



A Message from the Head

As we draw towards the end of another very busy term and academic year, there have been many fabulous events that our students have excelled in. The 'Night at the Movies' showed the many talents of our students and the Sports Personality evening was a huge success giving us the opportunity to celebrate those who have reached an outstanding level of achievement throughout the year. The year 11 and 13 Leavers' Days and Proms were a great way to enjoy a relaxed evening once all the preparation for exams was finished.



This term I was delighted to receive the news that we have been successful in our application for our Hub provision to be recognised as an official Resource Base with the Department of Education. Work has already begun in relocating the library and changes will be taking place over the summer break to ensure our facilities help support students succeed. We also saw the largest More Able and Talented festival the school has had to date with a huge array of opportunities being offered to students. I am incredibly proud of leading a school that is truly inclusive, delivering a broad curriculum where all student success, in whichever area, is valued and celebrated.

Many are now looking forward to our end of term assembly where this year's winning house will be revealed. House points and Sports Day standings for each year group are totalled to give the overall winners, amid much excitement. This is a fabulous way to finish the term!

A number of staff will be leaving us this year—we wish them all the best for the future, and the exciting opportunities to come their way. May I take this opportunity wish you all a lovely summer break.

Governors Update

As the academic year draws to a close, governors are pleased with the hard work put in during exam time, not just by students, but by all the staff involved in organising rooms, invigilators etc. The end of exams was marked by proms and everyone looked so smart and mature as they enjoyed these formal and rewarding events.

Attendance has been drawn to our attention in recent months and it is the role of the governors to support the school in improving it. There is much research which explains the impact absence has on a student. Absent students are more vulnerable and at risk of grooming, gambling and poor health and in addition research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance. Children who miss 15% or more of school time are now recorded as persistent absentees and penalty notices are being sent to parents and carers because of persistent absence. Of course, if a student is genuinely ill and can provide medical proof of this, no action will be taken, however, it is the duty of the parent/carer to ensure that a student attends as much as they can. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government>

Julie Cayzer, who has been Chair of Governors for her latest term of office will be finishing her role at the end of this academic year. The role of Chair of Governors will be taken on by Mrs Jo Hopkinson who has been a community governor since 2016. Julie and her enthusiasm and expertise will be greatly missed by all on the governing body. We wish Julie all the best and say a huge thank you to her for all her hard work for the school.

Finally, governors would like to take the opportunity to wish all the students who have taken exams all the very best and we hope that they get the results that they truly deserve. We wish all students luck on the next step of their journey, be it moving into 6th Form, moving to universities and colleges or into the world of apprenticeships and work. We have amazing students at Nailsea School and we also have amazing staff, without whom our school could not be the thriving place that it is.

Whatever you may be doing over the next few months, we hope you have a lovely summer.

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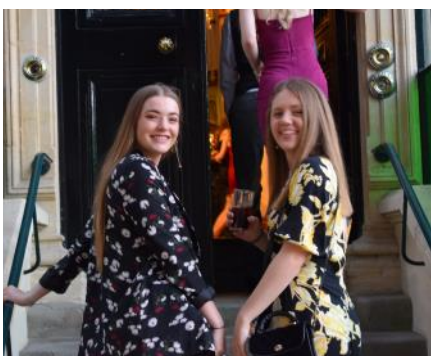
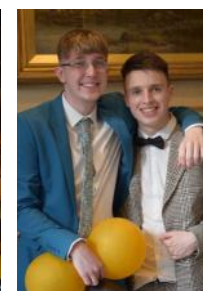
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Holocaust Speaker

By Year 9 Students Hannah G and Alex O in Year 9

On Thursday 27th June, an 89-year-old man, named Ernest, came into Nailsea School to talk about his experience in the Holocaust. His story was interesting because it helped us to learn a little more about the Holocaust.

He told us about when he was a little boy. He said about how his parents left him, but took his brother, because they knew it was the only way to know he was safe. He also told us about Kristallnacht and about how badly treated and humiliated the Jews were. Also, he told us his dad got sent to a concentration camp for around 2 weeks.

He was very open and brave about sharing his experience and we were honored to hear his incredible story.



Sixth Form - Interview Sessions

Nailsea Sixth Form students took part in workshops to practise and better understand next-step interviews and the process involved with making applications. The workshops included looking at all processes involved including making applications, CV writing, and interview techniques.

We were very grateful to Nailsea and Backwell Rotary Club, Careers Near Here and the other community partners that took part who helped give objective advice.



Nailsea Tennis Club - Supports our Young Carers

This year, Nailsea Tennis Club have chosen our Young Carers as the charity for their annual tennis charity tea afternoon.

They are also holding an open morning on the 17th of Aug (Sat) for all at Nailsea School, which will also be a fundraiser for the Young Carers.

A BIG THANK YOU

To the PTA, parent, groups and all members of the community and our partners who have supported the development of our students over the past year. We are very appreciative of the community support we receive and very much recognise all that you help us to achieve.



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STEM Club

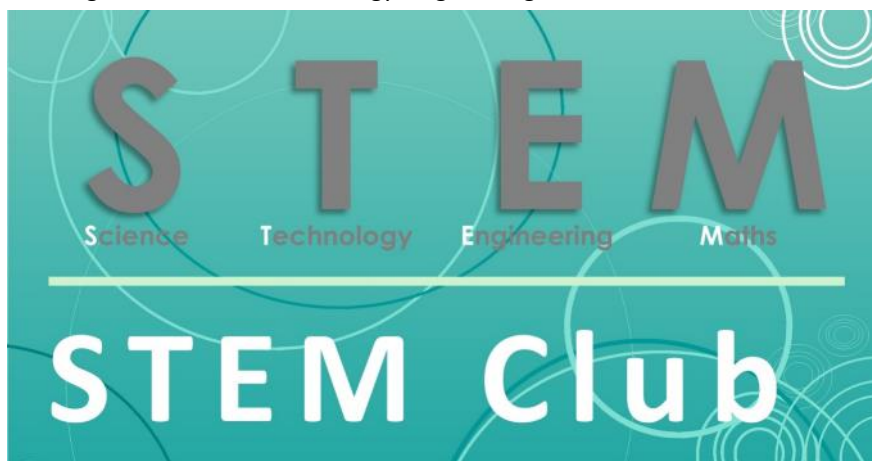
Wooden planks were used in DT to make marble runs! Runs of varying lengths, slopes, angles, directions were constructed, with Milo and Kesi achieving the slowest run at 11.5 seconds, Lily and Izzy the best presented run and Oscar the most speedy and stylish!

The Geography department joined our STEM club activities when we looked at bearings. We solved a murder mystery on paper, then went outside and learnt how to walk on a bearing for a set distances.

We made paper planes, launching them both in the science lab and using a powered launcher in the Atrium. As always, thought was put into the design, test runs were made, and improvements tried out. Various different designs included modifications to wings, noses, and weight, and planes responded with different degrees of spin, loops, float and drift!

We have further interesting sessions coming up, with Scratch computing games, followed by potato medley in food tech.

This year's STEM club was finished off with a trip to the Hinkley Point C construction site where they are building a new nuclear power station. Twelve pupils from STEM club went and it was very exciting to see Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in action!



Thanks from Lab-Aid

The Science department received a lovely letter of thanks from the Lab-Aid Foundation.

The department recently donated some used lab equipment, which was no longer used by the school. The donation was really appreciated by the charity and who were particularly grateful for the pipettes which were of real use and had become low in supplies.

The equipment will go to schools with less resources and this donation will be going to school in Gambia.

Women in Engineering

Five students from various year groups attended at Craddys, a civil and structural engineering design company based in Bristol.

Craddys Engineering Visit by Issy O.

To celebrate Women in Engineering day, we visited Craddys in Bristol. The event gave us a positive insight into a real working engineering business which we all found very inspiring as future engineers. We began the day with a talk led by the female head of the company. She spoke to us of the importance of women in these corporate businesses, in their functionality and action. It was really encouraging to hear of the bright futures available in these career paths.

We then took part in fun activities, including interacting with new VR technologies and building structures from limited resources. Overall the day was very enjoyable and inspirational for the group, and we are very grateful for the opportunity.

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More Able & Talented Festival

This year's More Able and Talented Festival took place from the 1st July and it was our biggest and best yet! As part of our MAT provision, students were invited to a range of sessions aimed at inspiring and stretching students by encouraging awe and wonder. There was a broad mix of sessions on offer (28 in total), run by Nailsea Staff as well as university lecturers and outside speakers. Students enjoyed sessions including the Abolition of Slavery, Classical Mythology and Working in Television whilst also embarking on more hands on experiences such as learning to cross stitch and playing Palestinian music.

