



Nailsea School

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27th May 2021

Dear Parents/carers

This week, as we move into the half term break, we have finally (all be it briefly) been reminded what the sun looks like. Here's hoping that the week away from school over the break is one where we can all enjoy some time outside whilst resting and recharging.

Changes ahead of Term 6

Our updated Risk Assessment can be found here

<https://www.nailseaschool.com/communication/covid-19/> in line with the national roadmap.

There are a couple of things I would like to highlight as with year 11 leaving there have been some changes to the inside social areas for year 10 and the outside social areas for students. These include:

- **Yr 7:** Continued access to canteen and the outdoor space is now at the rear of the school, access through the door on the Yr 7 corridor.
- **Yr 8:** Continued access to indoor space but now have access to larger parts of the school field as well as the courtyard seating area at the back of the school.
- **Yr 9:** Continued access to all of the outdoor space at the front of the school. Their indoor space will remain the same (part of the atrium, media steps and media cafe).
- **Yr 10:** They will now be accessing the Juice bar and not the GLT inside. They will be occupying the outdoor space left by yr11 (top part of the field as well as the grass area by the 4G).

In line with national guidance students are remaining in bubbles and will continue to use their existing entrances to the building. From Term 6, year 10 students will enter and exit the building through the Juice Bar and no longer come through main reception. Students can access this entrance from Mizzymeard Road by walking alongside and around the Dance Studio and the Sports Hall.

Breaktimes will revert to being 20 minutes and lunchtimes will return to 40 minutes. This means that the timings of the school day for Term 6 are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday timings:

Period 1 - 8:40 - 9:40
Period 2 - 9:40 - 10:40
Break - 10:40 - 11:00
Period 3 - 11:00 - 12:00
Period 4 - 12:00 - 1pm
Lunch - 1:00pm - 1:40pm
Tutor time - 1:40 - 2pm
Period 5 - 2pm - 3pm

Wednesdays timings:

Period 1 - 8:40 - 9:35
Period 2 - 9:35 - 10:30
Break - 10:30 - 10:50
Period 3 - 10:50 - 11:45
Period 4 - 11:45 - 12:40 pm
Lunch - 12:40pm - 1:20pm
Tutor time - 1:20 - 2pm
Period 5 - 2pm - 3pm

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Ofqual open consultation for arrangements for non-exam assessment in 2022

Ofqual are seeking views on their proposal to carry forward changes agreed for summer 2021 for some subjects, to take account of any public health restrictions relating to COVID-19 that might be in place during the next academic year. This consultation therefore applies to students in current year 10 and 12.

This consultation covers:

- non-exam assessments in dance, design and technology, drama (and theatre), film studies, food preparation and nutrition, media studies, music, music technology, and physical education (PE)
- fieldwork activities in geography, geology and environmental science
- assessment of speaking skills in GCSE modern foreign languages (MFL)
- assessment of spoken language in GCSE English language

The consultation closes at **11:45pm on Friday 28 May** and can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/arrangements-for-non-exam-assessment-for-qualifications-in-2022?utm_source=17%20May%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Old uniform?

Our PTA do a fantastic job in supporting the school and our families. They are currently appealing for any good quality unwanted uniform that they can sell second hand. If you could help please email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com

Given the current situation any items should not be delivered to school directly.

Laptop updates

During the National Lockdown we were able to loan out many laptops to support the remote learning of our students. The devices are now in need of updating and some software needs to be re-installed. As you can imagine, this is potentially quite a large job. With this in mind, we would ask that any devices be returned to us before the end of the academic year. Students should enter the building through their usual bubble entrance and notify the member of staff on the entrance who will take the laptop for updating. Please be assured that if your son/daughter would like to borrow a laptop for the new academic year, this can be arranged in September.

INSET days and start of term 6.

As a reminder Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June are our re scheduled INSET days with only teaching staff being expected in school. As such students will return to term 6 on Wednesday 9th June at 8:40am.

Finally...

the last week of term is always one where I have the pleasure of contacting those students identified as 'Zero Heroes'. This term 350 students will be receiving these letters of congratulations and recognition, as a result of a whole term where no behaviour points have been issued for any reason. This is a fantastic achievement and if your son/daughter receives one of these letters in the post please do pass on my whole-hearted congratulations.

In addition to this, 209 students will be receiving a letter acknowledging that at this point, at the end of term 5 they have maintained that 'Zero Hero' status all year. That's a whopping 25% of the student body in years 7-11 that have demonstrated points perfection all year to date – amazing! Another of the reasons why I have the best job in the world working every day with the best students.

Wishing you all a restful break.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher