



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 24th March 2023

Message from HT

I've done some lovely things this week, including presenting the wonderful S3 Netball team with their Scottish Schools Plate winners' trophy in assembly, covering Higher and National 5 English classes and supporting the young people with their revision, and attending the Family Learning event on Thursday evening. Thank you so much to all who attended and to Mrs Hume and Mrs Johnston for their excellent preparation and delivery.

I've been out and about and around the school a lot this week – the conversations I have with young people and staff are always enlightening and informative. We also had an Extended Leadership Team meeting after school and got stuck into all the Hayward Review proposals (see item below) - great discussion was had! Much of my own professional learning and reading at the moment is on the importance of having the right curriculum in place to meet the needs of all learners.

The lighter mornings and sunshine are also most welcome – it makes the commute that bit easier.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

NBHS 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 ipay. 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

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

Last night (23.3.23) Support for Learning held a Study Skills information evening for parents/carers of our Senior Phase pupils. Thank you to everyone who made it along. The presentation is now on our school website and can be found under the SQA 22/23 tab.

Public Bus and Community Etiquette

All NBHS pupils are reminded of the importance of being respectful and safe when travelling on public buses. We encourage active travel and therefore, taking public buses for short distances when walking would be appropriate (for example, returning to school after lunch) is not recommended. Representing our school in the community positively is everyone's responsibility. Please think, manage your time and act responsibly.

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

Staffing Update

We will shortly welcome Ms Alison Thayne as Acting Principal Teacher Pupil Support (Guidance) to our team. Ms Thayne will work with Mrs Neri, DHT, as the House Team for Fidra. Ms Thayne comes to us from her current post as Curricular Leader of Pupil Support (Wellbeing Hub) at Gracemount High School. Welcome, Ms Thayne!

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)

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

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 25th March.

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

Please see poster sent out with last week's update 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](#)

PTA



PTA EASTER RAFFLE - [Buy your tickets NOW!](#)

We are delighted to announce that so far your donations have raised **£680** - THANK YOU!

There are lots of great prizes up for grabs from our pals in East Lothian, together they are worth hundreds of pounds...so let's see if we can **raise even more** and increase funds to support the S6 Leavers event, create improved outdoor learning spaces, purchase a projector and lots more.

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

Thanks again 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 EGM and 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 and can't do it without volunteers. To find out how you can get involved and make a difference please drop us an email at ptanhbs@gmail.com or come along to our next PTA meeting.

Bus Turning Circle

Parents and carers are respectfully asked not to come into the bus turning circle at the beginning and end of the day to drop pupils/students off. Signage states this is for Authorised Vehicles Only.

Thank you

Support MYPAS annual Bluebell Trail Run as Team North Berwick!

MYPAS are reaching out to schools in East Lothian and Midlothian connected with MYPAS, to let them know about their annual fundraising Bluebell Trail Run. Each year they hold the Bluebell Trail Run in the beautiful Dalkeith Country Park. This year our event is being held on Sunday 14th May 2023.

All schools across East Lothian and Midlothian can enter, with pupils entering free of charge. In the past, schools have put forward a dedicated team representing their school. In 2022, for example, Penicuik High School participated and they raised an amazing £1,559.73 in sponsorship!

MYPAS would be so grateful if any teachers or students (or both!) would like to participate in our fundraiser. The entry cost is free for students, with the option to run either the 5K or 10K event.

Taking part of a sponsored challenge is optional; however, every penny raised goes towards providing additional support for young people in your community.

For more information and to sign up, please head to our Bluebell website at <http://www.bluebelltrail.co.uk/>. If you are interested in raising sponsorship, please email fran.armour@mypas.co.uk

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](#).

Total Adventure

The dates and times for the Total Adventure online bookings going live are -

SUP Sessions goes live [01/04/23/@6.00pm](#)

Dinghy Sailing goes live 01/04/23 @6.00pm

Sailing Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Beginners Surf Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Improver/Intermediate Surf Sessions goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Wakeboarding Session 1 goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

Wakeboarding Session 2 goes live 01/05/2023 @6.00pm

To book - <https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-total-adventure/>

Neurodiversity Easter camp in partnership with Team United

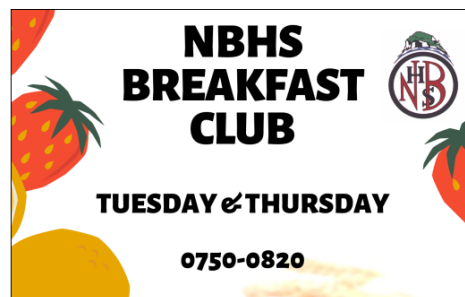


NBHS Breakfast Club

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



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](#) We took a group of interested students to this event which had over 50 employers, colleges and universities attending at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange on Wednesday 22 March and it's safe to say that everyone who attended enjoyed left with a lot more information than expected! Here are some of the reflections. It was friendly, lots of information, able to speak to people with experience, builds your confidence, seeing different types of jobs, seeing what is required for each job and helps us find jobs for the future.

[Leuchie House recruitment day 24 March here](#)

[How to have meaningful career conversations](#) webinar for parents and carers [here](#)

[Getting into Medicine](#) A huge thank you to the three S6 students who gave up their Tuesday to speak with the current S3-5 students about their experiences of the application process. Not only did they donate their UCAT and interview question books, they even put together a great powerpoint presentation that can be requested.

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](#)

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

Tuesday 28th March – Spring Concert

Monday 24th April – Friday 3rd June inclusive - SQA Exam Diet and Study Leave. All return for change of timetable on Monday 5th June.

King's Coronation – Monday 8th May – school closed

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

- Thursday 25 May