There are too many MAT opportunities which have been offered this year to mention, but to give you a flavour of some:

- ★ Year 9 Gothic Literature Trail at Tyntesfield (YR9 English/History MAT students)
- ★ Classics Conference at UofB (Nominated MAT students in Year 10)
- ★ Writing Wrongs Workshop run by UofB (English Year 10 students)
- ★ Shakespeare Schools Festival (Selected MAT students in Drama)
- ★ MAT Orchestra Day (MAT students in Music)
- ★ Holocaust Memorial Day Webinar (Yr9&12 English/History students)
- ★ Live webinars with Universities (Yr9 and beyond)



MAT Music Event Palestinian musician Zaid and writer Michael Loader

The music MAT session was inspiring and creative. We felt privileged to have the opportunity to hear the stories, poems and songs from Palestine.

Zaid and Michael told us what it's like to live in Palestine through spoken word, drama and song. We listened to the incredible songs composed by Zaid.

Finally Zaid taught us one of his songs and all the students and staff joined in to create an exciting performance. I feel we all captured a sense of what it would be like to live in Palestine and gained an appreciation of the music.

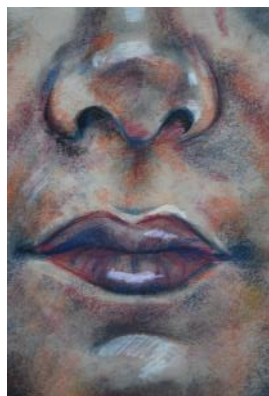
We also sampled some of the food! We are so grateful to Michael & Zaid for sharing their creative gifts with us.



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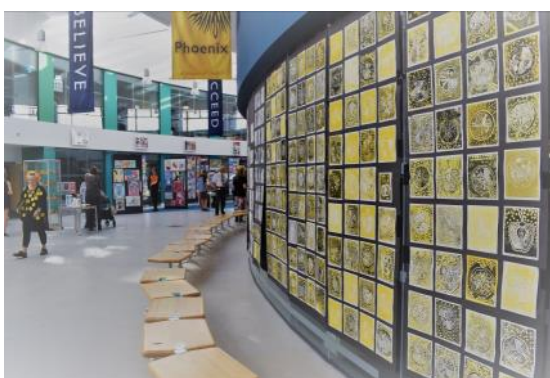
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Art Exhibition 2019

Artworks from across the years were displayed in this years' exciting Art Exhibition. The art department arranged a phenomenal exhibition of prints, drawings, paintings and photography.

It was a brilliant showcase of the creative talent of our students and there were many talking points, including works about identity and the environment.



School Diversity Week 2019

School Diversity Week, is an annual event where schools and colleges celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans equality in education.

Teachers were provided with learning resources by the charity 'Just Like Us', with lesson plans and ideas for LGBTQ focussed lessons.

This years over 1500 schools across the UK participated, and the aim was to highlight diversity, and LGBTQ equality in schools.

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Lovely Weather for Ducks.....

Despite the rather soggy start to the summer term, spirits in the PE Faculty have not been dampened. The term has still seen plenty of opportunities for students to get involved with extra-curricular activities with the focus being on cricket, rounders and athletics.

Athletics

In the last newsletter we wished students luck in the upcoming county athletics competition at the SGS arena, and those wishful thoughts clearly rubbed off. Despite the heavens opening shortly after our arrival at the stadium and the rain not easing off at any point in the day, the Nailsea teams surpassed themselves with some excellent individual and team performances. Lauren K, Elise S, George M, Dexter G and Adam S all won their respective events at the competition. Added to these superb individual efforts a particular mention should go to the Junior Boys team who progressed to the Regional Finals held in Exeter.

Fortunately the weather perked up for the regional finals and the team was once again on top form competing against schools from across the South West from Truro to Cheltenham. The team excelled on the day both on the track and in the field and secured a 4th place overall finish with George M again posting the quickest time in the 100m. A huge well done to the whole squad: George M, Louis T, Toby A, Sawyer H, Jack S, Adam S, Adam H, Charlie H, Dexter G, Adrian A, Barry F, Reuben M, Blake H and Charlie R.

On the back of this success the years 8, 9 and 10 athletics teams competed in the North Somerset schools competition held at Clevedon School. There were again some excellent performances in all age groups and the same outcome for the year 8 boys whose combined results for the 100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put, Javelin and Long Jump resulted in them winning their age category and progressing to the Super 6 County Finals. There they competed against 10 other schools in just these events finishing, 3rd overall. Again well done to all involved.

