



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 12th May 2023

Message from HT

Hello everyone –

The SQA exam diet continues and almost all S1-S3 pupils are being very supportive by respecting staff instruction without argument to move around the school quietly, avoiding the key corridors around the main hall and other exam rooms. They will continue to receive reminders about the importance of this and that they would, when in Senior Phase themselves, wish for the same respect and kindness.

We had a whole school professional learning session on Wednesday after school and are beginning our work on the School Improvement Plan for next year. We explored the importance of the role of the Group Tutor, how to continue to maximise the value our S6 can add to themselves and to our whole community, and our current Detention system and how we can ensure purpose, meaning and impact. At the heart of our school lies relationships – with our young people and with parents and carers – and we know how vital support and positive home-school links are to our ethos.

We're also working hard on our timetable and gearing up for S1-S5 becoming S2-S6 on 5th June. I will write to you shortly to outline how we are resetting expectations when the new timetable starts, including with the NBHS Dress Code, our ongoing focus on punctuality, kindness, and respect. As always, your support in reinforcing our school ethos is essential and welcomed by all here at NBHS.

The next NBHS Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 25th May 7-8:30pm in the HE breakout space in the extension block here at school. I look forward to meeting the Chair next week to finalise the agenda.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

NBHS Homework Notifications

Our school policy is to notify parents/carers when homework is not attempted and to ask for your support to ensure that the assignment is completed. This is an important part of our home-school communication.

We are keen to emphasise that this notification is for information only and is not a sanction for the pupil. The use of the notification allows teachers to act consistently and it signals to pupils that we always make parents aware so they can form their own judgements. The decision on further action (if any) is left with the family.

Where a pupil has a valid reason for not completing homework, a very brief note from a parent is always appreciated and avoids the need to send a notification.

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](#)

Boys Hockey

The East Lothian hockey development officer will be running 2 boys hockey sessions at NBHS on Wednesday 17 and 24 May, 1530-1630. This is open to all years groups, and boys who have played before, or who are just starting.

If you'd like to come along, please complete this form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceMw5kPZMf94KUXtC_I7LkMQOw2I7m2HSu6gyVYtUGj2DUg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Also see the attached poster for boys hockey at Meadowmill on Monday evenings.

Bass Rock Cricket Club

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

Beginners North Berwick Lawn Bowls

Venue: Outdoors at North Berwick Bowling Club

Ages: S1 – S6

Wednesdays: 17, 24, 31 May; 7, 14 June

Time: 18.30-19.30

Price: FREE

All equipment provided. (No astroturf trainers to be worn please.)

Activity Leader – NB Bowling Club coaches & Billy Mellors (EL Bowls Development Officer)

Click here to book a place:

<https://eastlothian.bookinglive.com/home/active-schools/active-schools-north-berwick-high-school/nbhs-lawn-bowls/?stage=Stage>

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.ssaa.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.ssaa.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.

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.

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=>

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.

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:

The next update will be posted on the 30 May newsletter.

[NHS Modern Apprenticeship - Healthcare Support Worker](#)

[Seasonal jobs resources](#)

[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.

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

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

- Thursday 25 May