



**NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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**Message from HT**

I'm so glad the sun shone for our Sports Days! Just brilliant enthusiasm and participation from our S1 (almost S2) and S2 (almost S3) and Mr Macdonald and his team will be sharing the results in assemblies next week.

2 members of staff, Mrs Nathan and Ms Hastie, attended training this week on the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme (<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/practice-exemplars/mentors-for-violence-prevention-mvp-an-overview/>) – it's a peer mentoring programme which supports young people to positively influence the attitudes and behaviour of their peers. We are excited to launch this initiative in the coming session.

Staff are enthusiastically preparing for the change of timetable on Monday and we look forward to welcoming back our new S5 and S6, as well as seeing our S1-S3 move up into S2-S4.

I turn 50 on Saturday and have been teaching for 27 years. It is quite the milestone and I look forward to celebrating with family and friends.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Moore

**Staffing Update**

Nick Parker, our longstanding Workshop Technician, retires today – he will be missed and we thank him for all he has contributed to NBHS (including on one occasion fixing the Head Teacher's shoe!).

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we welcome Jamie Adams as our new Workshop Technician and Ms Catriona Dugan as Teacher of Maths. Mr David Watkins also moves from a part-time to a full-time Teacher of Maths post.

We have also recently welcomed Ms Nadine Thomas as our Science Technician. Welcome all!

**NBHS Family Learning Event – for those who will be in S3 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (current S2)**

We are holding a family learning evening for parents/carers of our new S3 students. There will be a session on supporting literacy at home, a session on supporting numeracy and a session utilising IT, taking place in classrooms. If your young person is in this cohort (going into S3 on the 5th June) and you would like to book a space then please e-mail Clare Johnston:  
[cjohnston@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:cjohnston@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk)

Date: Thursday 15th June

Time: 6-7:15pm

## **Willie Innes Youth Games 2023**

After a great day of inter-school sports, in the sunshine, at Meadowmill, North Berwick High School emerged as Willie Innes Youth Games champions for 2023. Great performances from all teams contributed to a fantastic overall win. Well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers.

Individual event winners:

- S1/2 Badminton
- S1 Hockey
- S2 Hockey
- S1 Rugby
- S1/2 Girls' Basketball



Great performances too from:

- S2 Rugby
- S1/2 Girls' Football
- S1/2 Boys' Football
- S1/2 Boys' Basketball
- S1/2 Golf

## **S1/S2 Sports Days**

S1 and S2 pupils gave some great performances in their sports days, this week. We're just finalising the results, and will post them here, next week, after we've shared them with the pupils, at assembly.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ella Davidson in S5 for securing a place at Strathclyde University's Space School in June. Ella managed to grab one of just 80 places available to pupils from all over Scotland, quite a feat! Well done Ella.

## **Head Lice**

We have had some reported cases of head lice in S2. Please be aware and follow NHS advice as appropriate: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you

## **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](mailto: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.

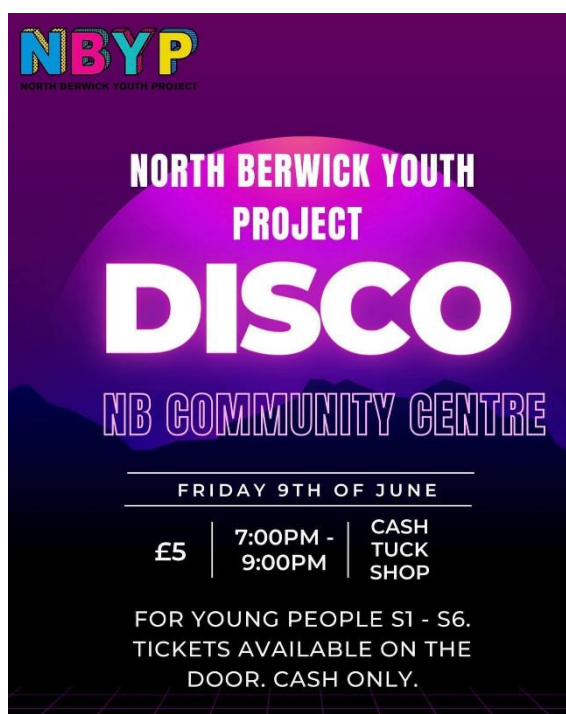
You have until 30 September 2023.

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



### **Herbospace**

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

For more information and to book please contact [kathy@herbospace.co.uk](mailto:kathy@herbospace.co.uk) and see [www.herbospace.co.uk](http://www.herbospace.co.uk).

### **Bridges Project**

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

### **Game Set Cycle Challenge for Maggie's**

The Game Set Cycle Team are completing an exciting challenge around Gullane, Longniddry, Haddington, East Linton, Dunbar and North Berwick Tennis Clubs on 17th June.

There are spaces at each club for adults to join in a fun, open to all Cardio Tennis session (an hour of fun tennis & music!). All in aid of Maggie's in Edinburgh, supporting anyone affected by cancer.

There is an auction and raffle too - for details see their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gamesetcycle>

They ask that you please book on and come and support the day - all families are very welcome. See your local club for information on specific events. Gullane are holding a specific child cardio session 4 - 4.45pm, there will be tombola, raffles and exciting other events including a surprise celebrity appearance at Gullane.

All cardio sessions can be booked through: <https://game-set-cycle.myshopify.com/>

Any donations can be sent direct to Maggie's through justgiving:



## **GAME SET CYCLE CHALLENGE**

Game Set Cycle

[justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com)

### **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](http://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](mailto: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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**Mobile:** 07920 152537

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

[Cambridge University](#)

[Vestas - Apprentice Service Technician](#)

[Longniddry Golf Club - summer vacancies](#)

[Trainee Mental Health Nurse](#)

[Charles Rivers recruitment](#)

[ScotRail - IT Modern Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)

**Apprentice Parts Assistant - Haddington Ag**

Thomas Sherriff & Co Ltd Haddington

[Apply now](#)

**Apprentice Greenkeeper**

Longniddry Golf Club Longniddry

[Apply now](#)

**Apprentice**

McDonald's Limited Dunbar

[Apply now](#)

**Trainee Child Practitioner**

Pumpkin Patch Nursery North Berwick

[Apply now](#)

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

[Seasonal jobs resources](#)

[Eastern Western Motor Group Job Vacancies](#)

[Apprentice upholsterer Fenton Barns](#)

[A Gap Year with Leuchie House](#)

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

[Modern Apprenticeship and vacancies](#)

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

[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**

All return for change of timetable on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 6-7pm** – S6 Information Evening (for new S6 parents/carers – there is no need for pupils to attend as they will have had their induction earlier in the day) – main hall

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 6-7pm** – P7 Information Evening (for P7 parents/carers who will have young people in S1 in August 2023). Pupils should not attend as they have their induction on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6-7:15pm** – Family Learning event for new S3 parents/carers (S2 parents/carers who will have young people in S3 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023)

Term ends on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** and we reopen to all pupils on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**.