Rounders

There have regularly been in excess of 50 girls turning out on a Tuesday night to attend rounders club with the weather not effecting the students' enthusiasm to get involved. The season started with a tough fixture against Clevedon and one win from four games. However, since this first game the teams have gone from strength to strength.

The year 7's have started finding their form just as the season

comes to a close which bodes promising prospects for next year.

The year 8's have remained undefeated in their fixtures with convincing wins against Gordano and St Kath's. We are hoping that they can take this form in to their end of season tournament and are keeping their fingers crossed for third time lucky as rain has meant the competition has been cancelled twice so far.

Furthermore the year 9's have been convincing throughout the season with the A team competing and winning against year 10 teams from Clevedon and Gordano. Additionally the year 9 B have held their own against A teams.

Cricket

In the first two weeks of the summer term all year 7, 8 and 9 girls participated in taster sessions within lessons from Somerset county cricket and this inspired a number of girls to come along and get involved with an all new girls afterschool cricket club. The year 7 and 8 team subsequently took part in the 'Chance to Shine' Cup with the first round held at St. Kath's.

In their first game the team secured a confident victory against Ashton Park School with Hannah L reaching the run limit for retirement and the team winning by over 30 runs. This meant their next game against St. Kath's was a decider with the winning team progressing to the semi-finals. The girls held their nerve with a sublime fielding display that included Hannah O bowling a main over to win the game by 18 runs. This win meant the team progressed to the semi-finals held at Writhlington School. In a very close first game against Churchill, the girls opted to field first and limited the score to 44 after 7 overs. Despite fours for both Lauren B and Hannah L the result came down to the last ball. The girls knew that if they could score 2 runs they would win the game, however unfortunately it wasn't to be and the final score was 44-42. Nevertheless the team picked themselves up and put in a dominant batting innings against Writhlington school to win the next game 72-38.

Well done to the whole squad: Lauren B, Hannah L, Hannah O, Maddie P, Ella B, Paige G, Annabel S, Annabelle L, Zoe V, Mollie P and Beth L.



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Welcome to Class of 2024

Nailsea school looks forward to welcoming its class of 2024 in September.

We've already had lots of opportunities to meet quite a number of the 2019 intake. With the many other opportunities that they've had along the way, including the music festival, and back in Spring 2018 when they had their Aspire day with us.

Aspire day is our annual transition event held for children from our local feeder schools in Year 5, so at this years event we met many of the faces from class of 2025!

Nailsea School welcomed 300 parents and children on a Saturday morning late in April to a delicious cooked breakfast. The Year 6 children, who will be joining the school in September, were given the opportunity to meet their new classmates, try out the food and to have a chat about the future. The informal event was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore the empty school, and staff enjoyed getting to know the students and answer any questions from parents.

In June, Year 6 students were invited to an after-school event where Transition workshops took place including activities such as Pizza Making, Choir, Drama, Messy games and Science, followed by a BBQ organised by the PTA. The students found out which house they were in and which tutor group, where they enjoyed making new friends.

This was followed later in the term with an Induction day where student took part in a mock-school day. They arrived at the beginning of the day and soon found out their teaching groups, and who they would be working alongside, they then experienced lessons, orienteering their way around the school led by Year 10s, lunchtime and an assembly. In the evening parents were invited to a presentation and to meet with their children's tutor.

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7s in September when they are invited in a day earlier than the other year groups to get their bearings around the school and help them overcome and any first-day nerves.

Welcome aboard #TeamNailsea #Classof2024



Enjoying the Welcome Breakfast



PTA BBQ



Excited students find out their House and Tutor Groups



Pizza Workshop



Choir Workshop Performance

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Sports Personality of The Year 2019

A fantastic Sports Personality event was held at Cadbury House Hotel on Monday 15th July. Students from years 7 to 11 gathered outside the hotel in their finery to enjoy an evening of presentations and awards for their sporting endeavors across the season.

This year's event was sponsored by Harris Sport; the Sports Personality evening has been running for 9 years – the brainchild of PE teacher Mr Van Grudgings, it has been a highlight in the school calendar as a popular social event for pupils of all ages.

Teams and individuals were celebrated with awards, such as Manager's Player and Players' Player with each certificate awarded being accompanied by a brief speech about how well the students had improved and what they had accomplished.

