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Nailsea School Headteacher leads the way to success

After a very successful first year as Headteacher, Mrs Elliott will continue to lead Nailsea School as it prepares to welcome in a new cohort of Year 7 in September 2017. Applications from Year 6 students in local primary feeder schools have increased and now Nailsea are raising their intake for the next Year 7 to 180 students. Nailsea has a waiting list for the current Year 7 which will increase by one whole class in September to facilitate new students.

Applications to the Sixth Form have increased with 85% of current Nailsea School Year 11 students applying to continue their learning in Nailsea in September. This has enabled an extension to the number of subjects that can be offered to students which has been well received.

The Governing Body are delighted that their confidence and trust in appointing Mrs Elliott has made such a difference to both students and staff over the past year which is now being recognised across the community and afar. The school is pleased to have recently retained its Investors in People Award. Following the assessment earlier this term Nailsea received positive comments on its' impressive development under Mrs Elliott's leadership.

A new and exciting plan which highlights the school's focus on progress and support for all students is the creation of the "Hub" which will commence in September 2017. This initiative will allow those students who will find the transition to secondary school challenging to access support and enrichment ensuring social, emotional and academic needs are met. The Hub will also provide an alternative curriculum for selected students in Years 10 and 11 designed to improve their chances of exam success.

Education funding has made national news headlines recently with a number of schools facing the difficult choice of asking parents to contribute to school funds, making drastic cutbacks to teachers or subjects offered, or even cutting the length of the school day. In recent years Nailsea School has taken difficult budgeting decisions to ensure money is effectively directed towards the education of its students. As a result there has been a lot of change but the school is now in a position of strength to build on recent progress and introduce new developments which will provide students both present and future with the best possible opportunities to Aspire, Believe and Succeed.

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