



**NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**Thursday 15th September 2022**

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**Message from HT**

An incredible privilege to be part of the NBHS Senior Prizegiving this week. An honour to recognise both academic achievements and young people who demonstrate our school values and commitment to our school community. Just wonderful to have the fairy lights on in the NBHS hall once more. Thank you to all who attended – and especially to Will and Bethany for providing our musical interludes.

I welcomed the new Chair of the Parent Council, Mr Damien Noonan, into school on Wednesday. Great to be able to discuss school improvement and our shared view of the importance of the Parent Council and school working together.

I have been approached by several young people this week with ideas for projects and initiative they'd like to take forward – I love it when this happens! Our young people exhibit curiosity, leadership and diligence by the bucket load! I am particularly impressed by the hugely positive start our S6 have made to their final year at NBHS and thank them for their support of our school ethos.

School is closed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8:30am.

Thank you

Mrs Moore

**NBHS Expansion**

I am delighted that we are able to take occupancy of our new teaching block on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

All young people will go to their usual tutor group rooms on Tuesday morning to collect their new timetables and to allow tutors an opportunity show them maps and ensure they know which teachers will be where. Registration will be extended by 5 minutes.

They will then **follow their new timetable for the rest of the day and from then on**.

Tutor time will take place in new tutor rooms from Wednesday.

Due to the move, there will be no face:face S4 assembly on Tuesday as planned – this will now take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **NBHS School Library – now open!**

Our new school library is now open to pupils at the following times:

Mon-Thurs 8:15am-4:15pm

Closed break

Open lunchtimes

Fri 8:15-12:30pm

Open break

Miss Wilson has worked so hard to get this space ready and we are so happy that the day has come when pupils can learn and study in such a calm, peaceful environment.

Pupils should note that no food and drink is permitted in the library unless they are attending a lunchtime club, where the club leader has said it's ok.

Now is also a fantastic time to **return books** – please have a look and see if you have any overdue and bring them in.

### **School of Rugby Fixtures – 17<sup>th</sup> September**

U13s host Knox Academy at 1030 at NBRFC

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U15s visit Royal High School at 1030

U16s visit Knox Academy at 1030 at Knox

U16Bs visit Dalkeith at 1030

U18s visit Knox Academy at Haddington Rugby Club

Following a players' vote, the Captaincy of the U-18's rugby team results are as follows:

Mackenzie Notley - Captain

Oliver Bonnington - Vice-Captain

Woody Martin - Pack-Leader

Congratulations all!

## **Climate Change Assembly Programme – 21st -28th September**

All year groups will have face:face assemblies during Climate Change action week as follows:

S3 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

S2 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

S1 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

S4 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

S5/6 –Weds 28<sup>th</sup> September

It is important that assemblies run smoothly and in line with our school values – they are really important to our school ethos – therefore:

- Pupils should go straight to the hall on assembly day – there is no need to go to the tutor classroom first
- There will be a sign in reception to remind year groups of their assembly day
- Pupils must sit in alphabetical order at every assembly from now on – this is to facilitate accurate registration – tutors will help with this
- If pupils arrive late to school on assembly day, they must sign in and go straight to the hall - please could pupils enter the hall quietly and stand quietly at the back

## **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!

### **NBHS House Captains 22-23**

As well as our wonderful Head Team, it is great to be able to share a list of our House Captains for the coming session. Already put to work, our teams are supporting the aims and goals of the school, demonstrating curiosity, kindness, diligence and belonging in spades!

Congratulations all.

<b><u>Craig</u></b>  Lucy Hookway  William Wilkins  Amelia Muir  David O'Brien  Rosie Munro  Sofia Amis	<b><u>Glen</u></b>  Oliver Bonnington  Sophie Frost  Isabella Davis  Isla McGhee  Anthony Nicolson  Mhairi Thomson
<b><u>Fidra</u></b>  <u>Ava Sweeney</u>  <u>Joe Lumsden</u>  <u>Amy Easson</u>  <u>Clara Easson</u>  <u>Ailsa Hardie</u>  <u>Carys McCabe</u>	<b><u>Law</u></b>  <u>Mackenzie Notley</u>  <u>Emily Kinnie</u>  <u>Bobbi Fyfe</u>  <u>Ursula Fletcher</u>  <u>Hannah McCluskey</u>  <u>Struan Camburn</u>

## **Dunbar Music Festival Workshops for S1-S6**

As part of the Dunbar Music Festival, there will be a choice of workshops which pupils can sign up for on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September. This is an exciting opportunity to learn something new, and the workshops will be led by professional musicians and experts from the music industry. All are free of charge, but it is advisable to book tickets as soon as possible as numbers are limited. All will take place in Dunbar. For full details and information on how to book tickets they should speak to their music teacher. It would be great if parents/carers could encourage their young person to get involved.

Workshop 1: Off the Record: experts unpack the music industry.

Workshop 2: For singers and jazz fans, Eileen Hunter will teach different styles of singing and how to communicate with accompanying musicians.

Workshop 3: An introduction to fingerstyle guitar playing with award-winning guitarist and teacher Tony Cox.

Workshop 4: For adults and pupils over the age of 11, Dunbar Voices director Moira Morrison will lead an afternoon of harmony singing.

To sign up, <https://www.dunbarmusicfestival.co.uk/creative-workshops-information>

## **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!***

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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.rosa.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](#)

## 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](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

- Holiday – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- PTA AGM 6:30-8:00pm Thursday 22nd September
- NBHS Careers Fair Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Parent Council meetings next term start at 7pm:
  - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – online
  - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – in school