



## Welcome from the Head

Welcome to the final newsletter of academic year 2020/21 where you can see the year has finished on a high!

I have written and talked often over the last year about our identity as #teamnailsea and how we are important as a community. Thinking about this I went to the dictionary and looked at the definition of the word 'community' and the definitions are quite broad. A community can be 'a group of individuals living in a particular place' – that one seems quite cold and clinical. It can be in biology, 'a group of animals or plants that live or grow together' – rather scientific but I do like the notion of growing together. A third definition is 'a unified body of individuals with a common history or interests'

The last one is the most useful when we look at our school, I think. A school is a unified body made up of many parts. My job is literally titled 'the Head' but within our community we are different and diverse, yet we come together as a whole. We have a common history – moments of fun and enlightenment, moments of difficulty and occasionally sadness – but we share this and it makes us stronger. Our interests are great and many -we are literally comprehensive- and include and embrace everything that our community enjoys, participates in and thrives at.

A community acts together and moves together. We are optimistic and look for the positive in everything. What is positive is that we will be back again in September and that is something we are all really looking forward to. At the end of my 5th year in post, I would like to say thank you to everyone – to our students for their commitment, resilience and vibrancy in such unusual times; thank you to the staff for their dedication and hard work to support all of our young people and thank you to all of our parents and carers for their ongoing support, never has it been more welcomed than in the last few months.

Wishing you all the best for a restful summer break

Dee Elliott  
Headteacher



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## A Word from the Wessex Learning Trust

"We have now reached the end of yet another unprecedented year – one which has thrown up many challenges, but that I truly believe we have risen to



with an unrivalled determination. Watching everyone's responses to the issues of COVID this year has made me incredibly proud and I can't thank you enough for all that you do! My most sincere congratulations go out to everyone on making the best of the challenges we have faced. You have truly proved the strength of 'Team Wessex'.

To those of you coming back to school next year, I wish you a restful summer and the rejuvenation you deserve. Stay safe, but enjoy the fruits of your labours and come back in September with a renewed drive. I am hopeful that we will be able to offer you a much more normal year, full of the activities we have so sadly been unable to enjoy this year.

To all the incredible staff who have worked so hard to keep the wheels of education moving this year I say thank you! You have gone above and beyond for the young people you work with and I know that your hard work will pay off in the years to come as you watch your young people thrive in the world, despite everything COVID could throw at us.

And to those of you who should have been taking exams this year I wish you the best of luck and guarantee that all your hard work will pay off. I know how hard the unpredictability we've faced this year has been, but you have risen to the challenge and I have no doubt that whatever your next steps are, they will be great ones!

Therefore, as we countdown the final days of the year, I want to thank everyone for making the best of 2020 and 2021. It's been tough and it's been challenging; but I know that despite it all we have all made the best of every single day.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer, and I very much look forward to welcoming you back in September for what I hope will be a calmer, but just as incredible year!"

Gavin Ball

## A Message from the Governors

As we come to the end of a very different school year, the Governors want to record how proud we are of how our school community, staff, students and parents, that have risen to the many challenges of this year. We are extremely impressed with the resilience that our students have shown, learning new skills and continuing to shine in difficult circumstances.

We are very proud of all our Year 11 and 13 students who have completed their studies in such an extraordinary time and wish them every success going forwards. Congratulations to all our students who have completed their mock examinations and end of year assessments over the last few weeks.

We have been continuing to meet for our Governor meetings online and have been remotely continuing our governor work, including governor visits to ensure we are meeting our objectives of school improvement. This has included working with our partners in the Wessex Learning Trust, working together on many vital issues for the school and our students.

Thank you to all our families for supporting our school. We hope all our students will enjoy an opportunity to rest and recharge over the holiday period, ready for a new term in September.



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## Nailsea School PTA weekly lottery

The effects of the pandemic have made it difficult for the PTA to run events and raise much needed funds for the school so we are running another new fundraising event.

On Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> we launched a **WEEKLY LOTTERY** which is run by 'Your School Lottery'. **Tickets cost just £1** per week and can be purchased by Direct Debit or Debit Card. (min period 1 month). The draw is made every Saturday and if you match all 6 numbers you **win £25,000**. In addition, **one Nailsea PTA supporter will win a cash prize every week** (prize is 30% of tickets sold). The PTA receive 40% of the ticket sales. You can sign up at any time – so if you haven't already done so it is not too late.

Go to this page to buy your tickets: [Support Nailsea School PTA when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

## Nailsea Rotary Charity Walks, Runs & Bike Rides

Thanks to all those who have already taken part in the Nailsea Charity Walks, Runs and Bike Rides. It's not too late to sign up - you can take part on any day until the end of July. Any student taking part will receive 25 House Points (see Mr Hellier).

