

Welcome to Nailsea School Induction Booklet 2022

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Welcome to Nailsea School

It is my very great pleasure to welcome you to Nailsea School. I am delighted you have chosen Nailsea as your secondary school and we are excited for you to experience what school life is like here. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead and celebrating your success as you progress through the school.

The years ahead will be some of the most memorable in your lifetime. We are privileged to help you on this journey. I know that you may have some anxieties about your move. What I can promise you is an unswerving dedication from a talented group of staff who believe passionately in giving the best opportunities for all the young people in our school and also for all the parents and carers. Every student at Nailsea is an important individual and we will work with every one of you to bring out the very best of your potential and shine a light into a future that perhaps you didn't know existed.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mrs D Elliott
Headteacher



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Transition



Hello and welcome to Nailsea School.

We understand that a move between primary and secondary is a big event and during this time we aim to keep you as informed and supported as we can to ensure the transition is successful and enjoyable.

As the applications for places are now confirmed, Nailsea School staff can start to put plans in place for welcoming a new cohort of Year 7 students in September 2022. Over the coming months we will be visiting primary schools and meeting Year 6 teachers to gather information that will help make the move to Nailsea School as smooth as possible for all of our new families. In the summer term we will use this information to allocate students to Houses, tutor groups, teaching groups and classes. Students will find when they join in September they are in a number of different groups, each with different mixes of students maximising the opportunity for them to make new friends and settle in to the school.

We are planning transition events in the summer term that will help students familiarise themselves with the school, meet their new classmates and teachers and most importantly ask the burning questions that they will no doubt have.

Please look at this booklet with your child as it contains information to introduce you to Nailsea School. One of the biggest adjustments for families at this time is the change as students become more independent, seek out information and answers themselves, learn to manage their time, plan their work and start to take ownership of their learning.

Thank you for selecting Nailsea School, we look forward to meeting you all in the summer terms and working with you to ensure your child's move to secondary school is exciting, trouble free and a good foundation for the next phase in their educational journey.

Transition Team

Nailsea School

Class groups



A big difference for students at secondary school is the way their classes are put together. Students have individual timetables following a 2 week program of lessons which they attend in their teaching groups 7a to 7g. The Transition Team use information from the primary schools to ensure each teaching group has a range of students covering a mix of academic abilities, ages, gender, primary schools, interests, personalities, as well as taking on advice from primaries about students that work well together or who are best kept apart. Students will also find that within these teaching groups for certain subjects they are with different students, for example Technology, PE, Maths as abilities change and teachers regroup students according to the requirements of the subject.

Students naturally change and develop as they make the transition from primary to secondary adapting their interests, priorities and personalities. This can have a dramatic effect on friendships as individuals change and meet new people. For this reason we do not take friendship requests ahead of the move into Year 7. Please be assured a lot of time and consideration is given to ensuring students are placed within groups where they will see familiar faces and meet students with similar outlooks. We enjoy seeing the effort put into our transition program coming to fruition each year as we witness the smooth and confident start to September for our new students.

Each day after lunch, students meet up with their Tutor Group. These groups contain around 5 or 6 students from each year group (years 7–10). Tutor Groups are put together in a similar way to Teaching Groups and are structured vertically as part of the House system. We do try to place siblings in the same House. Tutor time is a chance to receive news and notices about school life, ask questions of the tutor and follow up on school admin and within their tutor groups students follow the ABSolute Curriculelm covering a range of topics.



Houses and Tutor Groups

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Nailsea School. We are the House team. There are 4 Houses: Dragon, Griffin, Phoenix and Unicorn. In each House tutor groups contain a mix of students from years seven to ten, with year eleven students placed into separate tutor groups. We have found this system works really well as it gives you a chance to mix with and make friends with students from different year groups as well as your own.

We have twenty minutes tutor time each day and one assembly a week. In tutor time you'll be doing a range of activities with your tutor and tutor group. This might include planning tutor group assemblies, doing quizzes, tutor group projects, class discussion on current issues and checking House Points.

We aim to work together to try and help each other achieve our very best. Our collective ethos is to 'celebrate effort, success and achievement at all levels and across all areas of the School'. This also includes any effort, success and achievement made outside of School. We want you to be part of this ethos and make every effort to be the best you can be. We will do everything we can to help you do this.

We very much look forward to meeting you soon.

Heads of House

Griffin



Mrs Wells

Dragon



Mr Miles

Phoenix



Mrs Wisby

Unicorn



Mr Howard

Assistant Head of House

The Assistant Head of House works closely with the Heads of House and the pastoral support team to support you and your child in all aspects of their time at Nailsea School. Ms Duckworth offers support and assistance with academic progress and provides an effective link between school and home.





