



# Nailsea School

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Dear parents/carers

As we reach the end of the summer term in what has been a very challenging time for everyone in our community, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of Nailsea school. The positivity and words of encouragement have been relentless and humbling. Although my name has been on the bottom of each letter sent, the experiences you have had this year and especially in the last few months have been a result of the efforts of the whole staff body and they, like me, have appreciated the generosity of your comments. We have really pulled together as a community at a time when we could have become more disparate and one definite positive to come out of all of this is the ongoing strength of the relationships between our school and our families.

I wish you all a very restful summer break. It seems very strange to pass this message on to the students via letter and not face to face where it would have been delivered, as normal, in the final whole school assembly on Thursday afternoon. On that note, congratulations to Dragon House for winning the House Championship this year – a sterling effort.

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of all of our students, who have been supported by you and their teachers to complete high quality work whilst at home. I have been extremely impressed with the work that students have been producing and over 2,000 'Shout Outs' were shared by teachers in term 6, also recognising the efforts made.

The year 10 and 12 students who have returned this term have been impeccable in adapting to the new distancing and hygiene rules. They have been focused when in school and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back these students, all be it for a restricted period of time.

Our year 11 and 13 students have also achieved some phenomenal feats, completing their final year at Nailsea under exceptional and extraordinary circumstances. I was incredibly proud of the way that they conducted themselves and dealt with the initial uncertainty around how GCSEs and A Levels would be awarded. There has been a separate letter sent out today about the arrangements related to the collection of results in August for these students. This can be accessed here <https://www.nailseaschool.com/communication/letters/> I hope these students will have seen the section of the newsletter where their time at school has been recognised and celebrated.

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As you know I have previously shared the documents related to September opening which can be accessed here <https://www.nailseaschool.com/communication/letters/> As mentioned there will be further details and updates that will be shared during the summer ahead of the new year starting. There are still things to finalise and these will be worked on and details shared in due course.

With regards the start of the school year, I would draw your attention to the arrangements for the first week as shown below:

Date	Focus of the day	Who attends?
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY related to 'normal' school business	All staff Students do not attend
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training day related to return after extended absence	All staff Students do not attend
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 7 and 12 induction	All staff Students in years 7, 12 and students accessing the Hub provision only (specific programme to follow in due course)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens fully	All staff All students – with further details to follow

To conclude, I am very excited about the possibility of a semblance of normality for #teamnailsea once the autumn arrives. These last few months have reminded me of what I already knew: that is a colossal privilege to work with all of our staff and our students. It's been a period of tumultuous emotions but, after a little relaxation in the summer, we will be ready to go again in September.

Wishing you all the best for a relaxing and fulfilling break.

Stay safe and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher