



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 14th October 2022

Message from HT

A great week at NBHS! Feeling proud that I'm the HT of such a wonderful school. I have worked hard this week on connecting with young people – I'm struck by how much teenagers have to juggle on a daily basis – school expectations, societal expectations, social media. When I listen to them, I recognise how complex life is for them to navigate and am reminded of the importance of listening, guiding and supporting them.

If you find an opportunity, can I ask that you have a conversation with your young people about healthy and acceptable social media use?

There is a really useful guide written by Connect, the National Parent Forum of Scotland, here:

https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS_online_safety_E.pdf

And from Childline here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Finally, a reminder that school closes for the October holiday and reopens for all pupils on Wednesday 26th October.

Have a great week!
Mrs Moore

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Alice Clubb, Curricular Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy, has been appointed as Acting DHT following Mr McCallum's departure. The permanent DHT post is currently advertised. Alan Cox, Teacher of Mathematics and Numeracy, has been appointed as Acting Curricular Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy, for the same period of time.

We welcome Seonaid Hudson to NBHS as a permanent Teacher of English after the holiday week. Seonaid has worked here before and is well known to the community – we are delighted she is returning to us.

We say goodbye this week to Fiona Braby, ASN Auxiliary, and Scott Walker, Pupil Support Worker. I wish to thank them both for all they have contributed to the Pupil Support faculty and NBHS, and in particular their direct support of young people. I have never been more convinced of the importance of placing positive, nurturing relationships at the heart of our community.

Parent Council meeting – Tuesday 25th October 7-8pm

The next NBHS PC meeting is on Tuesday 25th October 7-8pm. All welcome – there are still up to 6 spaces on the Parent Council available for any parents/carers who wish to become a member. We'd love to see you there!

Please note this meeting will now take in person, in the Conference Room at school.

Call out to all creative students!!

The Practice Manager at the **NB Doctor's Surgery** says that they are currently renovating their **main waiting room, and 2 smaller waiting rooms**. Patients have commented that it looks dated and a bit depressing and they're keen to have a revamp.

There is a mural on the wall in the main waiting room that was done over 20 year ago – patients have asked if some of our pupils would be interested in creating a new one, as well as smaller ones in the other rooms.

The idea is that any young person could “pitch” an idea – sketch out their vision – and this would be displayed online and in the surgery, and members of the public could vote on which design they like best – which would then be able to become a reality.

The walls are currently simply being painted white so it would be a blank canvas.

This could be a great community and real-life opportunity for you.

Can you please have sketches of your ideas handed in to Mrs MacCulloch by Friday 28th October.

Ideas can be hand drawn in sketchbooks or on paper, they can also be drawn using drawing pad on a tablet or created on a computer.

We look forward to seeing all your ideas.
The Art & Design Dept

Community Arts Consultation

To assist with future planning, East Lothian Council Arts Service and The Brunton Theatre Trust are carrying out a consultation into East Lothian residents' views about participatory arts activities at The Brunton in Musselburgh and also out in the community, across East Lothian. This consultation is taking place in order to get residents' views and to make sure activities respond to identified interests and needs.

Individuals and groups are being encouraged to complete a survey accessed on East Lothian Council's consultation portal, linked to here <https://bit.ly/ArtsViews>

Hard copies of the survey are available to pick up in East Lothian libraries and from The Brunton box office counter. The survey will be available to complete until 10 December.

The results of the consultation will be used to develop plans for arts activities going forward.

School Rugby update

The s1, s2 and s3 squads travelled to Peebles High School on Saturday for our annual friendly fixture. s1s ran out strong winners, but s2s were heavily beaten in a game they will learn a lot from. The s3s turned around a big half-time deficit but came up just short in a two-point game.

The senior sides missed their Peebles friendlies to play rescheduled schools conference matches. U16s hosted Berwick and U18s hosted Preston Lodge. Both teams ran out 50-0 winners and now sit top of their individual conferences while NBHS also sits top of the 'whole school' conference with three rounds to play.

Next up for u18s and u16s are home games against Linlithgow Academy on 22nd October at Recreation Park 1030, while the whole school returns on 29th against George Watsons - S1 and S2 grace the school pitches while S3 and u16s travel to Myreside and our u18s host at Recreation Park. All matches kickoff at 1030.

After their recent Lasswade HS game, the S1 squad were officially welcomed into the North Berwick School of Rugby and were presented with their SoR ties.

A great season so far!



Business Education & Computing: N5 Retail

Some of our students were out on work experience this week. Reports from the employers for those who turned up were extremely positive, credit to the school, well done Retail students.

Huge thank you to our employers Merryhatton Garden Centre, Scottish Seabird Centre and Whitekirk Hill – we really do appreciate the time and effort you have put in to support our students.

Also thank you to Mr Murdoch who has gone the extra mile these last few weeks to ensure the experience was positive and valuable for our students and the employers. There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make opportunities like these happen.

Those students who were not out this week will be after the October break.

Mrs Fox
Acting Principal Teacher of Business Education & Computing

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 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

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.

Careers

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

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 to see you all there.

Many thanks
NBVCS

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

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 – in school

Tuesday 22nd November – in school