



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 19 March 2021

Message from Mrs Rodger, Head Teacher

After the stresses of last week trying to get everything in place for the phased return, it has been an absolute joy to be in school this week. That, of course, is thanks to our young people. For many of them, it was their first time back in school since before Christmas and the majority have come back keen to learn and obviously very happy to be in school. I have been so impressed with the determination, resilience, energy and empathy that they have shown this week. It has been lovely to hear their laughter echoing in the corridors, too.

We have had many messages of thanks and support from parents and carers for the job that staff have done in ensuring that the return to school has gone so smoothly for our young people. These lovely messages are very much appreciated by all of us working in school. Thank you.

Pupils have now received their individual timetables for next week and we look forward to seeing them back in school from Monday.

Staffing Update

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Wise to NBHS this week, who joins our team of pupil support auxiliaries. The long leet interviews for the head teacher post take place next week, with the short leet interviews the week after.

New video for learners- Studying for SQA Qualifications Using SCHOLAR

SCHOLAR are delighted to announce the release of our latest support video for learners. This new resource, "[Studying for SQA Qualifications Using SCHOLAR](#)", has been created to show learners how to use SCHOLAR in their studies as they work towards a National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualification. The video is suitable for learners with no prior experience of SCHOLAR, but may also be of benefit to students with summative assessments or exams approaching who may wish to use the interactive course materials and automatically marked, end of topic and end of unit assessments for consolidation and revision.

Our new video is available at <http://bit.ly/StudyWithSCHOLAR>

Rapid Testing Programme

All S1 – S3 pupils this week received an email with a link to a presentation on the Scottish Government's Rapid Testing Programme, which has now been extended to pupils in the Broad General Education stage, as well as the Senior Phase. Parents and carers are asked to talk about this with their child and complete the E-consent form if you wish your child to participate in the testing programme. Over-16s give consent themselves.

The slides in the presentation came from the Scottish Government and were adapted for our schools by the East Lothian Council COVID-19 team. It has been pointed out that there was an error in one of

the slides in this presentation: slide 6, which shows Step 1 of the process, indicates that the swab should be taken “from the nose **or** throat”. This has been corrected to state: the swab should be taken “from the nose **and** throat”. A corrected slide 6 is shown below. Apologies for any confusion this has caused.



Future Asset – DYW Sessions

We are very excited to invite you to join us at our four live workshops in March with DYW Live, in partnership with Education Scotland and E-Sgoil. After introducing investment and why it matters to us all, professionals from investment firms in Scotland will give talks on three sectors: Oil, Healthcare and Fast Fashion. We'll look at the pros and cons, and some issues in each of these sectors, and then give students the opportunity to raise points, ask questions, consider the facts and ultimately vote on whether they would advise investing in that area or not.

This is a great opportunity for students to engage directly with professionals and discuss issues around the economy, sustainability, ethics and business. They will see how these issues interact and how making decisions is never as straightforward as they may think!

- 25 March , 1pm: Outmoded: Is investing in Fast Fashion sustainable? Boohoo and ASOS are in the news, making a profit from inexpensive clothes. But is fast fashion really sustainable both environmentally and as a business model? With Carolyn Bell, Aegon Asset Management

Interested? Email Mrs Fox – hfox@edubuzz.org

You need to be able to access your Glow account to take part. Check you can access it (you received an email from Mr Frew in June with your log in details), if not let Mrs Fox know.

Careers

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NHS Modern Apprentice: Business and Administration

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/11/nhs-modern-apprentice-business-and-administration/>

Closing date 18 March 2021

Service Support Administrator MA – Scottish Government

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/19/modern-apprenticeship-vacancies-scottish-government/>

Impact Arts for 14 to 19 year olds

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/11/impact-arts-march-events/>

Careers in Investment presentations from Future Asset

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/future-asset-careers-insight-videos/>

M & G Modern Apprenticeships:

Current Modern Apprenticeships with M&G

Includes:

Business Analyst, Software Tester, Client Experience, Software Engineer

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/modern-apprenticeships-with-mg/>

NHS Careers - Healthcare scientists

To celebrate Healthcare Science Week 2021, we're talking to healthcare scientists across NHS Scotland. Healthcare scientists are vital to the NHS, assisting with 80% of all clinical diagnoses.

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/10/nhs-careers-healthcare-scientists/>

Scottish Government Modern Apprenticeship

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/10/scottish-government-modern-apprenticeship-9/>

GRAHAM – TRAINEE QUANTITY SURVEYOR (BUILDING)

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/09/graham-trainee-quantity-surveyor-building/>

Edinburgh College courses are now taking applications

I have delivered a preparation for college talk on 20 January and you can view this [here](#)

I have posted several vacancies recently at edubuzz.org/careers so please visit if you are considering employment, apprenticeships or training.

Scotland's Rural College is still accepting applications:

<https://www1.sruc.ac.uk/>

Another useful site if you are looking for local vacancies is edubuzz.org/midandeastvacancies as well as www.apprenticeship.scot

[We have put together a short presentation in The Apprenticeship Family here that you may find useful, particularly at subject choice time.](#)

St James Quarter Recruitment Event:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/02/st-james-quarter-recruitment-event/>

Law virtual work experience opportunity:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/02/25/s4-6-law-work-experience/>

S4 Medic Insight event

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/03/medic-insight-event/>

Richardson & Starling Apprenticeship Programme 2021

JOINERS | TECHNICIANS | PLASTERERS

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/02/23/richardson-starling-apprenticeship-programme-2021/>

ST. JAMES'S PLACE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

4-day Virtual Work Experience programme

<https://www.edubuzz.org/careers/2021/03/19/st-james-place-wealth-management/>

Use of Own Devices

A number of our pupils are bringing their own IT devices to school. Just a reminder that these devices are not covered by ELC insurance so please ensure that you have cover for such items under your home insurance policy. The same goes for pupils' own musical instruments and other such items.

COVID-19 Positive Cases

We would appreciate it if you would inform the local authority if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Please email the details to covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk. If you have no access to email then please call East Lothian Council on 01875 613 921. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms**; instead, please ensure that they self-isolate and book a test.

COVID-19 – Financial Issues

The following link provides information to parents and carers on the advice and support available for anyone experiencing financial hardship due to COVID.

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/30092/financial_support_during_covid-19

NBHS Communications

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you should email us at the address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly. This email inbox will be monitored every school day during the closure of the school building; it will also be checked occasionally over weekends. During the school day, there are not always staff available in the building to take phone calls so please email, or leave a phone message which will be picked up as soon as possible. Please note that should a member of school staff phone you, it will likely be from a withheld number.

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 20 April	School reopens, with all pupils back in the school building (dependent upon confirmation from Scottish Government)
Wednesday 21 April	PTA meeting
Wednesday 28 April	Parent Council meeting (date to be confirmed)