## Dear Parents/carers

I hope students are enjoying an additional day to the weekend today, with it being an INSET day and only staff on site. The day has been scheduled to be a busy one with staff looking towards planning and the key areas of focus for September. As such, part of the letter this week seemed to be an opportune moment to update you on some key staffing changes.

# **Tutor group and Head of House changes**

Following the overwhelming views of students, parents and staff gained from the 'Covid Keepers' survey the aim is that tutor groups will return to being vertical from September. Please be assured that if the government guidance suggests otherwise the plan, as it was this year, will be altered.

For those students, who have not experienced a vertical tutor group before, we also have plans to ensure that there are plenty of transition opportunities when we return in September to alleviate any concerns they may have.

So that students are given as much notice as possible, please find the attached tutor group lists for all groups across the school, the named tutor and the tutor base attached. If students are unsure about which vertical tutor group they belong to they should ask their current tutor in the first instance who will be able to share that information with them. Students returning to the 6<sup>th</sup> form will have their tutor group confirmed on enrolment in September.

The pastoral staff team will also experience some change in September moving from Heads of Year to vertical Heads of House. Staff will be deployed in the following way:

- Head of Dragon House: Mr Conor Miles
- Head of Griffin House: Ms Charis Duckworth (Sept December)

: Mrs Natalie Wells (Jan onwards – following maternity leave)

- Head of Phoenix House: Ms Susi Wisby
- Head of Unicorn House: Mr Josh Howard

I know that Mr Hellier has shared his news about leaving Nailsea School at the end of this term with Dragon House members and the local community. Having worked with Mr Hellier for all my time at Nailsea I know just how much he values #teamnailsea and the significant impact he has had on the students, staff and families he has worked with in his time here. I know you will join me in thanking Mr Hellier for his service and wish him all the best for future challenges.

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Mr Mawford is also leaving Nailsea at the end of this term, moving to a school in Weston Super Mare. I joined the school with Mr Mawford 7 years ago and it will be very strange not seeing him around the school building. In his role overseeing Behaviour and Wellbeing, and acting as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Mawford has continued to place our students and families at the very forefront of all he does. Never was this more required than during the recent periods of lockdown where a number of people needed additional support. As a community we owe Mr Mawford our thanks and wish him and his family well. I am sure both Mr Mawford and Mr Hellier will keep in touch.

Mr Graffagnino will be moving into the role of Assistant Headteacher, Behaviour and Wellbeing from September and his pastoral experience will continue to ensure this area of our school is a real strength.

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Please remember that this email should be used to report any symptoms/isolation linked to Covid. As this email is overseen by a number of staff this is the best way to notify the school in order that swift action can be taken, if required. At present, the school has not had to make any decisions that require bubbles or students to isolate. Using this method of communication will give us the opportunity to make these decisions as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

#### Notifications about students needing to isolate

In line with DfE guidance there may be times when the school contacts a group of students asking them to isolate as having been identified as close contacts of a positive case. In this instance I would ask parents and students to be mindful that the school cannot name the individual person that has tested positive. In addition, if the notification of a positive case is made outside of school hours it may be that students are asked to remain at home and further updates will be made when staff can be on school site. I am sure families can appreciate that these steps are always taken as a precaution with the underlying intention of ensuring the school and wider community are kept as safe as possible.

### **RSE** consultation

As per the letter shared on the 11<sup>th</sup> June (details can be found here <u>Bulletins – Nailsea School</u>) we are currently consulting on the new school RSE policy. The deadline for parent returns is 9<sup>th</sup> July and the form can be found here: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/nhrT1X9CNk">https://forms.office.com/r/nhrT1X9CNk</a> In addition to the previous information shared, and in response to some parental requests, attached to this letter is a summary of how the indicative content will be delivered to each year group.

### Last day of term

The last day of term will be Wednesday 21st July.

The day will run as follows:

8:40 - 9:35 - Period 1

9:35 - 10:30 - Period 2

10:30 - 10:50 - Break

10:50 - 11:45 - Period 3

11:45 - 12:20pm - Lunch

12:20 - 12:30pm - Tutor time

Students will be dismissed by their tutor at 12:30pm to leave for the summer break.

### Finally...

I think I am not the only person who, over recent weeks, has developed a bit of a crush on Gareth Southgate (even without his waistcoats) and depending on how the match goes this weekend the crush may develop into true love! Having been in the first year of my History degree at the University of Exeter in 1996, the feelings of despair at 'that' penalty miss have lived long with me. Southgate's interview after the Germany game did bring a tear to my eye. If you haven't seen it, when questioned about 1996 he said 'I can't, for the teammates that played with me, I can't change that and it's always going to hurt.' HIs team, under his leadership and tactics certainly gave 'people another day to remember' on Tuesday evening. Irrespective of the result on Saturday night in Rome, I have immense respect for Southgate who has continued to go about his hugely pressurised job with dignity, empathy and humility - he is a true leader with true values and his words echo with my own role in school: 'It's about how we bring people together, how we inspire and unite, how we create memories that last forever'

Wishing you all a lovely weekend (and for the right result on Saturday!)

Take care and be kind

Mrs Dee Elliott Head teacher