During dinner, students took part in a sports quiz, readying themselves for a Q&A session with Bristol Bears Fly Half, Callum Sheedy. Sheedy inspired the students as he talked about his resolve to be the best he can be. He relayed a story of how a teacher inspired him to always put the extra effort in, saying that he decided at school age that he would always be the first on the pitch and the last to leave, telling the students that *'Half an hour every day makes a difference. Dedication is everything.'*

Then came the highpoint of the evening when the two year 11 students were presented with the Sports Personality of the Year. Of the six nominees, Elin B, Rebecca L, Jonty M, Pollyanna S, Harry W, Ewan W. PE teacher and event organiser Mr Van Grudgings said they were all highly skilled individuals and it was most likely that some of them would become professional sports people or be successful in the sports industry. Congratulations to Rebecca and Ewan who were announced overall winners and took the Wyn Daniel Trophy – named after longstanding PE teacher Mr Daniel. The other nominees in true sporting style, took to their feet to congratulate them alongside rousing applause from the 180 strong crowd.

This year was the last event for Mr Van Grudgings, who in September starts a new role in another school. Mr Van Grudgings was honoured by the students who commandeered the microphone to give him a moving leavers speech and presented him with gifts.

He said of the evening:-

"It has been an honour watching you grow as sports people, and develop strength of character – Nailsea students will always hold a place in my heart and I feel privileged to have been a part of your lives".

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Night at The Movies

I was delighted with Night At The Movies, which was humorously compered by Ash D and Connor M. We have so many gifted students at Nailsea School. The Brass Group played with resounding confidence making an impressive sound. The String Group played beautifully along with Neave L singing a moving solo.

Rosina came into her own with her vocal solo and also took the lead role in *Doe a Deer* with the choir. You could see how much the choir enjoyed the songs with the added touch of theatre choreographed by Josh P. There was a stillness in the room when Ava T sang her delightful solo in *Castle in a Cloud*

Scarlett P and Jasmine B skilfully danced, providing a pleasant diversion to the evening. Great to see some additions to the Barbershop; well done for singing Acappella! The second half started off with the ever popular Jazz Band who played with flair and pazz. Ace C. and Josh P. performed I need a Dollar in a new fresh way which was well received. The audience loved the Vocalise songs, which were very professionally performed. We are looking forward to hearing more from the group CASA; the song was really creatively arranged for voices, violin and guitar. We were really entertained by Ella D, Lydia M and Gemma M. Not only are they gifted musicians but they surprised us with the dance moves! We'll miss you ladies...

Finally the concert ended with some wow numbers from the Orchestra. We're very grateful to the students who came back after their exams to play in this event. Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who supported this event.

Mrs Perkins

Curriculum Leader - Music

ABSolute Curriculum

The overview of next year's ABSolute Curriculum, has been formulated and it covers a broad and diverse range of topics.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Community – friendship and anti-bullying	Body Image and Sex Education	Sex Education	CV Writing, careers, apprenticeships, WEX	Stress Management
'E' Safety	Relationships	Cyber Safety	Prejudice and Discrimination	Finance
Multiple Intelligences	Ambitions, Careers and Aspirations	Careers, Post 16 and Futures	Revision techniques	Revision techniques
Revision techniques	Revision techniques	Revision techniques	Democracy	Wellbeing, Mental Health and Chill Event
Reflection /Looking Forward	Community Project: Environment carousel	Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Resilience	



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Our Arnos Vale trip 13th of June 2019

By Rose and Freya, Year 8

Two weeks ago, our year went to Arnos Vale cemetery in Bristol for a geography and history field trip. Once we arrived, we had the history tour first. Janine, our tour guide, took us around the site, showing us a variety of interesting, unique and symbolic gravestones. Each grave held an interesting story, which Janine told us, and we wrote down in our booklets.

After the history tour, we had a nice early lunch in the basecamp. Honestly, it consisted mostly of Pringles and chili heatwave Doritos but as far as our Mums are concerned, we ate healthy salads and pasta. Then we were gathered for the geography tour with Mr Bunce

and began to tour the quieter areas of the cemetery. With Mr Bunce, we explored the nature parts of the sites and discussed the pros and cons of the conditions. It was then the rain really hit, and we were reluctantly forced to put our hoods up.

Lastly, we had roughly an hour to explore the grounds in our own groups to research more about certain topics. It was fun, and interesting.



