’ hard work, we will be able to purchase additional IT equipment for our new IT & Education Suite, which we will launch soon. This Suite will provide digitally excluded young people with digital skills and access – the importance of which has very much been highlighted during the pandemic. It’s just brilliant that these students will have a direct impact on the lives of other young people and we send them our heartfelt thanks.”



## Developing the Young Workforce



Returning for the academic year 2021-2022, DYW Live; providing live sessions to support the development of employability skills, career pathways and industry connections is now live. [Find Out More](#)

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

**S5 pupils** - there are a few places available for any pupil interested in completing their Silver award at the school this year. This is available to those who have completed their bronze award and for those wishing to start at Silver as a direct entrant. If your young person is interested, they are to come to a meeting in SS1 at interval on Monday 13th December.

**S4 pupils** - there is a meeting for all S4s interested in completing the bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. If your young person is interested, they are to attend a short meeting on Monday 13th December at lunchtime at 1.30 sharp in SS1

**S3** - Please watch this space as we will be offering places shortly.

## **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 PCR test results. As Google Classroom (GC) 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. Pupils can give parents/carers permission to access Guardian Summaries.

**Please encourage your young person to check their Google Classrooms in the first instance.** We're keen to encourage pupils to do this, if they are able to, including if a parent/carer receives a homework notification.

It is not currently possible to post coverage of every individual lesson online – pupils are very welcome to see their teacher upon their return should they require additional support. Please could pupils refrain from contacting teachers directly via Edubuzz, including outwith school hours – this was an incredibly useful way to get in touch during periods of lockdown, but we are now keen to encourage face:face conversation between pupils and teachers as much as possible.

Wherever possible, and if there is a concern, parents should contact [communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk) so that their query can be forwarded to the appropriate member of the extended leadership team.

As with everything at the moment, please know we are doing our absolute best to meet needs within the context we must currently operate.

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/> . This includes Learning Spaces for courses which can be accessed here: <https://www.thinglink.com/card/1421866155961745410>
- SCHOLAR resources for seniors can be found here: <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>

Please encourage young people who are well enough to do so, when isolating or awaiting PCR test results, to check these additional sources of support for their learning. They have been well-received by pupils and cover a large number of topics, themes and subjects.

### Scottish Government Free Bus Travel for Under 22s survey

The Scottish Government will soon be launching the Free Bus Travel Scheme for young people between the ages of 5 and 21. This aims to encourage greener travel patterns, and increase opportunities for young people to engage in employment, education and social activities and not be excluded due to travel costs. Transport Scotland will monitor the scheme as it progresses to check on use and impact. The first step is to try and understand current travel patterns so that any changes after the scheme is introduced can be identified.

Do you have a child aged 5-16, or are you a young person aged 12-21? If so, please complete our short travel survey for a chance to win up to £250 in Love2Shop vouchers. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

[online1.snapsurveys.com/under22travelsurvey](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/under22travelsurvey)

The closing date for all responses is **24th January 2022**.

### Child Disability Payment

Child Disability Payment opens for new applications across the country from 29<sup>th</sup> November. Further information can be found here - <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/>

Child Disability Payment provides money to help with the extra care and mobility costs children and young people with a disability may have, up to the age of 18.

People can find out more and apply through [mygov.scot](https://mygov.scot) or by calling 0800 182 2222

### Careers

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### **SDS and National Parent Forum of Scotland - FA event**

SDS and NPFS are arranging a session on Foundation Apprenticeships for parents and carers on Tuesday 14th December from 7pm-8pm.

More details and registration link [here](#)

### **Parents Presentation**

You can access our presentation issued recently which covers (very quickly!) what we do at NBHS and links to our resources [here](#)

**S4-6 and considering college as an option?** The college preparation talks were delivered this week and you can view the presentation [here](#) if you have any questions please email: [mick.burns@sds.co.uk](mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk) as soon as possible.

**Edinburgh College January start courses** [here](#)

### **We're Podcasting again!**

I have added 2 podcasts from the Modern Languages Dept.