Induction Day

All current Year 6 students transferring to Nailsea School in September are invited to come to school on Thursday 7 July for an Induction Day.

Students should arrive at the main entrance by 8.30 am ready for an 8.40 start. When they sign in they will be informed about which house, tutor and teaching group they have been placed with. They will then spend a short period of time in the main auditorium when key members of staff will be introduced, and the organisation of the day explained. After this assembly there will be a series of 'taster' lessons, and after lunch, students will join their tutor group.

The Induction Day finishes at 3.00 pm, and students may be collected from the front of school.

Students should come to school in their junior school uniform. They do not need to bring PE kit. We find most students prefer to bring a packed lunch on Induction Day although refreshments/lunch can be purchased and currently a main course lunch plus dessert costs £3.75. They will also need to bring a pen and pencil to use during lessons.

If your child needs to take prescribed medicines on the day, please hand these in on arrival in a clearly named bag.

Induction Evening

Thursday 7 July, 7:00pm. Parents are invited to attend our Induction Evening to meet with senior colleagues and tutors. Students are not expected to attend as there is limited room and information is aimed at parents.

During the evening parents will first meet with their child's tutor. There will then be a presentation about the transition to Year 7 and what to expect and plenty of opportunities to ask any questions. Confirmation of the first day in September including timings will be given on this evening.



Year 6 Family Social

We are planning a welcome afternoon for students starting at Nailsea School in September.

In the summer term students are invited to come along to a **FREE** social event to be held at the school. The PE Department will host a friendly sports activity for Year 6s starting at 4.30pm and we would be delighted if your family would join us for a **FREE** welcome Barbecue.

The Barbecue will be a great opportunity to mingle with other students and parents and to meet key members of Nailsea School staff in a relaxed setting.

We will send out further information about this event and how to book during Term 5.





Uniform for Students Years 7 - 11

In order to keep costs down, only the school jumper, fleece and tie are available exclusively from School Togs. Other items of the uniform are also available from this outlet, however they may be purchased from any shop providing they comply with the requirements set out below.

All items of clothing should be marked with student's name, and be clean and neat.

Please see Nailsea School's website for further information on jewellery, makeup and uniform.

School Uniform:

JUMPER	School jumper with the school badge
SHIRT	White shirt with buttons at the neck (long or short sleeve)
FLEECE	A school fleece branded with the school badge can be worn over the school jumper (optional)
TIE	Clip on House Tie
TROUSERS	Tailored black trousers. Skin tight fitting style trousers are not allowed. Jeans and leggings are not allowed. Ankles should not be visible.
SHOES	Black leather-look shoes or trainers (no canvas, boots or colour flashes)

Students must also have the following Sports Kit:

GIRLS

- PE polo shirt, navy and gold
- Reversible rugby shirt, navy and gold
- Plain navy sports shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Long navy socks
- Trainers
- Plain sports leggings with school logo (optional)
- Hoodless waterproof navy coat (optional)
- Skorts (optional for games activities only)
- Shin pads (for football/hockey)
- Gum shield (compulsory for hockey)
- All jewellery must be removed for every lesson and cannot be taped

BOYS

- PE polo shirt , navy and gold
- Reversible rugby shirt, navy and gold
- Plain navy sports shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Long navy socks
- Trainers & football boots (no metal studs)
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms with school logo (optional)
- Hoodless waterproof navy coat (optional)
- Shin pads (for football/hockey)
- Gum shield (compulsory for hockey)
- All jewellery must be removed for every lesson and cannot be taped

School Togs

School Togs stock all uniform and PE kit items and are happy to advise.

School Togs will be running a 10% discount promotion (new starter buy scheme) on Nailsea School branded uniform and PE kit.

This offer is available from 1st June - 30th July.

www.schooltogsnailsea.co.uk | 01275 857491 | School Togs: 2 Clevedon Walk, Crown Glass Shopping Centre, Nailsea



The School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am and it is expected that students should be in school and ready for the start of the school day by 8.30am. School finishes at 3.00pm.



Term 1: 05 September – 20 October 2022
 Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022
 Term 3: 04 January – 10 February 2023
 Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023
 Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023



Homework

At Nailsea School, we believe that homework is an integral part of students' learning. The main benefits include:

- Consolidating and extending learning outside of the classroom
- Allowing students time to consider a subject or topic in more depth; leading to a better understanding of key concepts
- Giving time to develop and practice skills such as problem solving, research and extended writing.
- Building independence, self-discipline and organisational skills which we value as important life skills all students should be equipped with once they leave our school



In addition, homework forms an important bridge between our school and parents. It provides you with opportunities to see what your child is learning and to support their attitude to learning through positive encouragement.

