



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 9th December 2022

Message from HT

This week I have been reminded of why being the head teacher of this amazing school is a privilege.

It was my absolute pleasure to attend the NBHS Christmas Concert on Tuesday – the sheer talent, diligence, and brilliance of the pupils was on full display which made me incredibly proud. It's not just that though – it's the whole team effort involved in putting on such events from the stage crew to the backstage helpers to the instructors to the teachers of the Design and Technology and Music departments who collaborate to put the event together.

Wednesday saw the first of our year group Ceilidhs with S3/S4 paving the way for the rest with their excellent dancing and behaviour. I felt nervous about the dance – would the young people buy in? Would they participate? Would they enjoy the experience? But all my fears were abated as I watched them burl around the dancefloor, with huge grins on their faces. My huge thanks to the PE department for all their preparatory work and to all staff who volunteered their time on the night – without that willingness, ethos events like this simply cannot take place. I'm looking forward to the others next week.

We also took part in a tree planting ceremony as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative this week. It was a lovely event despite the freezing temp and we were delighted to be joined by Sir Hew Dalrymple from the East Lothian Lieutenancy, and Mike Foy, Tree Officer from East Lothian Council, for the planting. The NBHS Eco-Committee, Dr McKendrick from the Biology department, and myself, all took turns to shovel the earth and it was fabulous to be piped out by Daniel Lumsden in 3L who did a fantastic job.



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Woolly Jumper Day

Our annual jumper day will take place on **Monday 19 Dec**. Students and staff are invited to wear a woolly jumper (Christmassy or not) to school and make a donation to our school charities. We are also collecting preloved Christmas jumpers so if you have any Christmas jumpers you no longer wear or need, please hand them in to the school office by Wednesday 14 Dec and we'll distribute them to pupils who want them.

Sporting Success



Callum Jack 4L2 has just had a remarkable weekend, winning the boys' doubles title (with his partner Fraser Banks) at the West of Scotland under 17 badminton championships at the Cockburn Centre in Glasgow last night. It was a culmination of 2 days hard competition. He also made the quarter final of the boys' singles and mixed doubles. He is only 15 years old and so was playing a year above his age group.

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, including when our in-person assemblies take place in the hall – these events are a hugely important part of our school ethos and our connectivity as a community.

Staff and pupils at NBHS continue to work together to consider ways to improve punctuality – watch this space!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

Volunteering with School Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh is a wonderful programme, and we always have more S3 pupils wishing to take part than we have spaces available. The parent council have expressed interest in recruiting parent helpers, to allow us to increase the number of spaces we can offer. This would be amazing. This link gives an overview of the different roles within the team of adults delivering Duke of Edinburgh. <https://www.dofe.org/run/volunteerroles/>. In addition we may require minibus drivers, qualified with MIDAS or equivalent. If you are at all interested in offering some time to help us to broaden our D of E offer, please contact the parent council at parentcouncil@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk . We will run an information evening shortly for potential volunteers, where we can go into more detail about the support we need, and the ways in which we can support volunteers to gain the qualifications they may require

Young people gain a huge amount from Duke of Edinburgh, and I personally find it very rewarding to be part of helping that to happen. I do hope some of you may have time to commit to helping us to expand our offer.

Robert Jones

Depute headteacher

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME – PUPILS – WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022

The flu vaccination programme has been rescheduled and will now take place in school on **Wednesday 14 December 2022**.

The plan for the day is as follows:

Wednesday 14 December 2022

Period 2	S1
Period 3	S2
Period 4	S3
Period 5	S4
Period 6	S5
Period 7	S6

The vaccines will be administered in the main school hall. Pupils should attend all classes as normal and arrangements will be made for pupils to go to the hall at the appropriate time.

Well Done to NBHS u16s!

An enthralling match on Wednesday at BT Murrayfield saw both teams score two converted tries in a 14 -14 draw that could've gone either way as the full time whistle approached. In School Rugby there is no extra time, so both teams lifted the shield. Thanks to everyone who travelled to BT Murrayfield for the noisy NB support!



My Name's Doddie

North Berwick School of Rugby, led by the u18 squad have now raised over £7000 in memory of Doddie Weir by bleaching their hair.

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/nbrcu18bleach>

Well done!

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



NBHS Playing fields

Unfortunately our playing fields are still being used regularly for dog walking and we have had to delay recent hockey and rugby kick off times whilst coaches and referees do their best to clear the dog waste left behind. We almost had to postpone a fixture because of the state of one of the pitches. We use these pitches for curricular and extra curricular sessions and would appreciate everyone's support in treating them like our classrooms.

Signs have been put up and there are more to come but your support in this will be appreciated.

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.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting is on Monday the 12th December at 7pm at the school and we would love to see lots of you there.

We also need new committee members as we support school events and raise funds for the school and students, so why not come along on Monday and find out what we get up to. If you can't make it to this meeting and would like to be involved, please email us at ptanbhs@gmail.com.

Careers

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

SDS Staffing

A very warm welcome to our new Careers Adviser, Dearbhla Gallagher, who will be joining us from Monday 28 November. Dearbhla will cover Monday and Thursdays while I cover Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A big thank you to our colleague Emma Veitch who stays as our designated Work Coach but has help cover a lot of our school work this term.

Applying for College 2023

We delivered the talk in school on Monday 21 November and you can view the session [here](#) and you can still fill in the Google Form if you missed the session.

S1 Careers Talk – we have delivered our introductory talk to all the classes and you view the talk [here](#)

AML Compliance Assistant (Modern Apprentice) [here](#)

Updated apprenticeships and vacancies [here](#)

Fenton Barns recruitment [here](#)

Young Professionals Edinburgh Conference [here](#)

Scot JCB Limited vacancy Haddington [here](#)

SAAS funding sessions for parents and carers [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!

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!

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

PTA Meeting Monday the 12th December at 7pm in school

Christmas Dance Dates -

- Tuesday 13th December S2 6-8pm
- Wednesday 14th December S1 6-8pm
- Thursday 15th December S5/6 7-10pm

Future Parent Council meetings –

- Monday 16th January
- Wednesday 8th March
- Thursday 25 May

All 7-8:30pm in school.