There is a registration fee of £8 per adult but juniors (aged 17 or under) are free. Profits are divided out proportionately between the registered good causes. The more people supporting Nailsea School PTA the bigger the share we receive.

Sign up here: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=828176&ClubID=613>

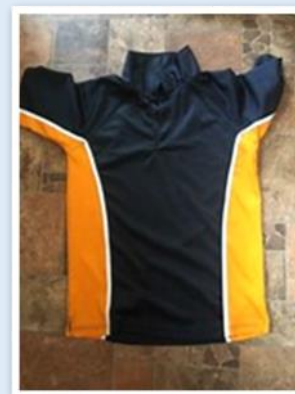
## Second Hand Uniform Needed!

Calling all Year 11 Students (or anyone else who has grown!) - do you have any unwanted uniform?

We are collecting good quality second hand PE Kit and School Jumpers to re-sell, to raise funds for School. We also collect ties to pass on to Heads of House.

To arrange a donation drop, please text or phone Karen Bidgood on 07989 924388. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE TO SCHOOL. Once received, items will be quarantined and washed before they are available for sale.

If you would like to buy any second-hand PE kit or a jumper please get in touch with Karen on the number above or email [nailseapta@nailseaschool.com](mailto:nailseapta@nailseaschool.com)



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### Y9 Bears Boys

This year has been a difficult year hasn't it? For all sorts of reasons. One area in which students have suffered has been the lack of sporting groups outside of school. Sporting groups play such an important role socially for our young people, as well as providing the opportunity to excel. Several Y9 boys are on the books for Bristol Bears rugby and were gutted when all play and practice stopped back in 2020. For those students, a major part of their routine had gone, and sport was something they looked forward to each week.

Students involved: Ben W, Sonny P, Henry D, Alfie D, Jude W, James V & George W.

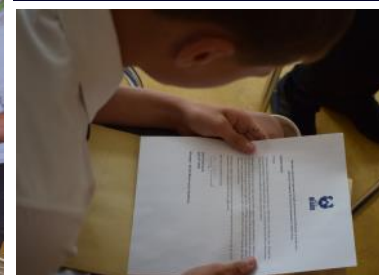
For those that don't know, Bristol Bears Junior Academy seeks to develop young rugby players both on and off the field with a particular focus on character and attitude. The Manager, Gary Townsend, has been at the Bears since 2014 and has a long-standing passion to develop young people. When I contacted him about some of our students, he jumped at the chance to come in and support the boys through setting goals and routines and challenging them in areas of engagement and community spirit.

To say that the boys have risen to this challenge is an understatement. Amidst difficult circumstances, lack of routines and the mental toll that the last year has taken, they have consistently made progress at each review and shown us what resilience and determination look like. It hasn't been without it's ups and downs, but that is exactly why I'm so pleased the boys are developing these characteristics - to overcome life challenges like these.

Just after Christmas, Gary (or GT as he is known) gave the boys pin badges to wear in school as a sign of his, and our, faith in the boys as leaders in the year group. It has been fantastic to see the boys wearing these most days and the clear pride they have shown. The pictures below are from an end of year celebration where the boys were presented with certificates and some freebies to say well done for all their hard work.

The partnership between Bristol Bears and Nailsea School looks set to grow as the possibility of specialised rugby coaching tasters and motivational assemblies begin to be discussed. GT and I will continue to support the boys beyond this year. Our aim is to help them to see that the sports field and the classroom teach skills that are transferable and highly sought after. With our support, and all their hard work, in partnership with parents, we know that the sky is the limit for these boys. Our view is that the boys should be aspiring to leadership in school as well as on the rugby field. School Captain applications have already been discussed ready for the end of next year! We look forward to shaking hands with them at the end of Year 11 on a job well done. Huge thanks must go to GT for giving up his time and being such a support to the boys this year. On behalf of parents and the school, we are very grateful. Roll on next season and the return of some structure, routines and winning ways!

**Mr Howard**



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### The BIG Idea

The end of the journey for The Big Ideas programme. Or is it just the start?

What an incredible and exciting journey that started during the lockdown at the start of the New Year. This amazing journey started with all Year 7 students taking part in live lessons on Teams. This allowed the students to collaborate in groups to identify, research and develop a solution to a Sustainability issue of their choice. These issues included Ocean Pollution, Landfill, Food Waste, Water Waste, Vehicle Pollution and Global Warming.



Upon the student's return in Term 4, we selected 8 teams from across the Year 7 groups to further develop their Big Ideas, develop potential solutions to help improve their chosen sustainability issue, create a presentation, develop a Business Plan to support their solution and finally create a video to introduce themselves and to talk about their interests and the community they live in.

The 8 teams then submitted their work for entry in the Southern England regional finals. They joined 96 other teams from across England and Scotland in the selection process for these regional finals.

