



**NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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**Message from HT**

Hello everyone –

Great opportunities for parents/carers to come into school over the next two weeks as we launch the first of this year's Family Learning events (this time for Senior Phase parents) and prepare for our Spring Concert, which is often a highlight of the year at NBHS.

I hope that parents/carers will also feel able to respond to a small number of surveys currently asking for feedback, both nationally and locally – I know ELC are keen to hear about the Parental Engagement Strategy (information sent to all parents/carers via Groupcall and to pupils via Edubuzz), and it would be great if NBHS parents and carers contribute views on the future of assessment and qualifications in Phase 3 of the Hayward Review (see item below) , as well as the Parent Council trips survey (see item below).

My thanks to a kind member of the public who contacted school to let me know how helpful a group of pupils had been in finding her lost tabby cat in the Lodge grounds. Young people do silly things sometimes – and mistakes are how they learn – but it means so much when there is recognition that the vast majority of NBHS pupils are responsible and give support to the community.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Moore

**Your Exams 2023**

This week, the SQA launched Your Exams 2023 for learners sitting National Qualifications. It is now available to view and download from their website. The publication includes helpful advice and important rules learners must read and understand before they sit their exams.

Hard copies will be sent to centres from Monday 20 March for distribution to learners.

[Visit the website](#)

### **Study Skills - Family Learning Event – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Venue: North Berwick High School (main hall)

### **Future Asset**

This year's team came runner up in the Junior category. Huge congratulations girls!!!! Mrs Fox is a very proud teacher.

They won £400 for the school and £75 in vouchers each. Looking forward to the celebration event on 14<sup>th</sup> June.



From left to right we have Lilianna Way, Amber Waldman, Lily Lamb, Rose O'Rourke, Brisa Jackman and Sarah Livingston.



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

### **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 **20/3/23 (please note extension to deadline)**.

To access the survey either:

1) Click this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/tfECcqaqVL>

2) Scan the code on a phone or tables to access the survey.

3) You can also access the survey via the NBHS PTA website: <https://nbhs-pta.org.uk/pta-news/>



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 \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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](#)

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: [Phase Three: The Proposed Model \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

### **Update on NBHS campus expansion (NBHS parent council, March 2023)**

NBHS parents/carers can visit the FB page North Berwick High School Parent Council for further information on this. Parents/carers without Facebook access can contact the Parent Council via the direct email of:

[Parentcouncil.nbhs@gmail.com](mailto:Parentcouncil.nbhs@gmail.com)

### **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PLANTING DAY - Saturday 25th March**

North Berwick Trust are excited to be planting our very first community orchard at the Trust's park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

All children and their families are welcome to come and plant a fruit tree in the new community orchard.

Please see attached poster for more details.

### **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](#)

### **Family events at the Scottish Seabird Centre over Easter for school newsletters**

#### **LIVE SCIENCE SHOW: WaaatttsZaaap!**

Egghead has some great new gadgets and toys but no batteries! He needs some clean power from renewables and perhaps using turbines and tides or turning the sun into fun might just help? Join us to find out more.

- Dates: 1,6,7,8,13,14 & 15 April
- Time: 2pm
- Location: Discovery Experience Theatre, Scottish Seabird Centre
- **Free for kids** £5:50 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

#### **LIVE SCIENCE SHOW: Animal Avengers**

Taking inspiration from a whole host of superheroes, Professor Egghead will show audiences how animals can defend themselves from attack in weird and wonderful ways. From exploding ants, squirting octopi to spitting birds, you can decide who is the best animal avenger.

- Dates: 2,5 & 12 April
- Time: 2pm
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick
- **Recommended ages 6+**
- Free for kids, £5.00 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

### **Puppet Show: What's for Snack**

An interactive puppet show with Craig the Crab. With sing-a-long fun, our young visitors will be asked to help Craig, as he has eaten some marine litter by mistake.

- Dates: 15 April
- Time: 11.00am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, Discovery Experience Theatre
- Recommended age: under 5s
- Entry **FREE** for children, £5 for accompanying adults.
- Book [here](#).

### **Seaside Storytelling**

Bring your kids along for an hour of escapism, with a series of wonderful marine-themed stories.

- Dates: 1 April
- Time: 11.00am
- Location: Scottish Seabird Centre, Discovery Experience Theatre
- Recommended age: under 5s
- Entry **FREE** for children, £5 for accompanying adults
- Book [here](#).

### **Neurodiversity Easter camp in partnership with Team United**



## **East Lothian Council Instrumental Music Service and Lammermuir Festival - Catriona and the Dragon**

East Lothian Council Instrumental Music Service and Lammermuir Festival are looking for singers and actors to join their new community musical, *Catriona and the Dragon* (which includes the [Anthem](#) they performed last year), to perform alongside three of Scotland's top professional singers, a huge orchestra of professional players and musicians from East Lothian Instrumental Music Service, under conductor Sian Edwards, director Laura Attridge and chorus director Moira Morrison.

### **The storyline**

Queen Catriona is the reluctant ruler of the Kingdom of Beagland, terrorised by a fearsome dragon who lives beyond the Bridge to Nowhere. Will Catriona find the courage to go over the Bridge to confront her worst fears and to fight the dragon? Can she persuade her people to change their ways?

### **How to get involved?**

To join our **Children's Chorus** and help Catriona conquer the Dragon living beyond the Bridge to Nowhere and who is terrorising the land, **register** [HERE](#)

And why not persuade your grown-ups to join in too in our **Adults' Chorus** by signing up [HERE](#)

### **Project Schedule**

Note: all rehearsals will be in Dunbar unless otherwise indicated.

#### Pre-Production Weekend

- Saturday March 18th (2pm - 4pm)

#### Weekend 2

- Friday March 24th (1pm - 3pm)
- Saturday 25th March (10am - 1pm)
- Sunday 26th March (2pm - 5pm)
- Tuesday 28th March (4pm - 7pm)

#### Production Week

- Saturday April 1st (2pm - 5pm)
- Sunday April 2nd (2pm - 5pm) in Haddington
- Monday April 3rd (10am - 5pm)
- Tuesday April 4th (10am - 5pm)
- Wednesday April 5th, 2pm rehearsal, with performances at 4pm and 7.15pm

For further details and links to our registration and all application forms please visit:

<https://www.lammermuirfestival.co.uk/community-opera/>

We hope you will consider joining us for this exciting project!

## PTA EASTER RAFFLE - Buy your tickets NOW!



We are delighted to announce the launch of our Easter raffle. There are lots of great prizes up for grabs from our pals in East Lothian, including a flight, sailing lessons, personal training session, vouchers galore and a lesson from a golf pro.

Tickets are £5 each. To enter, visit the ticket form on [Jotform here](#) or via the [PTA website here](#).

We've previously raised £4000 a year and we'd love to smash this target in 2023. Help us beat our fundraising target and increase funds to support the S6 Leavers event, create improved outdoor learning spaces, purchase a projector and lots more.

Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who contributed. We really appreciate your support and the pupils will benefit massively from funds raised.

Winners will be drawn Friday 28th April.

**OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS MONDAY 27th MARCH at the School. Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings.**

The NBHS PTA needs new committee members and a new Chair. We support school events and raise vital funds for the school and its students. To find out how you can get involved and make a difference please drop us an email at [ptanhbs@gmail.com](mailto:ptanhbs@gmail.com) or come along to our next PTA meeting.

## **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](mailto:cparry@elcschool.org.uk)



## **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](#)

**[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. **THERE ARE A FEW PLACES LEFT SO HURRY** email [cburgess@edubuzz.org](mailto:cburgess@edubuzz.org)

**Barratt Developments: Apprentice Programme – Bricklayers and Joiners** [here](#)

**Jay Bird's Larder - Cafe Assistants** [here](#)

**ICE QUEST Undergraduate Scholarships open for applications** [here](#)

**Print & Business Administrator – Musselburgh** [here](#)

**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](#)

### **Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick - Part time pupil employment opportunities**

#### **Scottish Seabird Centre – Café Assistants**

Our café has one of the best views in the town and we'd love you to come and work with us!

We're looking for enthusiastic people to join our team and can offer part time positions across the weekend during term time and more hours during the holidays.

We pay above the minimum wage and offer great discounts on our boat trips and in the centre.

Come and work with us and know that you are contributing to the main purpose of our charity - Inspiring and educating people about the Scottish marine environment, motivating them to care for it.

If you're aged 16+, let us know why you'd like to join us by sending in your CV to [info@seabird.org](mailto:info@seabird.org)

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)

### **Dates for your Diary**

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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Concert

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

- Wednesday 8 March
- Thursday 25 May