



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 30th September 2022

Message from HT

A phenomenal 750 attendees at our NBHS Careers Fair in the new canteen last night! I can't thank you all enough for your support of what was a fantastic event. Particular thanks to Mr Burgess and Mr Burns, and our Developing the Young Workforce coordinator Ms McLennan for their superb organisation and inputs. Thanks to colleagues for Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Government for their excellent talks, to our Facilities Management staff for their operational support, and of course, to our amazing S6 My World of Work Ambassadors. It was a pleasure to engage with all exhibitors, some of whom were former pupils all grown up and clearly in hugely positive destinations.

A contributor with a stall on the night commented: *"I was absolutely blown away by your school, and in particular the pupils who were nothing but friendly, courteous and helpful from beginning to end. From showing me to my table, offering me a coffee, and even going out of their way to find me a phone charger, it was an amazing experience. Thank you for the invite to this event, and I hope to attend this again next year."*

I am the secondary head teacher representative on SCILT, a national advisory body for languages teaching, and attended their board meeting this week online. Some great strategic discussion and the opportunity to work with Education Scotland, SQA, staff from other local authorities and university partners.

Also worked with my School Trio this week – North Berwick is partnered with Ross High School and Knox Academy and I met with my fellow head teachers to look at our School Improvement Plans together, and provide some critical-friend style peer feedback to one another. I proudly showed off our new expansion to them, and look forward to doing so with all of you.

Finally, just a shout out to office staff who are superstars– we welcome Ms Karen Wightman to the office team.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Staffing Update

Mr Fraser McCallum, Depute Head, leaves us on Friday 14th October to take up an exciting post as a Scrutiny Officer at Education Scotland. He will also take up a role in leading the Middle Leadership and Growing Professional Learning programmes at Moray House, University of Edinburgh. He will be a great loss to our community but I sincerely wish him well in his new adventure.

We anticipate Mr McCallum's post will be advertised shortly and I will of course keep you posted on progress with recruitment. Middle Leaders have been offered the opportunity to take on the post in an Acting capacity until the completion of the permanent recruitment cycle. I will provide an update on this temporary recruitment in the near future.

To reassure any parents/carers with young people coming up to NBHS next session, Mrs Neri, one of our other experienced DHTs, will lead P7/S1 following a remit review in June 2022 – she has lots of experience with transition and therefore is ably placed to lead this workstream this session.

We have appointed Mr Lewis Shaw to our permanent part-time Music teacher post. Lewis has been with us on a temporary contract for some time and we are delighted to welcome him permanently on board.

I can say the same for Ms Christina Cutt, who has been appointed as permanent teacher of PE. Ms Cutt is well-known to NBHS having been with us on supply for many months, in both PE and Support for Learning departments. Welcome, Christina!

Individual Photographs S1 and S6 – Friday 7th October 2022

On Friday 7 October 2022, the photographer from Tempest Photography will be in school to take the individual photographs and a year group photograph of the S1s and the S6s.

The timing of these photographs will be as follows:

Period 1	S6 individual photographs; S1 group photograph
Period 2	S6 group photograph; S1 individual photographs

Other than the S6s, pupils should attend their above classes, as normal; they will then be accompanied by their period teacher, at the allotted time, to the location where the photographs will be taken.

Pupils should follow the school dress code.

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!

Biscuits and Books Group – S1-3

The first Biscuits and Books Group of the year will be next Thursday 6th October at lunchtime in the new library. Please bring your lunch with you. Biscuits provided. Open to all S1-3 pupils.

Careers

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This session I will try to update using the careers blog above and highlight information, resources and events.

North Berwick High School Career Evening 28 September 2022

What a fantastic evening! Thank you to everyone who organised, contributed and attended. I would personally like to place on record my thanks to the S6 students who created a great impression with their work at the event. Can I ask that if you attended can you **PLEASE, PLEASE** give us your feedback on the short questionnaire [here](#) We need this to plan any future events, so thanks for helping out.

The **S4 careers talks** have been delivered this week and you can view and download our newsletter [here](#)

Career opportunity with **Diamond Fitness East Lothian** [here](#)

Fort Kinnaird Recruitment [here](#)

Apprenticeships and vacancies here

North Berwick's Trust Young Persons Scholarship [here](#)

Funding up to £10,000 for up to 3 applicants the details, contacts and application form are on the blog. Could be worth a look!

Medical Mavericks Workshop Facilitator [here](#)

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](#)

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

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, East Lothian Council had a pre-existing public holiday on the day of the national holiday granted on 19th September to mark the State Funeral of HM The Queen.

For that reason, Cabinet has this week approved the following:

Monday 24 October	Public Holiday (schools closed to pupils and staff)
Tuesday 25 October	In Service Day (schools closed to pupils)

Wednesday 26 October Pupils resume

S1 Virtual Parents' Evening – Tuesday 8th November

Parent Council meetings this session start at 7pm:

- Tuesday 25th October – online
- Tuesday 22nd November – in school