



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 10th March 2023

Message from HT

We've been recognising Scottish Apprenticeship Week through our assembly programme this week. If you want to find out more about Apprenticeships and whether they might be an option for your young person, this is a great website: <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>. My thanks to Mr Burgess and Mr Burns for their input on this.

It is Neurodiversity Celebration Week next week and Ms Johnston, Acting Faculty Leader of Support for Learning, is leading a programme of assembly inputs and tutor time clips for us. Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, ADHD or autism. This is a great opportunity for our school community to enhance our knowledge and raise awareness of both the challenges that neurodivergence can bring and celebrate the strengths too.

We've started our new approach for addressing latecoming – it is very early days but I believe we are seeing an improvement to punctuality. We have also given all staff members an "Out of Class" pass which, in conjunction with increased staff presence and visibility in corridors and at classroom doors, will support the calm and purposeful ethos of the school, maximising learning time for all. Huge thanks to all parents and carers for their support and reinforcement at home.

A positive Parent Council meeting this week too – it's great to be able to share the work we're doing in school with the PC and I thank them for their continuing support.

Onwards and upwards! Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Industrial Action CANCELLED - update

Please see update from Nicola McDowell, Head of Education, as follows:

The EIS have called off all strike action for next week and **all schools and early learning and childcare settings will be open to children and young people as normal.**

Spring Concert - Tuesday 28th March 7pm

Seat reservations £3 each.

From Monday 13th March - Seat reservations available through ipay for all performers, two maximum per performer.

From Monday 20th March - Performers - Any additional seat reservations made available through i-pay. Non-performers - Any pupils/parent/carers who would like to come to the concert are also welcome to reserve a seat(s) on i-pay.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Loudon/Ms Spooner

Study Skills - Family Learning Event – Thursday 23rd March 6-7pm

The Support for Learning department are hosting a Study Skills session with information on how to support your young person when preparing for exams. This is for parents and carers of senior phase students (**S4-S6**).

Date: Thursday 23rd March 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Venue: North Berwick High School (main hall)

Author Visit

Thanks to funding from the Scottish Book Trust, we were delighted to welcome published author, Victoria Williamson, to the school library on Monday 6th March. She worked with a group of 30 S2 pupils on a creative writing workshop, sharing hints and tips on finding "Story Sparks" and how to create vibrant and interesting characters for your stories. Much appreciated by all attendees, and all agreed the session was much too short - some great story ideas were coming out and Victoria could have spent hours talking them through with pupils. If there are any follow-up questions from attendees or if they have a story they would like feedback on, please ask Miss Wilson in the library to forward them to Victoria.



It was fantastic to once again welcome an author into the school, and we hope to be able to do this more in the future!



Study Skills Workshops

The Support for Learning department are running Study Skills workshops for senior students. This will be a block of three sessions. They will take place after school on a Thursday 3:30pm-4:15pm. They will be held in Miss Coupar's Geography classroom. The sessions will cover: Organising Yourself, Specific Revision Techniques, Getting Exam Ready. The first session will be on Thursday 9th March.

To book a place, please email Mrs Johnston from Support for Learning on: cjohnston@edubuzz.org

Please ignore this if you attended Study Skills last year.

S4 - Please contact Mrs Johnston if you have already been invited to a session but the session that you have been allocated is not suitable.

Parent Council Consultation on School Trips

A group of parent council members are working with the school to think about future plans for school trips. Would you mind taking 2 minutes to complete this form? It would be great if you could submit your response by 12/03/2023.

To access the survey either:

- 1) Click this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/tfECcqaqVL> or
- 2) Scan the code below on a phone or tablet to access the survey.



A reminder also that the North Berwick High School Parent Council Facebook page is available to all parents and carers.

Hayward Review – Phase 3

Parents, carers and young people might be interested to note that the Hayward Review (looking at what our qualifications and assessment structure in Scotland will look like in the future) is now entering Phase 3. There is an interim report which is worth a read available here: [Independent Review of Qualifications & Assessment in Scotland Interim Report March 2023 \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/independent-review-qualifications-assessment-scotland/interim-report-2023/pages/1_to_100.aspx)

Young people are able to sign up for an online discussion event here: [Young people engagement event on the future of qualifications & assessment Tickets, Thu 16 Mar 2023 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/young-people-engagement-event-on-the-future-of-qualifications-and-assessment-tickets-64189492007)

All parents, carers, staff and young people are able to share their response to the draft proposals and thoughts via a survey which closes on 7th April: [Phase Three: The Proposed Model \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/phase-three-the-proposed-model)

Education Maintenance Allowance

Don't miss out!

Young people aged between 16 and 19 who are currently in full-time education or undertaking an Activity Agreement may be entitled to a £30 per week payment.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a means-tested award providing financial support to eligible 16 to 19 year olds who want to continue learning. It also applies to those who are in Home Education.

Students who turned 16 on or after 1 October 2022 can now apply:

- Apply before 28 February 2023 to have the payments backdated to the start of January term
- Apply before 31 March 2023 to receive the allowance during the current academic year. Please note that any applications received between 1 March and 31 March will not be backdated; payments will be made from the date the application is received
- Applications received after 31 March will not be processed and EMA will not be paid.

[Find](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ema) out more and apply online at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ema

NBHS Dress Code – mythbuster

Contrary to rumour, staff at NBHS are keen to see young people dressed appropriately for school in our agreed dress code. This contributes to our positive school ethos. We ask for your support with this.

The November 2020 dress code can be found here:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/schoolinformation/school-dress-code/>

National Offer – Easter Study Support

Please see below for national online revision sessions during spring break:

[Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)

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 >>](#)

Youth Vision - Photo Competition

Please see the attached information.

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



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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](#)

Scottish Apprenticeship Week 6 - 10 March many live events including 9 March at 3.45pm – Apprenticeships – Your guide to opportunities. See link below for anyone interested in booking on. <https://bit.ly/apprenticeships-your-guide-to-opportunities-rewards-scotland>

[DYW Roadshow 22 March 2023](#) [This is an opportunity to meet with employers, colleges and other organisations if you are leaving school this summer and looking for employment. Transport will be available, and students will be offered the chance to attend soon via their Google Classroom but numbers are limited so make you book your place.](#)

Jerba Campervans vacancy [here](#)

Scottish Power Apprenticeship vacancies [here](#)

[Latest MA and vacancies here](#)

‘International Women’s Day’ virtual event Nationwide [here](#)

[Aegon Asset Management - Investments Trainee here](#)

Careers within the UK Government/Civil Service with Defence Nuclear Enterprise online event [here](#)

The Year in Industry (YINI) Scheme – Opportunities within Architecture – Edinburgh [here](#)

Horticulture Taster Day [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](#)

Torness vacancies [here](#)

Apprentice Electrician [here](#)

Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internship Opportunities [here](#)

Scottish Apprenticeship week information [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

Thursday 23rd March – Study Skills - Family Learning Event for S4-S6 parents and carers

Tuesday 28th March – Spring Concert

NBHS Parent Council meetings 7-8:30pm in school:

- Wednesday 8 March
- Thursday 25 May