



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 5th April 2023

Message from HT



S1-S3 Activities Week has afforded us a welcome opportunity to connect and enhance our strong and positive relationships between staff and pupils. I have been reminded of the importance of this in so many ways – from young people showing me photographs and telling me of their adventures, to lovely emails from parents and carers, from staff who have taken the time to tell me about how well the young people have engaged in their activities. I've also been reminded of just what a huge responsibility it is for staff who agree to lead and manage these large-scale activities, and the inevitable bumps on the road that come along with this. I thank all pupils who have engaged so enthusiastically in what we have had on offer, and staff for their resilience and energy throughout the week. I think having a long weekend is much deserved to all.

Not forgetting our seniors who continue to conduct themselves so very well throughout the exam diet. I've tried to give them as much encouragement as possible, reassuring them that they are well-prepared and can only do their best, while feeding them from the traditional Mrs Moore Biscuit Tin.

I also very much enjoyed the opportunity to speak with aspiring Depute and Head Teachers on Thursday at an ELC professional development session. Huge thanks to Margo Cunningham, Training and Development Officer, for asking me to deliver this. Despite all the challenges our profession faces at the moment, it's wonderful to see that there are still those in the world who would love to lead schools in the future. I have learned that in this job, it is impossible to keep everyone happy but I consider myself so very fortunate to have the privilege of leading NBHS every day.

School is closed on Monday 8th May due to the additional holiday for the King's Coronation.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Congratulations

Congratulations to Freya Harley, Peter Stuart, Lilia Villareal-Forrest, Lois Thomson and Hayden Way in S3 for performing beautifully in the East Lothian Council Instrumental Music Service Senior String Ensemble. The ensemble are the 2023 winners of the Scottish Young Musicians Ensemble of the Year!

Thank you to Mrs Smith and Miss Hickman for preparing them for this event. They will now go on to perform at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire.

HPV Vaccination Programme

The HPV vaccination programme will take place in school on Thursday 11 May 2023. This will primarily affect S1s, but there is also a catch up for a small number of pupils who missed this vaccination in previous years. Pupils in the latter category will have been previously notified separately.

The vaccines will be administered in the basketball gym. Pupils should attend all classes as normal and arrangements will be made for pupils to go to the basketball gym at the appropriate time.

School Leavers – Edubuzz Accounts

IT have advised that accounts will remain active until October. Please ensure between now and then you:

- Download and save any work you wish to keep from your drive.
- Forward any emails you wish to keep to a personal email address.
- Update the email address associated with accounts where currently it is your edubuzz one. For example college, SAAS, UCAS, Scratch etc. Or maybe you have the email linked to verification when signing in to a personal email or device/app. Or maybe you've set it as the email for a password reset.

You have until 30 September 2023.

Exams 2023

Please remember that all pupils who are on study leave cannot come into school unless it is for an exam.

Here is the recording of the assembly this week that went over behaviour during exams for senior pupils:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEOBRNS9_iU

In March the SQA launched Your Exams 2023 for learners sitting National Qualifications. It is 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 have been given to learners.

[Visit the website](#)

SAAS

SAAS is open for 2023/24 applications.

Senior students should submit their applications now and before the deadline of 30 June to guarantee their funding in time for their course starting. Explore the budget and funding calculators on the Student Information website, a handy tool for students, parents and teachers to learn more about the budget required for individual courses.

See the website: [Student Awards Agency Scotland - SAAS - Funding Your Future](#)

Business & Computing Faculty – S1 Internet Safety Competition

Yet again there have been some fantastic entries this year, that competitiveness element pushing the quality higher and higher every year. There has been a huge variety in our entries from posters, to cake baking, songs, videos, models. Well done to all of our S1 students.

The winners are detailed below:

S1 Competition Winner



Olivia Gilhooley

Class Winners

Lily Malcolm
Stanley Williams
Lauchie Cunningham
Isla Buchan
Poppy Smith
Rosie Tandy
Theo Bowie
Jonas Applegate

Lottie Bradley
Lucie Drummond
Leo Ingham
Ellie Cunningham
Molly Ford
Karis Lennie
Jack Doolan

Daniel Lovell
Rebecca Johnstone
Moray Macintosh
Imogen Shields
Caitlin Brunton
Joe Murray
Paul Farrell
Blair Donachie

Special Mention For Outstanding Entry

Jonas Applegate

Blair Donachie

Lottie Bradley



PTA



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to the raffle and the kind local businesses who donated the prizes. You have raised an amazing **£1,600 for the school.**

Raffle winners will be contacted next week.

North Berwick Trust

North Berwick Trust are hosting an event on Monday 8th May as part of the coronation celebrations - 'The Big Help Out' Volunteer Monday. [The Big Help Out | Home](#)

All are welcome to come along and plant flower seeds at the Trust's land off Pilgrim's Way.

This is a chance to come together with the community. Coffee and ice-cream will be available.

NBHS Sailing Crew

The first North Berwick High School sailing crew to take part in an Ocean Youth Trust Scotland voyage are having a pop up stall in WhyNot? North Berwick this Saturday (6th May).

They will be selling their beautiful handmade organic cotton shoppers and prints.

They are a fantastic bunch of pupils supporting an incredible charity. More about OYTS here: <https://oytscotland.org.uk/>

Hope to see you there!



Bass Rock Cricket Club

New players are welcome for the new season. Please see the attached poster.

North Berwick Youth Project

WHAT IS ON?

