



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 26th May 2023

Message from HT

It was wonderful to be visited by a steady stream of S2 pupils from Mrs Felton's Maths class this week, proudly showing me their coding work and praise postcards. It reminds me that it's all too easy to get caught in the labyrinth of problems and issues, rather than recognising that our young people are amazing and achieve great things. Definitely giving me food for thought about how we recognise and celebrate success as a school.

I also met S1, S2 and S3 Pupil Focus Groups this week to look at what we do well as a school and what they'd like to see improve. It's hugely affirming to hear that pupils feel supported and included at school, but that we can still do things better – in particular, the young people were keen to ensure the main block toilets were a welcoming environment for all, that we continue to create leadership opportunities for them (including more Focus Groups!) and that we are consistent in how we apply our NBHS Positive Behaviour Policy.

Our Inservice Day saw us taking a look at our Digital Learning strategy and our plans for professional learning in this area over the next year – I hope to share more information with the Parent Council and all of you about this after the summer.

You will also receive a letter from me about resetting and reinforcing expectations in preparation for our change of timetable on 5th June – I ask for your support. When we work together to get things right for our young people, it can be transformative – thank you in advance for this.



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Congratulations

Sevi Martinez in S1 attended a grading in Stirling at the weekend for Krav Maga Scotland and absolutely smashed it! She has been awarded her K1 grading. (Krav Maga is a martial art.)

There is a weekly class in East Linton community hall at 4pm on a Friday if others are interested.

S3 Future Assets

Following their hugely successful entry to the "Growing Future Assets Investment Competition", 6 of our 3rd Year Business girls, were invited to visit the Head Office of Artemis Funds in Edinburgh. Artemis provided experienced mentor Mark Niznik, to help the girls to an overall second place in the

Junior category and also to host the girls on their visit to their offices high above Edinburgh, with chocolate box views of the Castle.

Having made the obligatory detour via the Bubble Tea Stall, the girls were met and escorted to the 6th floor of Exchange Plaza, where they had a chance to chat with both Mark and the Head of Human Resources, Liz Cole. Mark and Liz explained how times are changing in the Financial Profession and how important it has now become to recruit girls from across a range of backgrounds. The girls posed some very challenging questions to our hosts and some very interesting debate ensued.

Having been made to feel at ease by this opening chat, the girls were taken to the "Relaxation" room, where the views were met with a huge gasp from everyone. A photo shot with mentor Mark and the unique views of Edinburgh, preceded a tour round the floor.

Mark spent some time explaining his role in Asset Management and introduced us to his colleagues involved in Positive (Environmental) Futures and Bonds. At all stages the girls were attentive and demonstrated their professionalism by continuing to pose interesting questions.

At 1pm, the visit concluded and the kind people at Artemis Funds took us all for a Nandos across the road at Festival Square. Having eaten well, Mark and the guys disappeared back to continue making money and the girls disappeared to spend their winnings on clothes shopping at the St James Centre.



S1 & 2 Sports Day

We are planning to suspend part of our timetable for S1 and S2 pupils on **Monday 29th May and Tuesday 30th May** to run our annual sports day for S1 and 2 pupils. **In a change to previously published information, S1 pupils will compete in events during periods 3-7 on Monday and S2 pupils will compete during periods 1-5 on Tuesday.**

Pupils will earn points for their house team for taking part and earn more depending on placing.

Winners of the events will be invited to represent the school in the East Lothian County Sports Championship, held at Meadowmill Sports Complex, on Wednesday 14th June. A sign up form has been posted on their year group google classroom and we will assist with this process next week.

Pupils can come to school in their sports clothes but please remind them to bring water bottles and sun cream.

Finger crossed for nice weather and 2 action packed days of athletics.

Young Ambassadors 2023-24

We are looking to recruit two new S6 Young Ambassadors for NBHS for the coming academic year.

Young Ambassadors roles are to promote sport, and motivate and inspire other young people to get involved in sport in their schools, clubs and local communities.

The Young Ambassador programme is a national programme, run by sportscotland, and there are two YAs in every school in Scotland. This link will give you a little bit more information about the national programme - <https://sportscotland.org.uk/schools/young-ambassadors/>

If you're interested in becoming one of our Young Ambassadors, please answer these questions, and email them to cparry@elcschool.org.uk by 1600 on Friday 9 June.

- What would you do in our school to motivate and inspire young people to get involved in sport in our school and community?
- Give an example of an event or project that you would like to complete in your role as Young Ambassador
- Why do you think you'd be a good Young Ambassador for NBHS?

Parent Survey on Residential Trips

Members of the Parent Council recently undertook a survey about residential trips at school. We attach the results of this survey.

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 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](#)

PTA



Come along to our next **PTA meeting on Tuesday 6th June at 7pm at the High school**, everyone welcome! Please get in touch if have any questions or want to know more.

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

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.

Summer Camp – Get NBHS Green!

25 – 27 July 2023, 10am – 3pm

Are you looking for something worthwhile and **free** to do during the summer holidays?

Would you like NBHS to have more plants and trees? We will design and create outdoor social areas, surrounded by greenery.

Come with friends to plant a tree and stay for a free lunch!

To sign up or if you have any questions please email: hfelton@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk and please see the attached poster.

Summer Learn To Sail Camps & Improver Courses in North Berwick

This summer join East Lothian Yacht Club, learn to sail and have the use of the club boats all year round.

Develop new skills and make new friends in beautiful North Berwick with our friendly dolphins regularly accompanying our sailors.

Following the RYA syllabus we offer courses for complete beginners to advanced sailors. For keen cadets we offer a great progression pathway to become competitive sailors with weekly events and professional coaching, or to become sailing instructors of the future, developing their life skills, and recording volunteer hours. **Ages 11- Adult.**

Please see the attached poster.

Book now to secure your space: www.elyc.org.uk/training

Bass Rock Cricket Club

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

North Berwick Youth Project

WHAT'S ON?

Tuesdays

- 5 to 6pm – FREE tennis lessons
- 5 to 6pm – Online Cookery

Wednesdays

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



Herbspace

Please see the attached poster for after school gatherings that Herbspace offer.

For more information and to book please contact kathy@herbspace.co.uk and see www.herbspace.co.uk.

Bridges Project

Please see the attached poster about the Bridges Open Day on 9 June.

Scottish Seabird Centre

The Scottish Seabird Centre's annual Marine Fest is coming up next month. Please see the attached poster.

Marine Fest runs from 8 to 12 June and has lots of educational activities, talks and events, some free of charge.

All of the events must be pre-booked and the full programme can be found on our website here www.seabird.org/events

Cleaners Required

We need more cleaning staff!

- **North Berwick High School**
- **Various hours per week Mon-Fri**
- **Term time contract**
- **Hourly rate £10.90**
- **Any successful candidates will be subject to a full PVG check.**

Any interested parties should email kMcCann@fes-group.co.uk in the first instance or call 07778 175237.

North Berwick Scouts Volunteers

NB Scouts are looking for new adult volunteers. Please see the attached poster.

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.

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.