



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 3rd Feb 2023

Message from HT

It was my great pleasure this week to show a team from ELC around our new extension block. I saw with great pride how the new listening booths in the Modern Languages faculty were being used by the pupils, along with the breakout spaces and flexible learning space on the ground floor. It was my absolute pleasure to welcome central colleagues to NBHS.

This week has also seen our monthly ELT meeting – these are our Extended Leadership Team meetings, where all the heads of faculty and pupil support come together with myself and the DHTs to share views and plan for improvement. We spoke about our school systems and how we can streamline and digitise some of our working methods to decrease bureaucracy. We also discussed some of the behaviours we see at the moment in school and how best to support our young people. These topics are very much at the forefront of our discussions at the moment.

Showing my age (!), I delivered an assembly on Fleetwood Mac to the seniors today – my point was about unsung heroes and that my favourite member of the band was always the late Christine McVie, who was so utterly talented yet understated. I wanted the pupils to understand that shouting the loudest, or being the most famous or most glamorous, is not always the best way to get recognition for your skills and abilities. There is room in the world for all types of people and accepting others who may be different to you illustrates kindness.

And with that, I sign off for the weekend.
Mrs Moore

Staffing Update

Mr Alan Cox has been appointed as permanent Faculty Head of Mathematics and Numeracy. Mr Cox will be known to many of you and we are delighted to welcome him permanently to this post. We will recruit to backfill his substantive post and share updates as they emerge.

We welcome Ms Jacqueline Irvine to our temporary Support for Learning teacher post. Ms Irvine brings a wealth of experience in learning support and is a most welcome addition to our team.

We are also delighted to extend Ms Claire Coupar's post in Geography, following the appointment of Mr Mumford as PT Equity. Ms Coupar has been with us for some time and we are glad to be able to keep her. I have also been remiss in failing to welcome Ms Sarah Goudie back to the Geography department – we're glad you're back!

S2 Course Choice Information Evening

We are delighted to be able to invite all current S2 parents/carers to the S2 into S3 Course Choice Information Evening on **Tuesday 7th February 6-7pm**. Please come along to the main hall and find out more about what's on offer in S3. All welcome.

S3-S5 Course Choices

All pupils currently in S3-S5 must complete their Course Choice Form before 3:25pm on Tuesday 7th February. The form can be found in the Home google classroom for each year group.

Scottish Youth Parliament

Congratulations to Fin McIlwraith 5C2 for his recent election to the Scottish Youth Parliament. Well done, Fin!

HPV consent forms

HPV consent forms have been distributed to pupils this week. Please could parents complete and return the forms as soon as possible please.

North Berwick Youth Project

Open to all young people at high school.

Monday 3:30-5pm – Out'n>About outdoor group – Young Leaders Planning session (S2-S6)
Tuesday 3:30-5pm - **NEW** Out'n>About outdoor group (P7-S1) & 5 -6pm Online Cooking Club
Wednesday 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

February Holidays

To book on to our trips and other activities during the holidays please visit the Trips section of our website (link below).

We will also be open on Friday 17 February from 12:30 until 5pm for Drop-In.

Bursary tickets are available for families who earn under £18,010. For more information about this, please contact Beth (email below).

Gullane Youth Club

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

For more information about what's going on please check out our website

www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk or email beth@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk



Art classes for 10 - 18 year olds in Aberlady

Two art sessions are being held on 11 and 18 March 2023 from 3 - 5pm, Kirk Stables, Aberlady. Join two local artists for an afternoon of fun and creativity. There are limited numbers so please book: [online registration on Eventbrite >>](#)

Social Media - resources for parents and carers

If you find an opportunity, can we 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/>

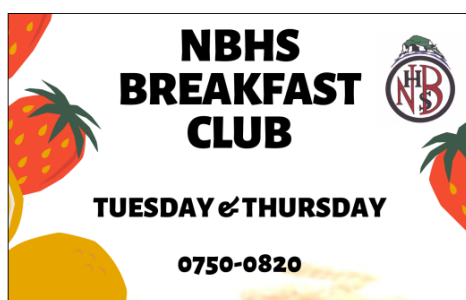
Thank you

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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Applying for College 2023

Edinburgh College courses are live and you can view our preparation to apply resources [here](#) You can still fill in the Google Form if you missed the session and arrange to see us for help with applying. You should make an early application.

Employability talk

We are delivered this talk covering the help we can offer with finding employment and resources you can use to help with this on Monday 23 January 2023. You can view the talk and download the resources [here](#)

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

THE UK'S BIGGEST APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY [here](#)

BBC Young Reporter Competition [here](#)

Robert Gordon University - deadline extension [here](#)

Aberdeen Veterinary Medicine and Science Online Q&A [here](#)

Babcock International National Apprenticeship Week Event [here](#)

[Archerfield House vacancies here](#)

NBHS parents presentation January 2023. Thank you so much for inviting us to input at this event. Great to see many people in the hall after all these years. Our presentation can be viewed [here](#)

Modern Apprenticeship - Healthcare Support Worker [here](#)

We completed the **S2 careers talks** this week and the presentation is [here](#)

What do graduates do? You can view and download the 2023 report [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

S2 (into S3) Course Choice Information Evening – Tuesday 7th February

S5/6 Virtual Parents' Evening - Thursday 23rd February

Future NBHS Parent Council meetings:

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