



**NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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**Message from HT**

It continues to be a privilege to work in such a beautiful part of the country. I visited Innerwick Primary School this week and was reminded both of why I'm in this field of work and how important taking time to look up and look out is. The children I met were just wonderful, articulate, thoughtful, kind young people and as I looked at the hall today, full of our S1 and S6 getting their year group photos taken, I saw the same at NBHS.

This week has reminded me of the importance of a caring ethos in school. One way in which we do this is reminding our young people of our expectations – to be polite, to work hard, to respect others even when differences of opinion occur, to give others space when they need it, to remember that we all want them to thrive and achieve, even when it feels we are on their case.

Mrs Moore



### **Dress Down Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

The NBHS Charities Committee are delighted to announce the first Dress Down Day of the year on Friday 14th October. This will be in support of this year's chosen charities:

- Carers of East Lothian
- St. Columba's Hospice
- HIV Malawi

There will also be a Bake Sale.

Bring spare change/ a pound – any amount you can contribute would be so appreciated.

### **Extra-Curricular Sport and Sports Council**

The PE department are hosting an AGM style meeting for parents/ carers on **Thursday 27th October** to provide more information about the extra curricular sports provision at North Berwick High School and how you might be able to assist in delivering this. They will use this opportunity to provide more information on our Sports Council and welcome volunteers to sit on this group to enhance our programme.

The meeting will face to face in the Assembly hall from 7-8pm. We look forward to seeing you there if you are interested in assisting in any way.

**Alan Macdonald**

**Principal Teacher Health and Wellbeing**

### **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!

### **SSAA Secondary Road Race**

Huge congratulations to Cerys Wright, S2, who won the Scottish Schools' Athletics Association Secondary Road Race, at Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, on Wednesday 5 October.

Well done also to Innes Wright, Oliver Stevens and Rachel Stevens, who competed too.

### **NBHS Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will start on Thursday 27 October, 0750-0820 in the H.E. Social Area, in the new extension. Please see attached.

All welcome.

Any questions, please contact Miss Parry in P.E. - [cparry@elcschool.org.uk](mailto:cparry@elcschool.org.uk)

### **Reminder – start of school day**

Please could we remind parents not to drop their young people on the double yellow lines at the front door. We need this space to be accessible and safe at all times, in particular in the mornings.

### **Sporting Success**

Well done to Conner Aspinall in S2's for his sporting success this weekend past.

Conner was selected to swim for the Scotland East Swim Team at Swim England National County Team Championships, in Sheffield at the weekend. The Scotland East Team finished 5th over all - which is an amazing achievement.

Huge Congratulations!!

### **Staring Success for Daniel Lovell 1C**

Daniel's Drama Mill teacher shared an advert looking for young actors to take part in pre-recordings which will be shown as part of the upcoming Children's Classic Concerts performed by the RSNO. He submitted a short audition piece and he was delighted to be one of four children selected out of hundreds of submissions.

At the weekend he has gone to a recording studio in Glasgow where he filmed in front of a green screen with the other children and the concert's presenter, Owen. It was a really exciting day for him.

The short films will be shown as part of the concerts - the children are 'Mission Control' who are speaking to Owen, the astronaut.

Daniel's mum hadn't actually appreciated what a big deal it was until they turned up. The other three children were from the big Glasgow stage school, and all have agents. Thankfully he wasn't phased and seemed to hold his own.

We're looking forward to seeing him at the concerts later this month:

<https://childrensclassicconcerts.co.uk/events/space-invasion/>

Well done Daniel!!

## **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.

Christmas recruitment opportunities [here](#)

Christmas Vacancies/Jobs 2022 [here](#)

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

**Some feedback from our S4 2022 careers talk** [here](#) – well I did ask the questions!

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!

## **NBVCS Coffee Morning**

Our coffee is on the 15th October. We have some great raffle prize this year including Sula Boat trips around Bass Rock. Please see attached poster for more details.

We hope hope to see you all there.

Many thanks

NBVCS

## **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](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**

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 8<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Council meetings this session start at 7pm:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – online
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – in school