



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 20 January 2023

Message from HT

Spending time in classes this week has been a highlight for me. I've visited Maths and Languages, and have Physics, Health and Food Technology and more Maths to go next week. It's wonderful to see the pupils fully-engaged in their learning, supported and thriving when in class.

We've had visitors in school this week as part of an S3 Careers Event run by the Languages department. 7 speakers from a range of professions and industries came in to tell our pupils about the importance of speaking languages in the world of work. The Advanced Higher French and Spanish pupils helped with the running of this event. One visitor commented that it was a real pleasure for him to engage with our learners, which is always lovely to hear. We also had the launch of our S3 Youth Philanthropy Initiative this week. Lots going on!

Our prelim diet has now concluded other than mop-up sessions early next week for any pupil who may have missed on. I thank our wonderful team of Invigilators for their support, and Mr Jones who has led the programme. Our pupils were exceptionally well-behaved and tenacious throughout.

I'm currently reading a book by Brene Brown – "Dare to Lead" – it's been on my "to read" list forever and I'm finally getting round to it. She talks a lot about the importance of both courage and vulnerability in leadership – and that trying to be all things to all people is an impossible task. It's giving me a lot of food for thought.

Mrs Moore

Course Choice Information Evening – Monday 23rd January

A reminder that current S3 parents are warmly invited to attend our Course Choice Information Evening from 6-7pm on Monday 23rd January.

S4 and S5 parents are warmly invited to attend from 7-8pm at the same event.

NB: We will have an S2 Course Choice Information Evening in early February, date to be confirmed.

Vaccinations Reminder

On Monday 30 January 2023, the community nurses will be in school to administer the Teenage Booster - diphtheria, polio and tetanus vaccine, together with the Meningitis ACWY vaccine to S3 pupils. There will also be some catch up vaccines for S4, S5 and S6 pupils who missed them in previous years and who have returned the necessary consent forms.

We facilitate the NHS Vaccination Programme within NBHS but don't hold any information regarding pupils' vaccination status. If you have any vaccine queries please contact the Community Vaccination Team in Musselburgh on 0131 446 4082.

Staffing

Mr Craig Burgess, Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, has successfully been appointed as Acting DHT (Thurs/Fri) job-sharing with Mr Robert Jones, who will be part-time DHT (Mon-Weds) from Monday 23rd January. Mr Burgess is an experienced middle leader who will bring much to the Senior

Leadership Team – we look forward to working with him in this capacity. This creates an opportunity for an Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for Craig House (Thurs/Fri) and recruitment is underway.

Mr James Mumford, Teacher of Geography, has been appointed as PT Equity, a new part-time post funded by Strategic Equity Funding from the Scottish Government. This post is initially for 1 year. Mr Mumford is a highly respected and experienced teacher who will bring much to the Extended Leadership Team. Delighted to have him on board.

From Monday 23rd January, House Teams will be as follows:

- Craig House – Mr Burgess (PT Pupil Support) Mon-Weds and DHT Thurs-Fri, Mrs Clubb DHT Mon-Weds
- Glen House – Mrs Casson (PT Pupil Support), Mr Jones DHT Mon-Weds, Mr Burgess DHT Thurs-Fri
- Law House – Mr Stebbing (PT Pupil Support), Mrs Clubb DHT
- Fidra House – Mr Orr (PT Pupil Support), Mrs Neri DHT

Total Adventure – Sailing

A new block of sailing goes live on 1st February at 6.00pm. The link for booking is:
<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-total-adventure/total-adventure-sailing/>

Any questions, see Miss Parry, in P.E. - cparry@elcschool.org.uk

East Lothian Schools' Cross Country

This event will be held at Vogrie Country Park on Wednesday 8 February.

If you are interested in taking part, please complete this form by Tuesday 21 January - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3-IrS7rgPW3GQnuvFGMVIS8JQHbuOZ30v8VN4-vWknx_VPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Any questions, see Miss Parry, in P.E. Department.

North Berwick Youth Project

North Berwick Youth Project is open to all young people at high school.

- *Monday* – 3:30-5pm Out'n>About – TURF online game (meet at Hope Rooms)

What is Turf? 📱

Turf is a location-based online game, played on a smartphone using GPS – you go to the physical location of a virtual turf zone to earn points. It uses the similar technology as Pokémon Go.

- *Tuesday* – 3:30-5pm Drop-in; 4:30-5:30pm Online Cooking Club
- *Wednesday* – 3:30-4:30pm Yoga; 4:30-6:30pm Girls Group
- *Thursday* – 3:30-5pm – ZAP (ASN group); 5-6pm Free Boxing Session
- *Friday* – 12:30-5pm – Friday Drop-in

Gullane Youth Club

- *Thursday's* – 6-7pm for P7 & S1's & 7-8pm for S2's+

For more information about what's going on please check out their website www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk or email beth@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk .

Funding Awards

Calling all artists and craft makers living or working in East Lothian. The Visual Artists and Craft Makers Awards scheme (VACMA) is managed by East Lothian Council Arts Service in partnership with Creative Scotland. Emerging artists and new graduates can apply for £500, with £750 bursaries available for more established practitioners. Please apply here <https://bit.ly/2K51o1F>

****DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 5PM, TUE 7 FEB 2023****

NBHS Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running on Tuesday and Thursdays, 07:50-08:20, in the canteen, nearest the Assembly Hall.

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.

Bus Turning Circle/Law PS Staff Car Park Access

Please could we respectfully remind parents that they should not use the bus turning circle or the Law PS staff car park as a drop off point for students. Thank you so much.

Careers

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Employability talk

We are delivering a talk covering the help we can offer with finding employment and resources you can use to help with this. **Monday 23 January 2023, period 6, 1:45pm in the main hall.** Anyone in S4/5/6 interested in finding employment from June 2023 should attend. If you are in S4/5 you need to email us in advance to confirm cburgess@edubuzz.org or mick.burns@sds.co.uk

Vacancy updates: I have posted quite a few recently at edubuzz.org/careers

Parent and Carer Scottish Apprenticeships Webinar [here](#)

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.

What do graduates do? You can view and download the 2023 report [here](#)

Updated apprenticeships and vacancies [here](#)

NHS Modern Apprenticeships: [here](#)

Local Apprenticeship vacancies in construction [here](#)

Legal and General - Careers in Investments, Finance and Technology online event [here](#)

Police Scotland youth Volunteers [here](#)

Unite Foundation Scholarship – Scholarship opportunities for care experienced university students [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

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

Course Choice Information Evening in main hall, NBHS - Monday 23 January
Current S3 parents/carers 6-7pm; Current S4/5 parents/carers 7-8pm

S3 Virtual Parents' Evening – Thursday 26 January

Future NBHS Parent Council meetings:

- Wednesday 8 March
 - Thursday 25 May
- All 7-8:30pm in school.