



NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE
Friday 25th August 2023

Message from HT

I've really enjoyed reconnecting with pupils this week, especially meeting and greeting in the morning and saying goodbye and "see you tomorrow" at the end of the day. It is important to me to model the friendliness and kindness I want to see in our school.

A head's up that we are restarting our electronic latecoming system from Monday – for any new parents/carers/young people, this is for anyone arriving in school after 8:40am. Instead of signing in at reception, we have found it to be quicker to register electronically with the member of the Senior Leadership Team on duty each morning. This will trigger a short notification information parents/carers of the young person's safe arrival in school.

Our pupils are looking very smart indeed – thank you so much to all parents/carers who have been in touch supportively regarding our focus on kindness, punctuality and dress code, and those who have sent kind messages for the year ahead. It is invaluable to know that we have your support and that we are working together.

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our Sports Council evening – a great success! Next opportunity for parents/carers to visit school is the P7/S1 Open Afternoon, 1-3pm on Friday 8th September, and for those whose young people are in receipt of awards, Senior Prizegiving on Wednesday 31st August. For all parents/carers and pupils, we have our Careers Fair on 27th September too. We love having you in our school!

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Moore

Social Media Concerns

A number of our young people are creating social media content featuring images and names of staff and pupils at NBHS without their knowledge of permission. This can be distressing to individuals concerned. At the moment, this appears to be happening on an app where people can be "paired" with others and comments are then able to be left on the suitability of the couple which can cause upset.

Where we are able to identify who has originated this content without permission, we will take appropriate action, speaking with the young person, reminding them that this behaviour can cause distress.

We also ask our School Link Police Officer to work supportively with pupils to ensure they understand the significant impact of their actions on others and use our PSE curriculum and assembly programme to remind young people of using social media responsibly.

I appreciate your support and understanding in this matter – you may find the following resources helpful in speaking with your young person about their use of social media.

There is a really useful guide written by Connect, the National Parent Forum of Scotland, here:

https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS_online_safety_E.pdf

And from Childline here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Healthy Respect Drop-In – Wednesdays 1-2pm

A reminder that our NHS Healthy Respect Drop-In takes place every Wednesday from 1-2pm in the Conference Room. Advice and support available from our school nursing service for all aspects of health, including sexual health and vaping cessation support.

Active Schools – extra-curricular sport and activity programme

Please find, attached, the extra-curricular sport and activity programme for this term.

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

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Imogen Turner (1G). Imogen runs for Team East Lothian and she won gold at the Scottish Championships in Aberdeen last weekend. She is the u13 1500m champion.



School Trips - Volunteers

The Parent Council survey results last term showed huge parental appetite for school trips to be part of the experience of pupils at NBHS. School trips have not all restarted after Covid lockdowns, but the recent S3 trip to Dalguise and the Harry Potter trip last December were great successes. Barriers to the running of trips include the amount of time and paperwork required by teachers to

prepare for and attend trips, and the financial implications of teachers taking trips leaving classes that need to be covered.

As a way to alleviate this the Parent Council is proposing the set-up of a sub-committee of parents who can help the teachers with the administrative tasks as well as helping gather parent volunteers to attend the trips (if that is required). The sub-committee could consist of 2-3 parents per year group. This idea has the support of the School Leadership Team.

We would be most grateful if you could complete the attached survey to indicate if you would like to be involved and at what capacity.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fdaV3LVZ1c>

It is worth bearing in mind that school has made it clear that additional parental support will definitely make it easier for more school trips to happen.

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

Our Pupil Support (Guidance) faculty for 23-24 is as follows:

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

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

Only a few 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

North Berwick Youth Project

- Tuesdays** 3:30 to 5:30pm - Out'n>About Outdoor Group
5 to 6pm – Online Cookery
- Wednesdays** 3:30 to 5:30pm – NEW Boys Group for P7/S1's
3:30-5:30pm – Girls Group
- Thursdays** 3:30 to 4:30pm – ZAP
4:45 - 5:30pm - COMING SOON teen fitness class
- Fridays** 12:30pm – Drop in at Youth Project



For more information, please check out our social media or website:
www.northberwickyouthproject.org.uk or email our Lead Youth Worker Beth:
beth@northberwickyouthproject.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