



**NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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**Message from HT**

This week we have had year group in-person assemblies on acceptance and belonging, on managing and juggling expectations, prelim information from Mr Jones to S4 (with S5/6 to come), and the importance of kindness and putting your own health and wellbeing first. It's been a pleasure to speak to the pupils in this forum.

It's a shame that young people are sometimes late to school and therefore, miss these important messages. I've had focus groups of staff and pupils this week, looking at the wider issues around punctuality and the value of tutor time, as this remains a focus for us at NBHS. The young people are clear on the value of a softer start to the day and have come up with some great ideas about motivating and incentivising punctuality. We are keen to ensure that all are clear that the school day begins at **8:30am** and ten minutes of connecting with tutor and peers in the morning is both a supportive and positive start to the day. I'll also feed back to the Parent Council with some of the staff suggestions and ideas.

Assemblies have also introduced the application process for the NBHS Pupil Council – my thanks to Mr Docherty for his inputs. We're keen to have representatives from all year groups on the Council – application is via a Google Form which has been sent to all pupils, and closing date next Friday.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Moore

**North Berwick Remembrance Parade – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

The NB Remembrance Parade is taking place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 10:15am with a Remembrance Service at 10:30am at the War Memorial, with the act of remembrance at noon.

The Community Council would love some S5 and S6 volunteers to help with the parade. If you wish to volunteer, email [nb17jcottrell@edubuzz.org](mailto:nb17jcottrell@edubuzz.org) to note your interest.

Thank you.

**Tutor Time Attendance**

A reminder that **all pupils including 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!

### **North Berwick Parking Consultation**

East Lothian Council is proposing improvements to parking management arrangements in all local town centres and is holding consultations with stakeholders and the public to seek their views.

The first consultation will seek opinion on the proposal for North Berwick, starting on the 2nd of November and will run for six weeks until the 13th of December 2022.

A public walk in event will be hosted at North Berwick Community Centre on Thursday the 24th of November 1.00pm - 8.00 pm, and on Saturday the 26th of November from 10.00a.m. - 2.00.p.m.

If you have any questions please email [parkingconsultations@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:parkingconsultations@eastlothian.gov.uk)

This email address will be active from tomorrow, Wednesday the 2nd of November.

### **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.

### **NBHS Breakfast Club**



Breakfast Club is up and running on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 0750-0820. We're trialling a new location this week – at the back of the assembly hall at the school entrance! It's a drop in, so come any time before 0820.

All welcome.

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

## **Scottish Seabird Centre – Free Exhibition for High School Children**

We have a visiting exhibition just now, called Positive Currents; Forgotten Stories and Future Voices of the Firth of Forth

Entry to the exhibition is free for children aged 11 to 24 and is based at the Scottish Seabird Centre. Full details below and I also attach a poster.

We hope it will be of interest.

### **FREE EXHIBITION ENTRY - Positive Currents Exhibition - at the Scottish Seabird Centre for 11-24 year olds, up to 20 November 2022.**

Dive into the stories of the Forth - past, present and future - with our Positive Currents exhibition. Positive Currents has been co-created with the Scottish Fisheries Museum and celebrates the spectacular natural history and heritage of the Forth estuary.

The Firth of Forth, along with its coasts and islands, has a rich multi-layered history and a wealth of stories to tell. From wildlife to industry and landscapes to human relationships, many of those stories continue to be relevant to our present and will influence our future.

Bring your Young Scot card, to gain entry. Positive Currents is on at the Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick, daily 10am-4pm (last entry 2.45pm), up to and including 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Assessment Arrangements**

Please be aware that Support for Learning are currently working with staff teachers to put assessment arrangements (more commonly known as AAs) in place for any pupils sitting SQA prelims and exams who need this support. There is more information about assessment arrangements available on our website under the 'SQA 2022-23' tab.

Katy McLeod

PT Pupil Support (Learning)

## **SQA Survey**

The SQA is currently carrying out a large-scale evaluation of the 2022 approach to National Qualifications assessment. Part of this includes gathering views from parents and carers on the Appeals 2022 service. They have a panel of parents and carers who take part in occasional surveys for SQA. If you would like to take part, please sign up using this link [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96570.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96570.html).

## **SQA North Berwick High School Christmas Concert Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

We are very excited to be preparing for our Christmas Concert this year when we will be able to once more welcome parents, family, friends and the local community back into our school hall.

For parents and carers of those taking part - we ask that our performers come in full school uniform so that our ensembles look super smart. They need to be wearing:

- white shirt and school tie
- black sweatshirt or blazer (to be removed before coming on to perform)
- black skirt/trousers (no jeans) and dark socks/tights and shoes (no trainers)

Tickets will be on sale soon, so keep the date free if you'd like to come along. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Mrs Loudon/Ms Spooner

## **Book Week Scotland**

Scotland's annual celebration of reading and books is back! To celebrate, NBHS Library is hosting a variety of events during the week of the 14th-18th November.

Monday lunchtime: Build A Lego Library (with the Lego Club)

Tuesday lunchtime: Eat. Read. Enjoy. - A Reading Lunch

Thursday lunchtime: The Pilfered Quill - A Reading Themed Escape Room (with Board Games Club)

Friday break: Eat. Read. Enjoy. - A Reading Break

All pupils welcome to all events. For those wishing to take part in Thursday's event, there will be a limit of four players per team. Any questions, please speak to Miss Wilson in the library.

## **📧 Parent Council Meeting Reminder 📧**

The next parent council meeting is **Tuesday 22nd November 2022, 7-8pm** in person at the High School.

The agenda will be shared shortly. However there will be a brief Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) prior to the main meeting in order to carry out ratification to the constitution.

Everyone is very welcome.

Please contact [communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk) to raise an agenda item with the Chair using the subject 'FAO Chair of PC.'

Many Thanks

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## CLEANERS REQUIRED

- **North Berwick High School**
- **20-30hrs per week Mon-Fri**
- **Term time contract**
- **Hourly rate £9.90**
- **Any successful candidates will be subject to a full PVG check.**

Any interested parties should email [kMcCann@fes-group.co.uk](mailto:kMcCann@fes-group.co.uk) in the first instance.

## Careers

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

### **S5 Careers Talks**

Delivered this week and you can view the presentation [here](#)

### **College applications preparation talks**

I will be delivering this one-off talk on Monday 21 November on period 6 for any students in S4,5 or 6 who are considering college as a post school option. I have contacted students we know are interested but please let Mr Burgess or myself know if you want to attend. [cburgess@edubuzz.org](mailto:cburgess@edubuzz.org) or [mick.burns@sds.co.uk](mailto:mick.burns@sds.co.uk)

Careers Insight Evening Event with British Airways S3 to S6 [here](#)

**DYW Co-ordinator vacancies East Lothian** [here](#)

**Prosthetics & Orthotics course** department tour details [here](#)

**Graduate Apprenticeships** [here](#)

**Royal College of Surgeons Christmas Lecture** [here](#)

### **Podcast**

It is always great to meet up with and hear from former students and how their journey has developed since leaving school. I really enjoyed hearing Matthew's [story](#) and would suggest it's worth a viewing as it covers quite a bit of ground and water!

**Edinburgh Napier University** - Postgraduate Information Event  
Christmas recruitment opportunities [here](#)

**Allied Health Professions Careers** [here](#) and we have paper copies in the school library – thanks to Alison for delivering these!

**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!

**Apprenticeships and vacancies** [here](#)

### **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**

NBHS Parent Council Meeting - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 7pm in school

S4 Virtual Parents' Evening – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November