Erasmus Plus Project - S.H.A.R.E

Recently Nailsea school hosted our partner school from Lithuania. The aim of the project is to bring traditions and heritage to life by experiencing them and sharing this with their fellow students back in their country. The students and teachers were able to enjoy lessons in fuse glass making and then produced a typical English tea with scones and clotted cream in the afternoon. Considering for many this was their first time at creating scones they were delicious and enjoyed by all. The rest of their time in the area was spent visiting local attractions such as Wells, Cheddar Gorge, along with a visit to the Cheese making shop, quite a number of the students took home our local delicacy as they got a taste for it with the sandwiches provided from the school canteen. Many of the students commented on the quality of the canteen food and packed lunches and were appreciative of the effort taken by the canteen. No visit could be complete without a day at the seaside and Weston - Super- Mare did not disappoint with its usual British weather wind, rain and sunshine, but it didn't detract from the experience. On the last evening when the students were reflecting on their time in Nailsea, everyone was unanimous at the warmth of the welcome from Nailsea School and the students. Finally one student reflected that she could actually hear birds singing and how beautifully green the countryside appeared and fulfilled her dreams of visiting beautiful typically English villages.



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Skateparks, Stan Lee and School

Year 10s interview Mr Wylie. Edited by Ethan Gray

You've seen him around, maybe handing you a cup of tea before school on a Thursday morning. You've heard he's a Christian or that he works with Nailsea Skate Park, but did you know about his passion for Spiderman and all things Stan Lee? We found out more about Mr. Wylie, our Connect Worker, talking with him about global injustice, what his job really is and whether x-box or playstation is the ultimate console...



First things first: tea or coffee?

It's like asking me to choose between my kids. They serve different purposes for me. So, tea is that warm hug in the morning that says, "Everything is going to be okay" and then coffee around about 9 – 10 is kind of like a kick up the backside saying, "Ok, you're fine now. You've got stuff to do." If I could only ever have one, it would be probably be tea.

What is your job like at Nailsea school?

My job at Nailsea is called the Connect Worker and it's created by the churches of Nailsea to connect schools and the church community. There is a lot of crossover naturally, but nothing formalised, so a big part of my job is to be a positive Christian presence in the school in a way that supports staff and students. Another part of my job is to create opportunities, things like the Breakfast Club, the cage football we had in a few years ago, the big RE trailer that we had in last September.

What one thing would you like to change about Nailsea school?

That's tough because I really like the school... do you know what: one thing? I'd make ketchup free in the cafeteria when you get a bacon roll. That's the one of the things that pops straight into my head 'cause I have to go and pinch it off Mrs. Coombs!

What are your plans with the skate park?

To keep it maintained, to keep running the Skate Fest every year, to run skate school for younger kids. It's exciting that I have seen kids who have come to the Skate School because their mum and dads wanted them to have something to do in the holidays and they're back every weekend when they can. I would love to do stuff for parents to come in and try things they haven't done before.

What's your favourite movie?

I've got a big love for superhero movies. I think I've seen every super hero movie made... I really like thrillers, something that keeps you hooked in until the end. Also, something that's engaging, and a bit weird at times.

How did you react when you heard about Stan Lees passing?

I was absolutely gutted. There haven't been many celebrity deaths that have ever really affected me but Stan Lee was one because I was a massive nerd, still am, and growing up I was quite a lonely kid reading a lot of comics. I devoured anything by Marvel, especially Spiderman. Growing up then it wasn't cool but now since its taken over pop culture and cinema, kids of all backgrounds can bunch together and can enjoy something incredible created by just one man. So yeah, I'm absolutely gutted.

If you were omnipotent for a day what would you do?

Aww I've got a big list. I think from doing a youth work qualification, you end up spending a lot of time looking at injustice. So without thinking of the fun things I'd want to do... I'd tackle that. It really horrifies me how people all over the world are being downtrodden and treated really badly because of their conditions and because of what their governments have decided to do.

Why did you become a Christian?

My family weren't Christian; I grew up in a wee village in Scotland... there wasn't much to do there, not many things for me to do as a kid. There was a little Christian youth group that had games and then 5 minutes about God every week. I went to one of their camps one year and I thought 'Oh, becoming a Christian could be pretty good idea'. It took me a long time to think about it, up until I was 14/15, when I really thought about it and decided I wanted to be a Christian. As I've got older, I can't deny that there is a God. I can't look at the world and see a world that doesn't have God in it."

