



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 18th August 2023

Message from HT

It's great to be back!

It's lovely to see all the young people buoyantly embracing the new term and looking smart. Thank you so much for your support with our dress code and our ongoing focus on the importance of being on time and ready to learn – it is truly appreciated.

I want to congratulate all our current S5 and S6 and last year's S6 on their outstanding results which all of us are very proud of. This cohort have been accredited with an incredible array and amount of qualifications, which is just brilliant. In my assemblies this week, I've spoken about the importance of being kind to self and others and have used the Bill Gates quote "I failed in some subjects but my friend passed in all. Now he is an engineer for Microsoft and I am the owner of Microsoft" to illustrate that pathways to success are often unexpected. Mrs Clubb has been hard at work supporting those who need to make course changes and it has been lovely to congratulate many individuals in person.

We spent our inservice days considering the key work of our school over the coming year – launching our staff working groups, receiving our annual Child Protection training update, moving forwards with our Professional Learning Communities, revisiting our NBHS Positive Behaviour policy, reminding ourselves of the assessment arrangements process for SQA, our plans for digital learning and reflecting on the recent National Discussion on Education and Hayward Review outcomes. A busy but productive couple of days of reconnection and discussion.

I met with our new Head Team on Wednesday who have some great and practical ideas to improve our school and deliver their pledges. A thoroughly wonderful bunch whom I look forward to working with throughout the session.

I've been on hand to guide our S1 to classes and help them navigate the school – they have made a very positive impression and smile a lot! It's lovely to see their enthusiasm.

We've got our first in-school event for parents/carers next Wednesday 23rd – Sports Council Open Evening at 6pm. Come along! All welcome and see below for details.

I look forward to working with all of you this session.
Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Pupil Support (Guidance) Staffing 23-24 – from 4th September onwards

Following our recent recruitment, I am pleased to be able to share details of our Pupil Support (Guidance) faculty for 23-24 as follows:

Craig House – Mr Craig Burgess Mon- Weds – cburgess@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk and Ms Sophie Lovett – Thurs-Fri – slovett@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Fidra House – Mrs Alison Thayne – athayne@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Glen House – Ms Margaret Maxwell – mmaxwell@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Law House – Ms Samantha Cunningham – scunningham@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Please note that Ms Maxwell (Glen House) and Ms Cunningham (Law House) join us on **Monday 4th September**.

Until then, Mrs Lovett will be the key contact for Craig House, Mrs Thayne for Fidra House, Mr Burgess/Mr Jones for Glen House and Mr Stebbing/Mrs Clubb for Law House.

Each House has a Depute Head link as follows:

Craig House – Mrs Clubb/ Mr Burgess

Fidra House – Mrs Neri

Glen House – Mr Jones/Mr Burgess

Law House – Mrs Clubb

Our communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk should continue to be used for all correspondence and enquiries in the first instance – this allows us to direct queries to the best and most appropriate staff member.

Sports Council Open Evening – Wednesday 23rd August – 6-7pm

We're delighted to have our first in-school event of the year next week! Come along and find out more information about all things extra-curricular sport, Active Schools and volunteering opportunities. We are so keen for parents/carers to be involved in supporting this important aspect of school life.

If you are at all interested, we'd love to see you there!

Mr Macdonald and all in the HWB faculty

Active Schools – extra-curricular sport and activity programme

We are just finalising the details for the extra-curricular sport and activity programme, and will be able to share this next week, with most activities starting w/c 28 August.

If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering to help, please contact me – cparry@elcschool.org.uk

NBHS Parent Council Meetings 23-24

NBHS Parent Council meetings take place in school in the HE breakout space in the extension block at 7-9pm. All welcome.

Several long-standing members no longer have students at the school and we are looking for new members. Interested people can contact the Parent Council via the North Berwick High School Parent Council Facebook page or via email on: parentcouncil.nbhs@gmail.com

The Parent Place tab on the NBHS school website sets out what the Parent Council is, how to get involved, copies of minutes and governance documents. You can find that here:

<https://www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh/parents/your-parent-council/parent-council-minutes/>

Dates for your diary are as follows:

Wed 13 September – PC meeting 7-8pm; AGM 8-9pm

Thurs 12 October

Wed 22 November

Tues 16 January

Thurs 14 March

Wed 22 May

NBHS Careers Evening 2023

6 weeks to go until the NBHS Careers Event 2023 - Wednesday 27th September at 6:30!

Our annual, and very popular, NBHS Career Evening returns for 2023! This is a whole school event where we welcome all year groups (S1-S6) to attend.

After the incredible turnout last year of 750 people we are widening our offer of exhibitors across a variety of industries and pathways. Exhibitors will be able to provide advice for applications, ideas, opportunities and much more!

The following list of organisations have already signed up to attend:

- 2020 Investment
- Army
- Bannantynes
- Clyde Marine Training
- DYW Foundation Apprenticeship
- Edinburgh and Lothians Out of School Care Network
- Edinburgh College
- EL Works
- ELCAP
- Enjoy Leisure
- Fidra (Environmental Charity)
- Garden Stirling & Burnet Solicitors
- Glam Candy
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Graham & Sibbald
- Heriot-Watt University
- Leonardo
- Marine Hotel

MCR Pathways
Napier University
Paris Steele
Queen Margaret University
Royal Air Force
Scottish Government
SDS (Skills Development Scotland)/My World of Work
SRUC (Scottish Rural College)
Strutter Aviation
University of Stirling
You can be a Doctor

We look forward to adding more names in the coming weeks!!!

If you would like to add your organisation to our exhibition, please email the school on communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

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.

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

Thursday 31st August – Senior Prizegiving (new S5, new S6, last year's S6) – invitations will follow shortly

Friday 8th September – P7/S1 Open Afternoon 1-3pm – (current P7, new S1) – a letter will follow

Wednesday 13th September – Parent Council meeting 7-8pm; Parent Council AGM 8-9pm

Friday 15th and Monday 18th September - school closed for September Holiday

Wednesday 27th September – Careers Fair – all welcome