As a school we were so pleased and proud to announce that three of these teams were selected to represent the school in the Regional Finals. However after reaching the regional final #TeamNailsea bowed out of the competition, when the shortlisted Year 7 teams didn't make it to the national finals, however as Mr Lavelle said:

*"I am so proud of the teams that got this far on a journey that started during lockdown and those first live lessons on Microsoft Teams The journey is over for now, however what an amazing journey, it's been"*

One of the Nailsea School teams did get a runner up place in the Southern England Finals and all the teams were commended for the excellent work they have done. Well done year 7s.

**Mr Lavelle**

### A Musical Message

It's not too late to book instrumental & singing lessons for September. If you're interested, please do email Mrs Perkins at [lperkins@nailseaschool.com](mailto:lperkins@nailseaschool.com)

Guitar/ Bass Guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Piano, Keyboard, Ukelele, Singing, Drumkit, Orchestral Percussion.

Music is so good for mental health and academic progress! Let's encourage our young people to get creative again!

**Mr L Perkins**

Nailsea School  
**Music**

### Resource Base

Students in the Resource base have spent some time playing the popular card game 'Uno' with Braille during their breaks this term. Whilst one of the students has written out 'In the Jungle the Lion Sleeps Tonight' using braille, following our music topic this term of playing African sounds.



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## "Gone Fishing"

As we came out of lockdown, The Angling Trust, working alongside the NHS, started the 'Get into Fishing Awards'. As many people took up (or rediscovered) angling during lockdown, more people across the country found a sense of peace during a maddening time on the banks of rivers, lakes and canals of the UK.

The outdoors and walking in the wild was already being used by the NHS as a social prescription to improve peoples mental health and wellbeing, so the next natural step was to use activities that encouraged people to spend more time outdoors in nature.

I applied for a grant from the Angling Trust to establish Nailsea Schools 'Get Hooked' group where we received £1500 to purchase kit and cover other costs for the group. The group is aimed at encouraging students to get into the outdoors after a year and half of them being quite often confined to their homes as a result of covid, isolating, and some rubbish weather. We ran our first taster session this week, where we were blessed with some fantastic weather and one student caught the only fish of the day. A lovely colourful little perch. A huge thanks to the Clevedon Fresh Water Angling Club who let us use their club free of charge and gave us some very helpful advice.

We will be looking to run regular trips and selecting a group of students to start the process of getting their "Get into Fishing Award"

**Neil Wylie**

**Connect Youth Worker**



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## Bomber Command

Mrs Lloyd is extremely proud of Year 12 Fashion students who, despite a pandemic, have successfully completed a mini taster of their NEA in preparation for the 'real thing' commencing soon. This is a new project, and I would like to congratulate them on producing original and high skill level Bomber jackets.

You are my superstars- well done!

**Mrs Lloyd**  
**Year 12 Fashion**

## Year 10 Taster Days

Year 10 students attended a Creative Fashion design workshop to gain a taster of working to A level. We certainly have some up-and-coming talent!

**Mrs Lloyd**



1 - Annabel C

2 - Will M

2- Caitlin L

4 - Niamh O



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### Y 12 Geography—Slapton Field trip

Year 12 at last got to go on their fieldwork residential course to Slapton Sands to experience fieldwork in a variety of settings and collect data for their NEA. Friday was a beautiful day and we arrived in Totnes to research how sustainable the town is. Saturday, we collected coastal data along the Start Bay coastline and again we were spoilt with the weather and some fantastic views. Sunday was data collection day and the heavens opened. Well done to all students who showed superb resilience. At times, the rain was horizontal and trying to get accurate beach data was a real challenge. The students were a credit to themselves going back out at 5pm to finish off in the better weather, which made for a very long day. A massive thank you to Miss Wild for accompanying the group. The geography department are looking forward to some great NEAs!



### Y10 Geography - Sandbay Field trip

Fieldtrips are back! On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June, Y10 Geography students went on their first GCSE fieldtrip to study coastal processes and management at a sunny Sand Bay. Tuesday's trip enjoyed the best of the sunshine, and there were a few red faces by the end of the day.

It was lovely to see students working outdoors again gathering fieldwork data for their distinctive landscapes topics. Students assessed the coastal management in place and studied the different coastal processes along the shore line. They were a pleasure to teach and worked really well together, helping each other and having fun!



### Year 7 Geography - Youngwood Lane Housing Development

Year 7 have been looking close to home their recent Geography work, here is a great example of some of the work they've been doing.

#### Youngwood Lane Housing Development Questionnaire by Emily L (year 7)

The UK is currently facing a housing crisis where there are not enough houses to sustain the increasing population, as well as prices going up where people's income is not. This has resulted in around 250,000 cases of homelessness across the UK. The government's plan to help stop the crisis is to build 300,000 new houses every year. One proposed site is Youngwood Lane, Nailsea, where the company want to build 700 new houses, however not everyone wants this to happen due to the environmental impact and other problems. The company has received planning permission for the first section of 150 houses, however there are many people who think this is enough and don't want the other 2 sections to go ahead.

See the results of Emily's questionnaire (right)



I asked 5 people about their thoughts on the housing development, and the results showed that most people agreed with the housing plans, however they thought it should not be at the huge scale planned.

(Red writing: results.)

#### Question 1:

Out of 5, how much do you agree with the government's plans to build the new housing all over the UK?

1 - strongly disagree	2 - disagree	3 - not sure	4 Agree	5 - strong agree
	40%	40%		20%

#### Question 2:

How many houses do you think should be built on Youngwood Lane?

a) 150	b) 151-300	c) 301-500	d) 501-700	e) 700+
	60%	20%	20%	

#### Question 3:

Do you think it is better to build on green field sites (where nothing has been built before) or brown field sites (where things have previously been built)?

Green field	Brown field
	100%

#### Question 4:

Do you think more services (doctors, shops, public transport links, etc) should be built to accommodate for more residents or should mostly only the existing ones stay to increase their business and income?

New services	Some services	Existing services
40%	40%	20%

#### Question 5:

How bad do you think the environmental impact will be if all 700 houses are built, on a scale of 1-5?

1 - Very bad	2 - Bad	3 - Moderate	4 - Not bad	5 - No impact
	40%	60%		

#### Question 6:

Overall, do you agree with the housing development on Youngwood Lane?

Yes	Partly	No
20%	80%	

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## Nailsea School Location for Mental Health Film

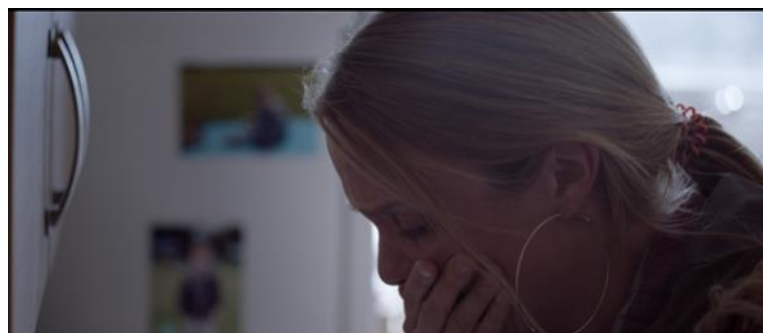
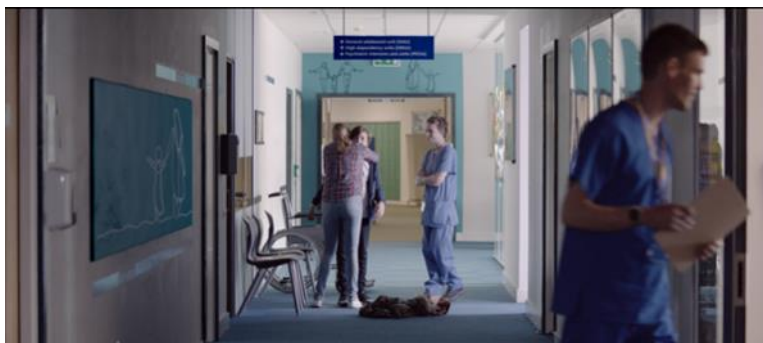
On Saturday 5th June, Nailsea School was pleased to offer a Bristol production company, Aspect Film and Video Productions, the school site as a filming location. The space was offered free of charge, a decision made in line with it's commitment to the wellbeing. Sadly the importance of the film has been emphasised in recent weeks by events within the wider Nailsea community.

The company took up residence at Nailsea School to film charity-supported drama film MILK. A story about teenage mental health; the script was developed in conjunction with The Samaritans and Papyrus, and written by Aspect's Founder, Adam Etheridge, who also directed the film.

The two lead actors were Laura Aikman (best known for her role as Smithy's girlfriend Sonia in the 2019 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special) and Elliott Rose, aged 12, who came to Nailsea straight from filming the role of Nicole Kidman's son in upcoming movie The Northman.

The film's Producer, Katherine Press, said of her experience working with the School: "From my first enquiry, everyone at Nailsea was so incredibly supportive and accommodating. We were so impressed by the facilities on offer, which made for the easiest day of our shoot. The head's office was the ideal setting for our opening scene and really helped to establish the tone of the film. On behalf of the whole cast and crew, thank you!"

Katherine and Adam are both Bristol-based filmmakers, and members of the prestigious BAFTA Crew talent development programme. The film will be submitted to international film festivals before being made available online.



Stills from the film 'Milk' - shot inside Nailsea School

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## REWARDS ARE BACK!

This term saw a return to some 'normal' activities based around our Termly Reward Offer. The top 30 students per year group, based on overall House Points in the previous term, were invited to attend an Orienteering Challenge. This involved mapping, seeking, and finding various control panels we have around the School site.

This would normally be the 4<sup>th</sup> Reward Event of the year. We were able to do the Film Afternoon in Term 1, but this year has been very different. We are very glad to be able to start doing some of the things we pride ourselves on, and that is recognising student success and achievement.

Well done to all students selected and we hope they enjoyed the activities and the ice-cream and drinks afterwards.

**Mr Graffagnino**  
Assistant Headteacher

## High Jump Record Breaker

As we head towards the Tokyo Olympics, the PE Department would like to congratulate Ruby D in Year 9 who has been invited to represent Avon to compete in the English National Schools Championships in High Jump. This event will see the top 16 athletes in the country compete against each other.

Ruby is a phenomenal competitor who, at this year's Sports Day, broke the school High Jump record which has stood in place for the past 30 years for year 9, unbroken since 1991!

Well done Ruby - you are a superstar and an Olympian in the making!



**Miss Wild**  
Head of PE

## A Thank You and a Reminder from PE

As we look forward to the next academic year with hopefully the ability to be able to run our extra-curricular timetable and fixtures, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and provide some reminders concerning PE uniform. The PE uniform is shown to the right, with the main items in bold.

There are optional items on the list if you wish to buy these. Jewellery must be removed for all PE lessons and cannot be taped up for health and safety reasons, with this in mind please ensure any piercing in line with the school uniform policy are done at the start of the school summer holidays to allow enough time for the healing process. No new piercings should happen within the school year.

**Miss Wild**  
Head of PE

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>PE Polo Shirt (Navy &amp; Gold)</b>	<b>PE Polo Shirt (Navy &amp; Gold)</b>
<b>Reversible Navy &amp; Gold Rugby Shirt</b>	<b>Reversible Navy &amp; Gold Rugby Shirt</b>
<b>Plain Navy sports shorts (not cycling shorts)</b>	<b>Plain Navy sports shorts (not cycling shorts)</b>
<b>Long Navy socks</b>	<b>Long Navy socks</b>
<b>Trainers (Football boots if playing competitive Football/Rugby will be advised)</b>	<b>Trainers &amp; football boots (no metal studs)</b>
<b>A gum shield (compulsory for Hockey and competitive rugby)</b>	<b>A gum shield (compulsory for Hockey and competitive rugby)</b>
<b>A pair of shin pads (for football and hockey)</b>	<b>A pair of shin pads (for football and hockey)</b>
<b>A plain navy blue jumper (Optional) (no hoodies)</b>	<b>A plain navy blue jumper (Optional) (no hoodies)</b>
<b>A pair of Navy Blue sports leggings with printed Nailsea logo (Winter only, optional)</b>	<b>Plain Navy track suit bottoms (Winter only, optional)</b>
<b>Plain Navy track suit bottoms (Winter only, optional)</b>	<b>Hoodless waterproof Navy coat (optional)</b>
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<b>Skorts (optional for games activities only)</b>	
<b>All jewellery must be removed for every lesson. This cannot be taped.</b>	<b>All jewellery must be removed for every lesson. This cannot be taped.</b>

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### A Day in the Life of our GCSE Linguists

A language at GCSE is a great opportunity to branch out and develop a new skill that could really benefit you later in life. They are really rewarding subjects that can be built on after the course. The lessons are different to others as they are more interactive, building on previously known language to excel each time. A favourite part is the chance to learn about the different cultures and traditions for different countries, understanding other people's way of life. Languages beyond GCSE is great, as it stands out on a job application and could enhance your EBacc which opens up opportunities down the line.

Learning a language can also be challenging at times, especially when it comes to retaining the vocabulary after lessons and being ready to jump in and move on again in the next lesson. There is a big difference from KS3 compared to GCSE French and Spanish especially with regards new techniques and tenses, but lots of practice helps. Languages take time and effort to master but are really worth it.

Dual linguists have said that learning two languages can sometimes be challenging but as long as you keep on top of the content, being able to develop all 4 skills of language is really fulfilling. The best tips for learning a language would be to get comfortable by speaking a little bit every day or looking out for phrases in day-to-day life. Make sure to look out for cognates, go over parts learned in the lessons at home and brush up on the basics, because after all learning a language is really impressive!

**Year 10 Student**

### Year 8 English

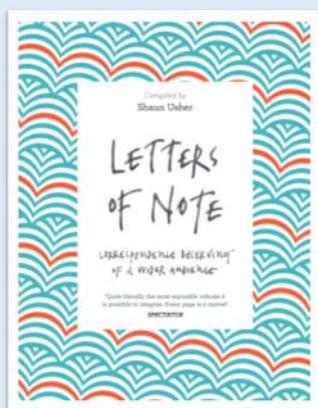
#### Letters of Note

8F have been learning the craft of letter writing in English – inspired by the book: Letters of Note.

After exploring and analysing a range of letters, they penned their own which have been winging their way across countries and oceans to a vast array of recipients. The pupils have chosen a diverse mix of people to write to, including: Boris Johnson, The Queen, The World Cube Association, an England Hockey player, the Education Secretary, an array of YouTubers and some of their primary school teachers.

The first replies have started to arrive and we are waiting with baited breath for the rest of the responses. It has been fabulous to see their brilliant writing making it out into the real world.

**Mrs Jones**  
English



### Wellbeing Workshops

Students across the year groups were invited to take part in Wellbeing Workshops—to help them learn wellbeing techniques to help with long term mental health resilience.

They took part in yoga, weaving, smoothie making and other mindful activities.

Organised by the pastoral team and the DEN coordinator the activities took place in the DEN, and were enjoyed by all involved!



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## Racing Jake!



Over the weekend of 27-28 June, Jake R, one of our fantastic Dragon House Year 8 students, came out as the Winner of the Junior Rods car racing event at Mendips Raceway near Charterhouse

Jake came back from 2 spin offs during the 6 race series, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2 more, 1<sup>st</sup> in another and then winning the overall Final Race

'We are really proud of Jake' said Mr Hellier - Head of Dragon House, 'he has done fantastically at this event and is succeeding at a hobby he really enjoys - great stuff'



Rumour has it that Jake has asked permission to use his racing Mini for his paper round to ensure a faster service!

Well done, Jake. Keep up the amazing effort

**Mr Hellier**  
Head of Dragon House

## CAREERS



I have started to see Year 10s for their careers interview to discuss post 16 plans and options. I have also spoken to some year 9s that have been referred to me. It's lovely to see that students are already thinking about their plans and ideas for the future.

A small group of year 10s were able to sign up for taster day sessions in July at Weston College. Colleges and 6th forms will have open evenings (either virtually or in person in the autumn term, dates will be on the notice board outside the careers office as soon as these are available.

All year 10 students have had the opportunity to take part in an 'Experience of Work' week in July where employers gave talks about working in their industry and gave students a task to do.

Year 10s and Year 12s have been able to have a "What is an apprenticeship" talk by Junior Saunders, which received excellent feedback from both students and Junior.

We are hoping that the Royal Engineers will be able to deliver a second session to interested students in the autumn

It is great to see that students are accessing the virtual work experience opportunities that are advertised weekly. Students have taken part in Teaching, Film and Media, Nursing, Construction, Law, RAF, and Journalism. Events, which has been amazing to see.

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## Goodbye from Mr Hellier

After 16 wonderful years working at Nailsea School I have decided it is the right time to move on and explore some new challenges. I have always been very proud to work at such an amazing school, and have been blessed with the opportunity to work with so many fabulous students, families and colleagues.

I have been really lucky to have worked with pretty much every team across the school at some point or other during my time - and I really do think that the strength of #TeamNailsea is the fact that we have such strong links between teams, faculties and departments. Everyone talks to everyone, and does so in a polite and supportive way. Long may it continue. Remember that it's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

A large organisation like a secondary school cannot possibly function without the dedicated and often unsung efforts of the support staff. I am proud to have been part of the support staff here for nearly 2 decades, and wish them all well for the future. Never underestimate

the impact you have on the bigger picture.

It is my sincere hope that the school, staff and students of #TeamNailsea continue to thrive and achieve great things. Around 6 years ago I competed my first 'Summer School' for students moving up to Secondary who may be feeling a little worried about the transition to 'big school'. I was so proud during the last weeks of my time here to find out that 2 of the students that attended that 5 day event have been appointed as the next School Presidents. One of these amazing young people's Mums messaged me to say "You should look into becoming a fortune teller, Mr H", "You told C all those years ago at the end of Summer School that he would be School President one day, and here we are! He's never forgotten those words of encouragement"

I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing good things about #TeamNailsea. I will miss you all, stay safe

**Mr Hellier**

## Goodbye from Mrs Hounsell

It's always hard to say goodbye and there's so much I'm going to miss. But first, I must thank all you parents who have first seen a recipe the night before a lesson; you have been wonderful in tracking down the ingredients!

Nailsea School was brand new when I started, the car park was only half built, but the DT department was, and continues to be, amazing. So, in spite of living over an hour away and doing short contracts, I kept coming back until they made me a permanent fixture. I've been in Unicorn, Phoenix and Dragon houses, taught Textiles, Resistant Materials, Glass, Graphics, ICT and Product Design, finishing up in Food and loving every minute.