Xbox or PlayStation?

"It comes down to what releases the best games. So, when I had a PS3 and Xbox 360, I went for Xbox 360 because I loved the "Halo" series. And there were some PS4 only games I liked the sound of, so I bought a PS4."

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PTA welcomes 2019 intake with a BBQ

Great to meet those joining the school in September.



Rotary Charity Walks

Huge thanks to all those who took part in the Rotary Charity Walks.



Do you do on-line shopping?



Please consider using the Easy-fundraising app to help us to raise funds. The registration process is very straightforward. Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> search for Nailsea School Parent Teacher Association and click 'Support this cause'.

Summer Fun Prize Draw

The draw took place on 15th July, winners have been announced via social media and contacted by the PTA to arrange delivery or collection of prizes.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and huge thanks again to all the local businesses that have donated prizes – we couldn't run this raffle without your generosity.



Charity Tokens

We have been chosen by Budgens for July/August and Waitrose for August.

Please support us when you do your shopping.



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World Jamboree Fundraiser

Avid 1st Nailsea Scouts, and members of Dragon House - Ellie J and Chris W with their cheque for just under £775 raised at the non-school uniform day and cake sale at the end of Term four.

This fantastic amount of money will go towards their fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree, which takes place in America later this year.



Year 8 Community Project

As part of ABSolute Day 5, Year 8 embarked upon the Community Project, a project designed to allow students to give back to their school and local community.



Over 180 students took part in the sessions, which included: Spittle Spotting at Backwell Lake (as part of the National University Volunteer Survey), creating a bee and butterfly garden at school, litter picking at Millennium Park and in Long Ashton, painting at Nailsea Football Club, visiting Wildflower Meadow in Nailsea and many other worthy events.

Thankfully, the weather was kind and students put their all into the activities on offer so a massive well done to all involved.

The Community Project will become an annual event in Term 6 as part of our ABSolute Curriculum. If you know of groups outside the school who would be interested in having a small group of students work with them, or help them in a particular area, please let Miss Creswick or Mrs Watts know.



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Work Experience

We have received lots of compliments and plaudits for our Year 10s on return from their week of Work Experience. A selection of comments from employers and from students are below.

For next year's Year 10 it is never too early to start making enquiries about possible placements.

Employer comments:

"X has been fantastic help this week and has been so efficient, I wish she could stay."

"X has been a real delight this week. She will go very far with her chosen career and should be very proud of herself."

"We were all really impressed with X's attitude and work ethic, he was a pleasure to have with us for the week."

"X is a star and will be missed. She has been exemplary."

"X is an amazing worker and an asset to any business. The best work experience student we have had. Part of the team now she is more than welcome to come back."

"We have been impressed by the enthusiasm and how quickly X picked up the tasks. They will be a great success in the future."

"X spent a day in each department and impressed our teams. We would love to have X join our company in the future once he's finished his studies. Keep in contact."

"X was a pleasure to have with us this week and if she wants a Saturday job we would very much accept her."

"Great initiative and understanding which will take you far. Good luck in your chosen career, you will be good at it."



And from the students, a selection of their reflective comments:

"I have learnt that I come across more confident than I feel"

"I think [the employer] liked me because they offered me a job"

"I feel a lot better about working as a team and enjoyed it a lot"

"I thought I didn't have enough confidence before but during the week I realised that I wasn't afraid or shy to represent my ideas"

"It was easier than I thought and I underestimated myself"

"I feel really motivated as they offered me a job when I'm older"

"Learning to communicate with people has boosted my confidence"



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Thank you to the businesses that supported our WEX programme this year

