



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 18th November 2022

Message from HT

A privilege to welcome Lesley Brown, Executive Director – Education and Children’s Services, to NBHS this week. Thank you to Lesley for her time and engagement and to S6 Ava Sweeney who gave her the guided tour.

We’re busy preparing for our school concert and dances, the next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, and in full flow with our faculty reviews. Phew!

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

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

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 – 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

North Berwick High School Rugby

This week's North Berwick High School of Rugby update:

Schools Conference

The U13 and U14 squads travelled to Berwick on Saturday in the East Schools A conference

Berwick U14 38-38 North Berwick High School U14

Berwick U13 55-05 North Berwick High School U13

The U13/S1 squad continue their strong showing in the league with one game to play.

This weekend, the U13, U14 and U15 sides complete the schools conference programme with trips to Linlithgow Academy. We hope to bring you some good results towards the overall school conference next week.

U16 shield quarterfinal

In the Scottish Schools Shield quarterfinal NBHS U16s defeated High School of Glasgow 42-19. The game was closer in the first half with NBHS scoring a late converted try to take the lead into the break before keeping a second-half cleansheet. The semifinal will take place on 26th November and will be a trip to either George Heriot's or Glasgow Academy depending on their result on Saturday.

U18 shield quarterfinal

NBHS U18s defeated a strong Robert Gordon's College side by 17-14. Three tries for Finlay Mitchell, Tom McKay and Charlie Harper were enough to earn a semifinal slot where they will travel to St Aloysius' College in Glasgow on 26th November.

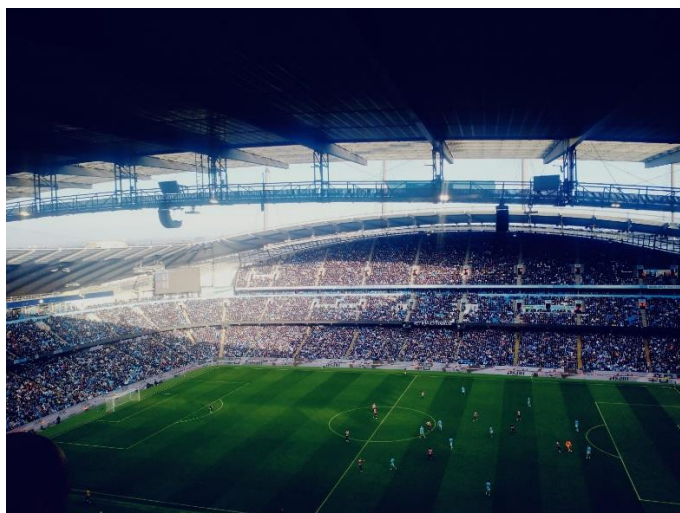
Both teams (pictured) showed great character and ability, facing sides from strong independent schools that play in the leagues above their own.

If either team make the final, cup final day is Wednesday 7th December.



Manchester City v Brentford Trip

On Saturday 12th of November, 52 pupils from NBHS got the opportunity to experience a Premier League football match between Manchester City and Brentford. It was a fantastic day out for our young people who represented the school admirably throughout their time away. Well done all!



North Berwick High School Christmas Concert Tuesday 6th December 7pm

All performers have now been set up on i-pay for Christmas Concert seat reservations. Seats can be reserved from Tuesday 22nd November onwards (initially maximum 2 tickets reserved per performer) at the cost of £3 each.

From Monday 28th November onwards additional seat reservations can be made on a first come first served basis, again on i-pay.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Ms Spooner/Mrs Loudon

Christmas Dances and Social Dancing in core PE

After a successful fitness block in core PE we are very excited to announce the start of our social dancing block. Social dancing has been on the PE programme for decades at NBHS and has moved with the times to be inclusive, nurturing and respectful. There is a buzz of excitement around this, particularly from the senior pupils, but also some nervous energy at the thought of dancing with others. Pupils will learn about the traditional Scottish culture but also embrace some modern dance moves that are incorporated into these dances. Each year group create their own magical moments at this time of year and seeing them work so closely together, trusting each other and respecting the feelings of others is absolutely fantastic. We understand there is sometimes a feeling of trepidation at the thought of social dancing but we will take time at the beginning of the block to explain the 'NBHS way' of teaching this as it usually fills pupils with festive laughter and enjoyment.

The Christmas Dance dates are as follows with more information being issued in the coming weeks:

| Date | Year Group | Time |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Thursday 8 th December | S3/4 | 7 – 9.30 pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December | S2 | 6 – 8pm |
| Wednesday 14 th December | S1 | 6 - 8pm |
| Thursday 15 th December | S5/6 | 7 – 10pm |

@ Parent Council Meeting Reminder @

The next parent council meeting is this **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 to raise an agenda item with the Chair using the subject 'FAO Chair of PC.'

Many Thanks

PC

Parental Employability Strategy Fund (PESF) – Paid Work Experience

Calling all parents – we are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking and committed parents to undertake a Paid Work Experience placement within the hospitality industry. Whether you are just looking for some extra income or would like to pursue a career in this industry, we have many employers across East Lothian waiting to meet you. Many of these positions have the potential to turn into permanent jobs.

If you are interested please contact us using the email address or phone number on the attached flyer by Monday 28th November 2022.

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 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.

Updated apprenticeships and vacancies [here](#)

Scot JCB Limited vacancy Haddington [here](#)

ELC Libraries part time vacancies [here](#)

SAAS funding sessions for parents and carers [here](#)

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 or mick.burns@sds.co.uk

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!

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!

PTA is on Social Media

The PTA can now be found on Instagram and Facebook!
Please take a look and follow us to hear all the latest PTA news as we support the school activities and raise vital funds for the school and its students.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088007284380>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/nbhs_pta

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

NBHS Parent Council Meeting - Tuesday 22nd November – 7pm in school

S4 Virtual Parents' Evening – Monday 28th November

Christmas Dance Dates -

Thursday 8th December S3/4 7-9.30 pm

Tuesday 13th December S2 6-8pm

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