The biggest pleasure has been watching students cook and develop the confidence and expertise to be independent – skills

for life; it's all about having the right information to make informed decisions in the future. Those of you who study Food at GCSE have endlessly impressed with your hard work, organisation and increasing knowledge of food science which leads you to question why things happen and then find out the answers. The last year has been 'a bit tricky' but you KS3 students have shown such creativity and engagement in the 'Let's Play' and 'Big Ideas' projects that I'm finishing on a high note.

A huge thank-you to all the students at Nailsea School whom I've had the pleasure of teaching. Your enthusiasm and ability to rise to the challenge have made it a joy.

Wishing you all a bright and happy future, take care

**Mrs Hounsell**

## Goodbye from Mr Mawford

I wanted to take the opportunity to say a **huge** thank you for allowing me to be part of the school community for the past 7 years. This year was already sentimental to me as I said good-bye to the year 13 group that started the same time as me in year 7. Seeing how they have grown and developed from that first day up to now has been fantastic. I have been extremely lucky to work with an exceptional group of students and you all, have really made the job worthwhile. Teaching has its challenges - it plays on your emotions, gives you sleepless nights but, mainly, fills you with huge pride to see the steps that students take every day to give themselves the best opportunities to succeed. I know that the school has gone through a difficult period recently and the last two years have been a real test, but, I know that the school is in very good hands and every

single member of staff here wants the best for its students, that is what will continue to make the school so special.

It would be fair to say that the school has been a huge part of my life and I will be forever grateful to everyone involved. I will miss seeing parents in the community, and during parents' evenings, seeing the students and the staff in school. I am confident that Nailsea School will continue to be a great success and will continue to put students at the forefront of every decision it makes.

I cannot thank the Nailsea community enough for my time at Nailsea School. It will always be a place that is held very close to my heart.

I wish everyone the very best of luck for the future.

**Mr Mawford**

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## YEAR 7

- ★ Mrs Jones gives a big shout out to Aaron S in year 7 for his brilliant contributions in English lessons.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Aaron S in year 7 for being consistently engaged and ready for a challenge in Spanish. Good contributions to lessons.
- ★ Mr Hellier gives a big shout out to all of the fantastic Year 7s for their tremendous resilience and positive attitude during a really tough first year
- ★ Mrs Gardiner thinks you're a star Ashton H in year 7 for excellent effort in PE throughout year 7 Excellent progress - superstar!
- ★ Mr Lavelle is really impressed with Ben R in year 7 for their excellence in being part of the runners up team in the Regional Finals of the Big Ideas Programme
- ★ Mrs Bicknell is giving star-status to Bertie E in year 7 for excellent homeworks, in particular a recent one about housing developments in Nailsea Keep up the fantastic work!
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Callan P in year 7 for being consistently motivated and engaged in French lessons, well done for offering many contributions in lessons.
- ★ Mr Lavelle is really impressed with Elle R in year 7 for their excellence in being part of the runners up team in the Regional Finals of the Big Ideas Programme
- ★ Mrs Bicknell is really impressed with Emily L in year 7 for high quality classwork and homeworks - What a STAR!
- ★ Mr Lavelle is really impressed with Esme S in year 7 for their excellence in being part of the runners up team in the Regional Finals of the Big Ideas Programme
- ★ Mrs Rogers commends Hannah O in year 7 for fantastic results in her Maths past papers.
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin gives a big shout out to Landon P in year 7 for his imaginative and determined approach to his year 7 Hub art lessons
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Megan R in year 7 for excellent effort in Spanish throughout the year and well done for making a positive contribution to lessons.
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin commends Noah L in year 7 for his superb resilience and hard work in year 7 Hub art lessons
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Roman W in year 7 for excellent effort in Spanish and well done for producing a high standard of work.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Sienna B in year 7 for excellent attention to detail and outstanding written work in Spanish – well done!
- ★ Mr Lavelle is really impressed with Sophie S in year 7 for their excellence in being part of the runners up team in the Regional Finals of the Big Ideas Programme

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### YEAR 8

- ★ Mrs Jones gives a big shout out to Edwina in year 8 for excellent work in her end of year 100 questions.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Nathan W in year 8 for being helpful, focused and motivated in lessons. Well done for your positive input in French.
- ★ Mrs Gardiner commends Roxy M in year 8 for excellent effort within Athletics. Keep up the fantastic work!
- ★ Mrs Jones is really impressed with Sam Broz in year 8 for his excellent work in English this term.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Vicky M in year 8 for consistently producing a high standard of work in Spanish. Keep up the great work!
- ★ Mrs Jones is really impressed with Zach F in year 8 for his great work in his English non fiction assessment.

