



## **NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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#### **Message from HT**

The exam diet has started smoothly and school feels different this week with our seniors on study leave. We are working hard with our S1-S3 cohort to remind them of our expectations of them, both in school and in the community, as we approach Activities Week. My expectation of all learners in this school is that they conduct themselves responsibly, safely and kindly when out and about. Staff are really looking forward to next week too and I am sure it will be a great experience for everyone.

I've also been reminding pupils about the importance of following simple and reasonable instructions from staff – for example, to stop running in the corridor or not eat food in the toilets. It is my view that these instructions should be met with agreement rather than argument – but I've worked with teenagers long enough to know that's not always the case!

School is closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May for the Bank Holiday.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Moore

#### **Activities Week 2nd-5th May (S1 and S2)**

You will find information about all of the trips your child will be taking part in next week on their Home Classroom on Google Classroom.

#### **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](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](#)

## **Congratulations**

Louise Martin and Ellie Bent play golf and are part of the team that represented the East of Scotland Girls at the weekend. They had a convincing win over the West of Scotland Girls at Cathkin Braes. Well done to them and the rest of their team!

## **S2 Football**

Massive congratulations to the S2 boys football team who defeated St John's HS in Dundee last Friday in the Scottish Schools Plate quarter final. After the game finished 1-1, the boys won 4-3 on penalties in a dramatic shoot out.

They now play Cardinal Newman High School in the semi-finals. Spaces will be available on a supporters bus to travel to support the team. The date and venue are still to be confirmed, but likely to be Thursday 11th or Friday 12th May.

## **S1 and S2 Scottish Schools' Plate Netball Finals**

Congratulations to both the S1 and S2 netball teams, who were victorious in their plate finals!

NBHS S1 22 - 7 Robert Gordon's College



NBHS S2 25 - 13 Clydeview Academy



Both teams played exceptionally well, and were fabulous ambassadors for NBHS.

## **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.

## **PTA**

**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](mailto:ptanhbs@gmail.com) or come along to our next PTA meeting on **Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm** at the High school. Everyone welcome.



## **North Berwick Youth Project**

**Please note that groups will not be on next week during school activities week.**

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](http://www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk) or get in touch with our Lead Youth Worker, Beth. [beth@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk](mailto:beth@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk)

FREE OUT'N'ABOUT ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Rock climbing
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Orienteering in Whitekirk

To book a space, or find out more info, please get in touch with our Outdoor Youth Worker, Natalie. [natalie@northberwickyouthproject.org.uk](mailto:natalie@northberwickyouthproject.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/>

### **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=>

### **East Lothian - Stand Up & Be Counted! Project**

East Lothian School Library Service has secured funding from the 2022/23 School Library Improvement Fund through the Scottish Library and Information Council. The 'Stand Up & Be Counted' project aims to ensure that diversity, inclusion, and equality are recognised and represented in school libraries across East Lothian.

Funds will be used to purchase new diverse library collections for every primary and secondary school in East Lothian, as well as to run a number of workshops and events to celebrate diversity, empower pupils, and support inclusive school environments.

To inform the project further, we are conducting the below survey of secondary pupils to understand how they currently view their school library provision of diverse books, and to gain an understanding of what books they would like to see on the shelves which would help them to read diversely and inclusively.

**Secondary Pupil Survey:** <https://forms.gle/2e2tjx7ncHPBUvpv7>

The deadline for responses is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fran.armour@mypas.co.uk)

### **Virtual Parent Signalong Session**

Please see the attached flyer about an upcoming Virtual Parenting Signalong session on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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:**

[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](#)

[NHS Recruitment Fair](#)

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

[Aldi recruitment - North Berwick](#)

[NHS Youth Volunteering opportunities](#)

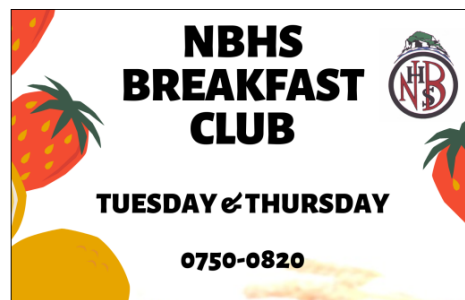
**For all 2023 leavers** - Remember that we are still your Careers Advisers even after leaving so please feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance in the future.

### **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](mailto: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](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**

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

May Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – school closed

S1-3 Activities Week – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

King's Coronation – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – school closed

Staff Inservice Day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – school closed to pupils

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

- Thursday 25 May