Find out about German Teaching Assistant Lisa's journey and how languages will feature in her future plans [here](#)

After a long absence I am adding to our bank of interviews and this [one](#) features working and studying in languages/business/teaching

**AMEY, Morrisons, Leonardo, Form3, Atkins and Actelligent** are all offering Graduate Apprenticeships to school leavers. Degree level study and up to £20,500 salary, more information at [www.apprenticeship.scot](http://www.apprenticeship.scot)

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!](#)

**Graduate Apprenticeship** (work and study for a degree) vacancies in Engineering and Business at [www.apprenticeship.scot](http://www.apprenticeship.scot)

**BAE Systems apprenticeship recruitment** [here](#)

#### **Some local vacancies**

Role: Accounts Apprentice Company: Archerfield House Location: North Berwick Archerfield House offer development opportunities and progression routes for their staff. They look to motivate their team with excellent rates of pay, benefits and generous holiday entitlements. Archerfield are currently looking for an accounts apprentice to study externally undertaking AAT level with Kaplan this will be 40 hours per week. Applicants must be aged 16-24 and live in East Lothian due to funding. Can any interested parties please email a CV to [antonia@archerfieldhouse.com](mailto:antonia@archerfieldhouse.com) to find out more. Role: Ecommerce fulfilment assistant Company: CarAudioStuff Ltd Location: Dunbar Basic stock keeping, ordering and online order processing. Computer creation of products for online ecommerce stores Picking, packing, and fulfilling online orders for daily timed courier collection. General duties. On-site training will be given. Applicants must be aged 16-24 and live in East Lothian due to funding. CV should be sent to Ray Smith [ray@raysmith.co.uk](mailto:ray@raysmith.co.uk) Contact: East Lothian Works, 9-11 Lodge Street, Haddington EH41 3DX Tel: 01620 827262 Email: [ELworks@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:ELworks@eastlothian.gov.uk) Role: Yard Hand Company: Belton Livery Location: Dunbar Belton Livery have an opportunity to join and

help look after the horses at the livery: • Mucking out stables • Feeding horses • Preparing feed • Tacking up horses for lessons • Bringing horses from stables to field and vice versa. Helping in lessons with setting up of arena. Ensuring yard is clean and tidy. Training in all aspects of livery management including all health a safety procedures. Opportunity to ride our horses and increase their horse riding skills. On-site training from the owner who is highly experienced in horse care, horse riding and the running of a livery yard, and the opportunity industry recognised qualifications Applicants must be 16-24 and live in East Lothian due to funding. Please email CV to Marion Wilson: beltonlivery@hotmail.com Role: Junior Assistant Company: Mon Amour Hair Location: Post Seton Mon Amour Hair are looking for someone to join the team in a junior capacity, this could be after school work, with the potential to pick up more hours during school holidays, so may be of particular interest to pupils still at school. Apply by handing in CV to Mon Amour, 2 Seton Place, Cockenzie, Port Seton

## North Berwick High School PTA Online Festive Fair - Now Open!



Browse the wide range of wonderful products our local small businesses and craft producers have to offer.

Find unique gifts and bespoke items including: artwork, jewellery, candles, homeware and so much more.....

Don't miss this great opportunity to support local businesses from the comfort of your own home!

***Please share this invitation with friends and family***

**[Click here to enter our Festive Fair](http://www.festivefair-nbhspta.org)**

## NHS Lothian Health Protection Team

As you may be aware from the news, a more precautionary approach is currently being taken for the new variant of COVID-19 'Omicron', until more information is gathered about this variant. Therefore, this may mean a change in the way that the 'close contacts' of people who test positive for the new variant are identified, and what advice is given to them. Please pay attention to any updates from the school, and check the NHS inform website (<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection>) for more information.

## Covid Mitigations

**Face coverings are a vital Covid mitigation. All young people are encouraged to bring them from home and must wear them appropriately. This is even more important at the moment, with rising case numbers nationally.**

It continues to be **ESSENTIAL** that all pupils follow the one way system, wear their face coverings (unless exempt) and ensure good hand hygiene. We need to work together to stay safe.

Please use the information in the Warn and Inform letter as your guide to current protocols.

**The things we do for our friends**

1. Take a lateral flow test twice a week
2. Report your results (negative, positive or void)
3. Check the latest COVID-19 guidance

 **young.scot/school**  
Reduce the risk and keep Scotland on track

   Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Aibidh  
gov.scot

### **Consent for Asymptomatic Test Kits**

It's not too late for any parent/carer to give their consent for their young person to pick up a pack of LF kits from the school office. Young people can pick up consent forms at reception which give further information – parents can also give their consent via a very simple online process.

### **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 for the holiday period**

Pupils are strongly encouraged to continue to pick up replacement lateral flow test kits.

They can do this in one of the following ways:

- E-mail your request to [admin@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)
- Ask a member of staff at the office

It is our advice that pupils and staff should collect sufficient test kits before going on holiday, to allow them to continue testing in the week prior to return and to continue regular testing thereafter.

**All pupils and staff are encouraged to take a test shortly prior to return (the night before, or the morning of, their return to school).**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)

## **Dates for your Diary**

- Term ends **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**
- Term recommences on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**
- Next Parent Council meeting **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**