### YEAR 9

- ★ Miss Creswick gives a big shout out to Alfie D in year 9 for an amazing assessment in English. Excellent progress - superstar!
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Amon S in year 9 for excellent engagement and well done for producing a high standard of work in Spanish.
- ★ Miss Cahill wants to nominate Anna A in year 9 for achieving 99% in the end of year exam in French! SUPERSTAR!
- ★ Mrs Jones is really impressed with Bea E in year 9 for her continuing brilliant effort and contributions in English.
- ★ Mrs Gardiner commends Ben J in year 9 for excellent effort with the 800m run Excellent!
- ★ Miss Creswick is giving star-status to Connor B in year 9 for effort and achievement. Brilliant resilience.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Connor B in year 9 for consistently demonstrating excellent engagement and making good contributions to lessons.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Georgia L in year 9 for challenging yourself and producing some outstanding written work in French.
- ★ Miss Cahill is really impressed with Helena C in year 9 for making exceptional progress on the end of year exam in French! Excellent progress - superstar!
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Jacob F in year 9 for being consistently focused and motivated in lessons. Well done for producing some great French work.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Jake C in year 9 for challenging yourself and producing some outstanding written work in French.
- ★ Miss Creswick is really impressed with Jude W in year 9 for an impressive assessment for the non-fiction unit. You're shining bright #TeamNailsea!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner commends Liam B in year 9 for excellent effort with the 800m run Outstanding achievement!
- ★ Miss Cahill gives a big shout out to Natalia L in year 9 for achieving 98% in the end of year exam in French! Well done - you star!

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### YEAR 9 (cont).

- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Rhian J in year 9 for excellent attention to detail in French and mastery of the content.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Rhuben P in year 9 for consistently demonstrating excellent engagement and making good contributions to lessons.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Romilly S in year 9 for consistently contributing thoughtful and accurate responses in lessons – well done!
- ★ Ms Siwek is really impressed with Ruby D in year 9 for her selection to represent Avon in High Jump at the English Schools National Athletics Championships in Manchester this month.
- ★ Mr Paillier gives a big shout out to Scarlett L in year 9 for consistently producing a high standard of work in Spanish.
- ★ Miss Cahill is giving star-status to Will D in year 9 for achieving 100% in the end of year exam in French! B O O M !
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is giving star-status to Yasmin T in year 9 for producing a sophisticated final piece for our environment project in Art this year.

### YEAR 10.

- ★ Miss Cahill is really impressed with 10A French class in year 10 for stunning performance in their recent mock exams in French!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner gives a big shout out to Alicia O in year 10 for excellent effort in Athletics Keep up the great work!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner gives a big shout out to Beth F in year 10 for excellent effort in Athletics Very impressive!
- ★ Miss Creswick is giving star-status to Eddie C in year 10 for confidence and amazing subject knowledge in English. You are a TOTAL star!
- ★ Mrs Rogers gives a big shout out to Edie C in year 10 for outstanding understanding shown in her past papers for Maths. Fab stuff!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner gives a big shout out to Gracie S in year 10 for excellent effort in Athletics Keep up the fantastic work!
- ★ Miss Creswick gives a big shout out to Grant S in year 10 for amazing focus ahead of the mock exams. Very impressive!
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin commends Hudson W in year 10 for the independent ideas emerging in his GCSE Fine Art work
- ★ Mrs Britton gives a big shout out to Jack W in year 10 for being accepted on construction virtual work experience Brilliant resillience.
- ★ Mrs Britton gives a big shout out to James F in year 10 for successfully completing virtual work experience with Bellway Homes Excellent!
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is really impressed with Jasmine H in year 10 for a great start to her GCSE Art coursework
- ★ Mrs Britton gives a big shout out to Katy B in year 10 for completing virtual work experience in TV and Film Excellent stuff!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner gives a big shout out to Kayleigh B in year 10 for excellent effort in Athletics Good effort - keep going!

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### YEAR 10 (cont).

- ★ Mrs Rogers gives a big shout out to Lily K in year 10 for consistently giving 100% in everything she does in Maths. Great work!
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is really impressed with Megan A in year 10 for their consistent hard work and enthusiasm for Photography this term.
- ★ Miss Creswick gives a big shout out to Rowan M in year 10 for thoughtful and confident ideas in English. What a STAR!
- ★ Miss Creswick commends Scout E in year 10 for great progress this academic year. Shining bright!
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin gives a big shout out to Charlotte H of 10.5 for being elected school captain- I am a very proud tutor!

### YEAR 11 & 12

- ★ Mrs Britton gives a big shout out to Brooke M in year 11 for signing up for into nursing virtual event - Excellent positivity!
- ★ Miss Cahill thinks you're a star Meg F in year 12 for achieving a grade A in your paper 1 mock for both French and Spanish! - B O O M !
- ★ Mrs Britton gives a big shout out to Rosina D in year 12 for completing two work experience in Psychology and Teaching Excellent positivity!

# Well done ★

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