Tuesdays

- 3:30 to 5:30pm – Out'n'About Outdoor group
- 5 to 6pm – Online Cookery

Wednesdays

- 3:30 to 4:30pm – FREE yoga at NBHS in the mirrored gym
- 3:30 to 4:30pm – Out'n'About Outdoor group
- 4:30 to 5:30pm – Girls Group

Thursdays

- 3:30 to 4:30pm – ZAP
- 5.00 to 6.00pm – FREE boxing classes

Fridays

- 12:30 to 4pm – Drop in at Youth Project

For more information, please visit our website www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk or get in touch with our Lead Youth Worker, Beth. beth@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk

To book a space, or find out more info, please get in touch with our Outdoor Youth Worker, Natalie. natalie@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk



SSAA Track and Field Championships 2023

This year's championships are taking place on 9 and 10 June 2023 at Grangemouth Stadium. Click here for more information - http://www.saa.co.uk/SSAA/information/TF_first_info_2023.pdf

Please note there are qualifying standards to be able to take part in this event. Each competitor should have reached and preferably have surpassed the standard for the event before they are entered. Click on the link to find a list of qualifying standards for 2023.
- <http://www.saa.co.uk/SSAA/documents/misc/T&F%20Standards.pdf>

Competitors must demonstrate a competence in their event to be allowed to compete.

Parents / carers are responsible for transport to and from, and supervision at this event.

Closing date - Thursday 18 May

If you would like to submit an entry, please email Miss Parry, Sport and Physical Activity Coordinator, at cparry@elcschool.org.uk.

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/>

Venturing Out CIC - Summer Holiday Programme

Venturing Out run holiday programmes in partnership with East Lothian Council's Outdoor Learning Service. Their Summer Holiday Programme is going live for booking at 7pm on Friday 5th May.

Please see the attached leaflet form more information.

Beach Wheelchairs – Attendant Post

Beach Wheelchairs at North Berwick have contacted us to advise us that they have a Seasonal Beach Hut attendant post that has just gone live. It might be suitable for a senior pupil and is for the months of June, July and August. The start date is flexible.

Please see the attached poster for more details. The link to the website is -

<https://www.beachwheelchairs.org/summer-jobs> .

North Berwick Skatepark

NB Community Skatepark Project have now successfully raised funds to rebuild North Berwick's Skatepark and work is underway. They are hosting a fundraiser next month so that they can add lighting to the park extending the use of the facility in darker months. They also plan to offer a 'library of kit' so that skateboards, scooters and helmets can be borrowed for free without parents having to first invest in new kit.

This is the booking link for the fundraiser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-berwick-community-skatepark-fundraiser-tickets-600061840117?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

The following are the links to their social media so people can follow the skatepark build process:

<https://www.facebook.com/NBCOMMUNITYSKATEPARK>

<https://instagram.com/nbcommunityskatepark?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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

Virtual Parent Signalong Session

Please see the attached flyer about an upcoming Virtual Parenting Signalong session on Tuesday 16th May. It is an informal NHS Lothian workshop for parents and carers to support and develop their child's communication and understanding through Signalong.

Sustainable Fashion TV Show

Casting will be taking place for a series for CBBC and Lion Television about sustainable fashion (see the attached flyer). They are looking for young designers aged 10-14 years old who can create bold and colourful outfits reusing, re-claiming and upcycling fabulous fashion by using only vintage, second-hand and sustainable materials.

The series is presented by Emma Willis and fashion designer, Ayishat Akanbi, and we will be filming in July / August 2023.

Anyone interested in applying should get in touch with team before 31 May 2023. Applications can be submitted by a parent/guardian via CBBC's web uploader <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/be-on-a-show-style-it-out> or a parent/ guardian can email to fashion@liontv.co.uk

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/>

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. Any individuals currently using their free bus pass to do this should stop immediately.

Pupils are also asked to enter local shops when purchasing items rather than a whole group accompanying one friend who is buying something. This is to ensure all members of the public are able to access shops at all times and to avoid unnecessary crowding.

Representing our school in the community positively is everyone's responsibility. Please think, manage your time and act responsibly.

Careers

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Latest updates on the careers [blog](#) include:

[Edinburgh College Open Day 27 May 2023](#)

[Eastern Western Motor Group Job Vacancies](#)

[Apprentice upholsterer Fenton Barns](#)

[A Gap Year with Leuchie House](#)

[M&G - Internal Audit Apprentice](#)

[CMS Law Scholarships and Work Experience](#)

[Drift North Berwick - Commis/Chef De Partie](#)

[Modern Apprenticeship and vacancies](#)

[Find the career for you in NHS Scotland](#)

[Archerfield House vacancies - Bar & Waiting Staff](#)

[Aldi recruitment - North Berwick](#)

[NHS Youth Volunteering opportunities](#)

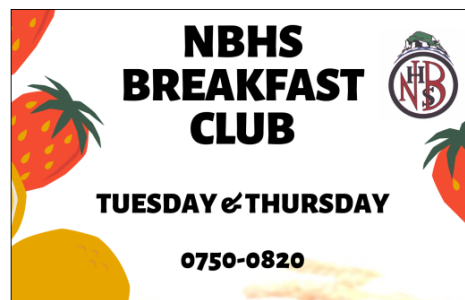
For all 2023 leavers - Remember that we are still your Careers Advisers even after leaving so please feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance in the future.

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



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

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

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

Staff Inservice Day – Monday 22nd May – school closed to pupils

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

- Thursday 25 May