Teaching staff are mindful of the need to balance the benefits of homework with time for students to enjoy themselves outside of school. We do not have a set homework timetable (although as a minimum expectation, all tasks set will have a 3 day turn around). As a school, we strongly believe that homework should be relevant, challenging and meaningful and that it will only be set when it is appropriate to do so.

We offer a supported study space for those students who would benefit from attending to their homework in school.

ClassCharts

Nailsea School uses an online system called ClassCharts to set all homework tasks. The site enables teachers to clearly explain the homework that has been set, suggest how long students should spend on it and be clear on when it is due in. Teachers can also upload help sheets and other resources needed to complete homework in order to support students in their independent study.

Information about how to access ClassCharts and the unique codes are shared once the student accounts are set up in September.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The SEND Team co-ordinate the whole school response to individual learning needs across the range of age, ability and curriculum. Discussions with primary schools take place in the term prior to students arriving to identify any barriers so that we have strategies in place for year 7 arrival in September.

The Hub is a location where the SEND team is located and whole school intervention is delivered in addition to the resource base.

The North Somerset resource base is a provision whereby some of the student timetable is delivered within the Hub location and the rest is accessed in the mainstream. This provision is specifically for ASD students and there is an entry criteria, which is managed by North Somerset SEND team.



ParentPay

ParentPay accounts enable parents to make swift financial transactions for payments for trips, activities, resources and to put money on the students lunch pass. You will receive a letter in July detailing the information you need to set up a ParentPay account.



Financial Outgoings

Whilst your child is in Year 7 there will be a number of requests for contributions towards materials, school events or trips. For example, annual Technology materials contribution £12.00, Humanities Castles Trip £9.00, Art kit £7.00.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school (in confidence) when you receive the letter requesting a contribution towards a particular item/event.

Lockers

All students in Nailsea School are provided with a secure locker for their sole use. The fee is a one-off payment of £25.00 for your child's locker provision whilst in Years 7 – 11 including a £5.00 refundable deposit. This is payable via ParentPay by 12 August 2022 to ensure your child has a locker allocated for the first day of term.

If keys are lost during your child's time at the school, then replacements can be arranged at £5.00 per key. Lockers enable students to carry the minimum amount of equipment to lessons and provide somewhere safe to leave their belongings at break and lunch.

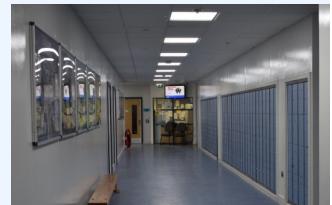


Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Did you know that registering for Free School Meals provides much more than a meal? It attracts extra 'Pupil Premium' funding to the school that can be used to help your child to achieve their full potential.

Information about the process and eligibility is available via this link

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>



Even if you do not think you would make use of the free meals you should still apply, as there are many other benefits to the scheme. Registering also enables the school to access Pupil Premium funding which we use to help your child to participate fully in all learning activities. This funding can also help pay for extra curricular activities and eligible pupils may also be invited to attend special events, workshops and activities which we feel would be beneficial to them.

If you have any questions about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, or would like some help with your application, please contact Sophie Ratty at the school 01275 852251, ratty@nailseaschool.com.

Music Tuition

Nailsea School offers students the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments through both North Somerset Music Service teachers and private teachers. Music lessons take place during the school day. Further information will be sent home nearer to the start of the next school year once plans and availability are known. If you have any questions relating to music lessons please contact Mrs Perkins lperkins@nailseaschool.com.



Cashless Catering

Cashless Catering eliminates the need to carry money throughout the day. Students are given a keycard on their first day TO which parents can add funds via ParentPay. Students will then use the keycard to pay for hot and cold food and drinks at break and lunch times. A sample menu and price guide is available on the following page.