@the Gym Nailsea	Equicraft of Backwell Ltd	Noggins Old Fish Bar
A M Environmental Management Ltd	E-Spark Powered by NatWest	North Somerset Community Partnership
Accelerated Training Resources Ltd	Failand Inn	North Somerset Council
Adele Stitch School of Dance	Federation of Hannah More Infant & Grove Junior School	Northleaze C of E Primary School
AECOM Ltd	G Eco Heating and Cooling	Pad Design
Airbus UK	GE Oil & Gas UK Ltd	Parkwood Leisure / Scotch Horn Centre
Architrail Velosolutions UK Ltd	Gemini Gymnastics Club	Priority Football
Avon & Somerset Constabulary HQ	Golden Valley House Day Nursery	Proline Building Services Ltd
Avon Wildlife Trust	Golden Valley Primary School	Resource Futures
Bedminster Parade Post Office	Gordano Carpets	Resource Solutions Group PLC
Ben Oates Home Improvements	Great Western Railway (GWR)	S P Hair Company
Break Charity Shop	Greenslade Pre-school	Seetru Ltd
Brian Leith Productions	Hensons Estate Agent	Silver Trees Care Home
Bristol & Wales Cat Rescue	Heritage Estate Agents	Simpson Solicitors
Bristol Rugby Club	Homeserve	Springboard Opportunity Group
Bristol Violin Shop	Identity Hair and Beauty	St Francis Catholic Primary School
Broad Street Hair Group	Intex Interiors Ltd	St Peter's Hospice
BS8	ISG Pearce Ltd	Symmetry Ltd
Business West	Kingshill Church School	The Beauty Loft
Capita	Landscape Services (SW) Ltd	The Finishing Touch
Cavendish Nuclear	Lloyds Banking Group - Canons House	The Pet Studio
Changing Lives	Lloyds Register	Travelling Light Theatre
Childrens Hospice South West	M A P Electrical Contractors Ltd	United Response
Corinium Health & Beauty Spa	Maynews Ltd - Nailsea	University of Bristol
Crossover Technologies	Meadowside Pre-school	Versa Engineering
Dee & Co	Mendip Activity Centre	Westcoast Properties Ltd
Doubletree by Hilton Cadbury House	Nailsea Financial Services Ltd	Westleaze Pre-School Playgroup
Early Birds Nursery	Nailsea School	Willow Chiropractic
Edwards Ltd	Nandos	Wraxall Primary School
Elements Hair Company Ltd		

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NAILSEA SCHOOL STARS

Celebrating those that have aimed a little bit higher, believed in going the extra mile and succeeded in reaching their goals. If there's someone who you think deserves "Nailsea School Stars" recognition, then please do drop us an email with details to fdavies@nailseaschool.com

- ★ Mr Reddiford's stars for ongoing excellence and effort in History are Harry H, Katie B-G, Anna W, and Mollie L. Great stuff team
- ★ Mrs Shoesmith Yr10 Business stars are Owen W, Anis T, Hazel W, for always being reliable and dependable for producing a professional business approach to out of school events. Also Jasmine B in Yr10 Business for always being willing to have a go. Well done for representing the school so brilliantly!
- ★ Mrs Shoesmith Yr8 ICT stars are Edie C, Niamh W, Martha L, Oscar P for producing high quality work and helping others in the class. Well done for doing your best and for helping others to do theirs too! #TeamNailsea
- ★ Griffin Head of House, Mrs Shoesmith commends in #TeamGriffin - Caitlyn A, Elena H, Mollie D and Lewis T, for their mature approach to the recent elections and moving the House forward with their contribution towards next year's charity events.
- ★ Yr12 and 13 Business stars are Danny J for the production of professional and high quality coursework relating to Scotch Horn. Mia S for her approach to Business Economics and her ability to explain everything with a Supply and Demand diagram!...Mrs Shoesmith thinks you guys are the business!
- ★ Mrs Groves and the Maths team want to say congratulations to all UKMT winners this year, especially Tom F, Robbie A, Mikey A, Harry H, Hannah O and Will W who all qualified for follow on rounds.
- ★ Mrs Scott commends Luke B (Year 10 - History) for his enthusiasm and sheer enjoyment of History and achieving way above his target grade.
- ★ Megan F (year 10 History) is recommended by Mrs Scott for consistently working above her target grade, always asks good questions and constantly strives to improve.
- ★ Mrs Scott says Tom H (Year 9 History) is a star for his amazing enthusiasm and hard work in every History lesson and for every homework, achieving above his target grade.
- ★ Sam T, 7A and Jacob F, 7D are being praised by Mrs Scott for their sustained excellent work in History and always doing the best they can and in a creative way.
- ★ Mrs Scott is giving 'star status' to Niamh C, 7A History for her superb work in History – her writing contains subtle insights and excellent arguments.
- ★ Cerys B, 8D is a star to Mrs Scott for her consistent, sustained excellence and high standards for every piece of History work over the year, including 100% in the exam.
- ★ Edie C, Niamh H, and Hannah L, 8F are Mrs Scott's History stars for their impressive focus and dedication in class and for their superb homework and exam results.

Have a great break #TeamNailsea !

We look forward to welcoming you back in September

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