



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 9th September 2022

Message from HT

I want to start by saying how much I have been reminded of the importance of kindness this week.

Young people are honestly the most rewarding group of individuals to work with – but they are just that – a group of “individuals”, with the agency to make decisions about how they behave, respond and react. As teachers, we are often challenged by this but we work hard to ensure that positive relationships are the foundation of NBHS.

When we call parents and carers to discuss a concern, please know this is done with care at heart. Parental and carer support is invaluable to us and I know that by working together, we can achieve the best outcomes possible.

This week has also allowed us to welcome parents into the building both for the Parent Council AGM and the P7/S1 Open Afternoon. Lots more opportunities for parents to visit in the future too – including Senior Prizegiving and our Careers Event, of course.

And finally, In Memory of Her Majesty the Queen:



Thank you

Mrs Moore

Careers Event

Save the date!

Careers evening at North Berwick High School.

Wednesday 28th September

6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Where possible, S1-3 pupils should attend the first hour from 6.30-7.30pm and S4-6 pupils should attend the second hour from 7.30-8.30pm.

Meet over 30 employers representing a range of sectors including STEM, construction, hospitality and the armed forces. Pupils and parents can learn about the array of exciting pathways beyond school including apprenticeships. Employers will be happy to answer questions about the skills and qualifications they're looking for in applicants, the application process and the careers within the company including any upcoming vacancies.

Come along to be informed, inspired, and maybe even hired!

NBHS Young Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce that the Young Ambassadors for NBHS this year are Joe MacPherson and Murdo Jardine. The assistant Young Ambassadors are Mackenzie Notley and Owen Malcolm.

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/schools/young-ambassadors/>

S1 – S3 Pupil Coach Education Day – Thursday 22 September

An introduction to sports coaching for S1-S3 pupils.

Times: 0930 - 1300

Venue: Meadowmill

Sports: Orienteering / Rugby/ Football/ Hockey

If you are interested in taking part, please email me with your name, and the sport that you're interested in taking part in, by Thursday 15 September – cparry@elcschool.org.uk

Please note that places are limited, and we will draw names at random if we are oversubscribed.

S4 – S6 Pupil Coach Education Day – Tuesday 20 September

An introduction to sports coaching for S4-S6 pupils.

Times: 0930 - 1430

Venue: Meadowmill

Sports: Biking leadership / Rugby/ Football/ Hockey

If you are interested in taking part, please email me with your name, and the sport that you're interested in taking part in, by Thursday 15 September – cparry@elcschool.org.uk

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Message from the PTA

PTA AGM

6:30-8:00pm Thursday 22nd September

All parents and carers are invited to join us IN SCHOOL for the PTA AGM. The meeting will start with a welcome opportunity to meet other parents, followed by a tour of the new school extension and our AGM meeting.

We need to appoint new committee members including a Chair and Treasurer, if you are interested in these positions or think you can contribute in any other way and would like some more information please email us at ptanbhs@gmail.com



The NBHS PTA needs new committee members

We need new parents and carers to get involved in running the PTA. We support school events and raise vital funds for the school and its students. To find out how you can get involved and make a difference please drop us an email at ptanbhs@gmail.com or come along to our next online PTA meeting.

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. We welcome all parents/carers and appreciate any input or support you can offer in terms of time, expertise and fundraising ideas. [More info about the PTA](#)

All parents and carers are invited to attend the monthly PTA meetings

You don't need to volunteer, all are welcome to come along and just find out what goes on. Our AGM is being held in school, and going forward we will be using a combination of in person and online meetings.

S6 Tutor Time Attendance

A reminder that S6 are required to attend school from 8:30am each morning to attend their tutor group. Tutor Time is a key way to disseminate information. On occasion, S6 assemblies will take place into period 1, therefore S6 are permitted to sign out during non-contact time but only after period 1. Thank you!

Construction Site – Health and Safety

It has been brought to our attention that children have been seen playing on building sites around the new Blindwells development. They have also been seen around the new urban drainage systems due to the hot weather.

We have been given the resources attached by the developer, and suggest that you discuss these with your young people to ensure they are aware of the associated dangers.

- <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>
- <https://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/>
- Also of particular use regarding SUDs: [Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems | Health and Safety Advice - RoSPA](#)

Window Wanderland

North Berwick's Window Wonderland is returning this year, from the 21st -28th of October. Please see the attached posters for more information.

Swim Club

North Berwick Swim Club is a non-competitive, fun and friendly swim club which runs on Monday and Wednesday evenings at NB Sports Centre. We offer swim coaching for all ages from 8 years+ (P4 to S4+). Come join us for a free taster session any Wednesday at 5.30pm. Please just email nbswimclub@gmail.com to let us know in advance that you will be coming along. Swimmers should have attended lessons previously and be confident swimming front crawl, breaststroke, and backstroke. We assess swimmers who have already passed level 4 in the Enjoy Leisure system or are at an equivalent stage.

Supporting Your Child's Literacy at Home – Parent Information Session

Although this session may be more relevant for parents and carers of primary aged learners, parents and carers of young people in S1 and S2 may wish to attend this upcoming session on supporting literacy at home. Delivered by Stephen Graham, Educational Consultant, this will be an opportunity to find out more about strategies and techniques to support your child's reading. The session is on **Wednesday 14th September, 11:15-12:15*** at **Law Primary School**. All welcome.

Please note slight change of time.

Attendance Mailbox

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

- NBHS Senior Prizegiving Wednesday 14th September
- NBHS Careers Fair Wednesday 28th September
- Parent Council meetings next term start at 7pm:
 - Tuesday 25th October – online
 - Tuesday 22nd November – in school
- PTA AGM 6:30-8:00pm Thursday 22nd September