CATERING PRICE LIST

LUNCHTIME ONLY

1 Course Meal £3.00

2 Course Meal £3.75

Plain Jacket Potato £1.00

Chips (Tues & Fri only) £1.75

Pasta Bowl £1.10

Toppings (each) £0.60

Curry & Chips (Tues Only) £2.50

Curry & Rice (Tues Only) £2.50

Pasta & Bolognese £2.50

MORNING BREAK

Hot Baguette ½ £1.25

Hot Baguette Full £2.40

Panini ½ £1.25

Panini Full £1.40

Pizza Slice ½ £0.90

Pizza Slice Full £1.70

Breakfast Muffin £1.30

Sausage Roll £1.60

Breakfast Bap £2.00

Egg £0.20

Small Bacon Roll £1.50

DESSERTS/CAKES

Piece of Fruit £0.50

Mixed Fruit Box £1.50

Cereal Bar £0.65

Yoghurt £0.80

Pudding/Muffin £0.90

Flapjack £0.90

Cookie £0.60

Rock Cake £0.90

Chocolate Brownie £1.00

Ice Lolly £0.80

AS AND WHEN AVAILABLE

Hot Meat Wrap £2.00

Hot Pizza Wrap £1.70

Savoury slice £1.75

Pasty £2.00

Burger bap £2.50

Jumbo Hot Dog £2.00

Bread Roll £0.50

Soup £1.00

Range of sandwiches starting at £1.60

DRINKS

Hot Drinks £0.70

Plain Water £0.50/£0.70

Large Yazoo £1.20

Fruit Juice (carton) £0.70

Flavoured Water £0.80/£1.00

Milk (carton) £0.60

We run a cashless catering system where students pay when they select their food using their cardkey. The payment system allows parents to limit the amount of money that can be spent per day and/or the type of item that can be purchased.

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

All students receive advice and guidance on the use of social media through the ABSolute curriculum. Any issues that arise from inappropriate use of social media will be investigated if they are affecting students in school.

Our school mobile phone policy is “Off and Away for the whole school day”. Use of phones during the day leads to learning being disrupted. Students checking their social media during breaks will often then turn up to lessons distracted and focussing on the latest social developments rather than being prepared for their lesson.

Phones have become a really important part of our lives in the 21st century but direct conversation and social skills are also really important and should be developed, away from looking at screens. We like to see students around school learning these social skills rather than communicating via their phones.

We appreciate the support of parents with this very clear school policy and in reminding students of the safe and responsible use of their phones and social media.



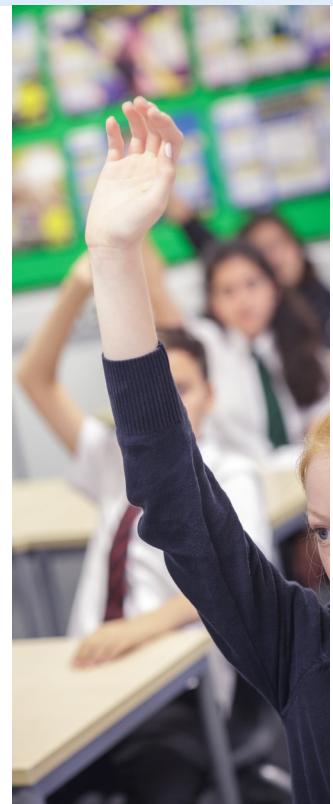
Future Year 7s #TeamNailsea

You are joining a caring and friendly team at Nailsea School who are working together to support all our students to achieve the very best that they can.

It may feel very different and daunting changing schools. We have a team of experienced staff who work hard between now and September 2022 to help ensure you have a fun and stressfree move into secondary school life. You can look forward to meeting lots of new friends from different schools, getting to know a new way of learning, discover more subjects, lots of exciting opportunities to grow and develop your confidence.

To make your move a success, think about how you can prepare. Check your uniform is in place and you have planned your route to school. When you arrive be ready to listen and receive lots of information on those first few days. Your tutor is the first member of staff that you will get to know well as you will see them every day with the rest of your tutor group. This is the key time to ask questions and find out what's happening in school. All the new Year 7s will be in the same boat finding out about the school and how everything works. There are always staff and older students who are happy to help if you are unsure about anything. Just ask.

We look forward to meeting you in the summer. In the meantime please see a few comments from previous students reflecting on their experience of joining Nailsea School.



The first day there are only new Year 7s and Year 12s in school. The first thing you do is meet with your tutor and they give you lots of help and advice to settle in. You are shown how to colour code your timetable to help you find your way around. I didn't realise how easy it would be.

I was worried about not being able to make friends but actually there are lots of different ways to meet people. The first homework I was set was to talk to 5 different people in my tutor group which was really helpful. Your teaching group are always going in the same direction to the next lesson so you quickly form little groups to go around with.

I thought the teachers were going to be really strict. It's funny to think about it now because they're all really nice and friendly. Even teachers that don't teach me talk to me and say hi in the corridor and they smile at you and somehow seem to know your name.

Be yourself. Some new Year 7s try and be louder and bigger than they are and this is a mistake as the older students don't like it and you can't keep that going. There is no need, just be yourself and you'll be fine. Same in lessons, teachers don't expect you to know everything. Be warned though, parents will ask lots of questions and get ready for that first day photo!