



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE Friday 10th Feb 2023

Message from HT

192 parents/carers and young people attended our S2 Course Choice information evening this week! It was a pleasure to have S2 parents/carers in the building and thank you to those who took time to chat to me at the end – it was lovely to have the opportunity to do this. My thanks to Mrs Clubb for putting the presentation together and to Mr Burgess, Mr Jones and Mrs Spooner for their inputs.



I attended part of the NBHS Pupil Council meeting this week – we welcomed Katie Reid, Connected Communities Development Officer, to the session who was interested in their ideas for a Youth Event. Lots of fantastic suggestions were put forward and it's great to be working in partnership on this.

An honour to also welcome John Dickie, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, online this week, who engaged brilliantly with Higher Modern Studies pupils and shared his thinking. The impact of poverty and the Cost of the School Day will be a theme for all staff on our upcoming in-service day, along with taking a closer look at the systems we have in place to support positive behaviour at NBHS.

A reminder that school closes on Friday for the holiday week (Monday 13th-Friday 17th February). It is an in-service day on Monday 20th February for staff only – we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Tuesday 21st February**.

Rolling Monday

A reminder that **Wednesday 22nd February** is a Rolling Monday. Pupils should follow their Monday timetables on that day.

HPV consent forms

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

Residential Sailing Trip and Level 5 Leadership Qualification

We are pleased to share the details of a new residential sailing trip we plan to run in the 2023/2024 session.

The North Berwick Rotary club have, very generously, fundraised on our behalf to substantially subsidise the cost of a group of 10 senior pupils to take part in a week long voyage around the west coast of Scotland with Ocean Youth Trust Scotland. All current S3, S4 and S5 pupils can apply to take part in the voyage and no previous sailing experience is necessary. To express an interest please fill in the google form below. This trip has been run successfully at various East Lothian Schools for over 14 years and we are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to the young people of North Berwick High School. Please feel free to email Mrs Cairns or Mrs Johnson with any questions.

[Further information can be found here.](#)

[Express an interest here](#)

[About Ocean Youth Trust Scotland](#)

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

Help required to run DofE from parents/interested members of the community

If you didn't make the DofE meeting on Wed 8th Feb where we talked about the need for more adult help within the community to extend the provision of DofE then please still get in touch with the East Lothian DofE Support Team by emailing dofe@eastlothian.gov.uk

North Berwick Youth Project – Open to all young people at high school.

February Holidays

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – 11 – 3pm Roller Blading and Nandos trip – FULL but contact Beth to be put on the waiting list

Wednesday – 10 – 4pm Loch Leven and Pizza Hut trip – SPACES

Thursday – 11 – 3pm Balgone Walk and Sausage Sizzle - SPACES

Friday – 12:30-5pm – Friday Drop- in

To book a space, please visit our website. www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk

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

Yoga

After the holidays, our FREE yoga & mindfulness class will now take place at the mirror gym at NBHS on Wednesdays from 3:30 until 4:30. Open to all young people S1+.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We will be having a disco at the community centre on **Friday the 3rd of March**. Tickets will go on sale soon keep an eye out!

Gullane Youth Club

Closed for holiday

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](#)

[Latest MA and vacancies here](#)

CCG 2023 Apprentice Intake (construction) [here](#)

Leuchie House – offers a variety of employment and volunteering opportunities and you can out more [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](#)

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

In-service Day (staff only) – Monday 20th February
All return – Tuesday 21st 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.