



Message from the Head

What a busy 7 weeks this has been!

The highlight for me certainly has to have been Open Evening where we were able to welcome prospective families back into the school, albeit in a slightly different way. This has been followed with morning tours and I have had the pleasure of showing over 120 families around our amazing facilities, visiting our students. My step count has certainly been met!

A very close second high point, has been reading the applications for our Student Ambassadors - in the revamp of our Students' Council. The final question on the form asks applicants what they hope to achieve at the end of their first year. Some of the responses are below:

'I hope I can achieve an even happier and more positive school community'

'I hope I can help people with their worries, troubles and problems'

'I want to try and set everybody up for their best life'

'Turning up to meetings with a smile'

'I hope to maintain and hopefully continue to improve the good name that Nailsea School has'

What a great job I have working these young people. In the future we hope that this newsletter can also be a place where each House Council and the full Students' Council can update you on their plans and projects. Watch this space.

In the meantime, please enjoy reading this edition showing the great things that have happened in term 1.

Enjoy the half term break—keep safe and be kind.

Mrs Elliott
Headteacher



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Wessex
Learning Trust
We Learn Together!

A Word from the Wessex Learning Trust

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to school this term as we start the new academic year as we hope to go on! It's great to see our classrooms at



full capacity, and children able to access all aspects of the curriculum in the way that they were intended. I'm very proud of how all our schools have coped in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, however no matter our resilience and ability to adapt, there is nothing quite like getting back to normal!

With normality in mind, I am so pleased to see that Nailsea students have been able to get out and about this term to complete some incredibly valuable and enriching extra-curricular activities. Be it completing your Duke of Edinburgh awards, or playing in concerts for your local retirement development, these are great experiences that will support you as you prepare for life after school and are, I hope enjoyable, and make your time at school even more fun.

Naturally we want to stay open at full capacity and make sure that this year is the best it can be for our learners, so I encourage you all to stay safe and to continue to keep up the hand sanitising and lateral flow testing that is so key to keeping cases low and schools open.

Looking forward, we have another exciting term ahead of us with - dare I say it - Christmas, creeping up on us too. I know that everything this term is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the exciting activities which are in the works at Nailsea for the coming months and year, and I for one cannot wait to see what you get up to!

Therefore, as we approach half term, please stay safe and enjoy the break. I look forward to welcoming you back to school in November!

A Message from the Governors

As the first term of our new school year comes to a close, the Governors are delighted to see the school buzzing and busy with learning: extracurricular activities, trips, lectures and initiatives are back to enliven, inspire and support our students. We welcome all our new year 7 families and hope students are settling in well to their new setting, ready to get the most out of the many opportunities on offer at Nailsea School.

It was wonderful to see the success of our Open Evening, welcoming prospective students and their families, and to see the fantastic reactions to our school from comments on the night and on social media. The Governors were very proud to see how many students volunteered to showcase the school on the evening.

We have been continuing to meet for our Governor meetings, now working within the governing structure of the Wessex Learning Trust. This has included further training for governors working together on many vital issues for the school and our students, on our core aims of school improvement.

Thank you to all our families for supporting our school. We hope all students will enjoy an opportunity to rest and recharge over half term.



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Nailsea School PTA

Raising money to enhance our children's education



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YOUR DOUGHNUT FIX FUNDRAISER



Will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts after school
3PM ON THURS 21ST OCTOBER
purchase from either the school main entrance or
Station Road entrance

£1 CASH PER DOUGHNUT

Nutritional info: www.krispykreme.co.uk/ingredients

Roll up, Roll up!

For 1 day only, Krispy Kreme Donuts will be on sale for a £1 (cash only please) at the front and rear entrances of school. Please don't forget your money, Thursday 21st October at 3pm.

Nailsea School PTA Weekly Lottery

The effects of the pandemic continue to make it difficult for the PTA to run events and raise much needed funds for the school so we are continuing with our Weekly School Lottery. This has raised a good amount of money so far for our school, so please consider signing up to continue supporting the school.

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



Easyfundraising – Fundraise when you shop online

With Christmas just around the corner, please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. The Easyfundraising app or website allows you to access over 4,000 shops and sites who will donate to us for **FREE** every time you spend with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely **FREE** and doesn't take long. Register now before you start your Christmas Shopping! It's also possible to register for multiple causes. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nailseaschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gw1



Christmas Trees & Christmas Cards

Following on from the successful sale of Christmas Trees and Christmas Cards last year, please watch out for further communication regarding this year's sale of trees and the Christmas Card Design competition for students. We would like to thank Impact IT Solutions for covering the cost of the Christmas Card printing again this year.

Would you like to find out more about the PTA?

Our next meeting will be held on **Wed 10th Nov at 7.30pm** in the School Conference Room – please email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com to let us know you are coming. Joining the PTA is a great way to support the school and feel a little more involved in your child's education. We welcome volunteers at all levels whether it's being part of the committee or helping with occasional events.

Social Media – Keep Up to Date with Latest News

The PTA are planning a few other innovative ways to fundraise in the coming months - so please follow us on Social media to keep up to date:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NailseaPTA/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/nailsea_pta



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Apple Delight

Year 8 students took part in a juicing activity this term. Developing Engagement in Nature is an important resource at Nailsea School and year 8 students Riley J and Ocean K were fortunate enough to make their own apple juice. Taking a selection of recently harvested apples & pears donated to the cause. Ocean and Riley pulped and then squeezed the apples in the traditional method, they used a variety of apples and pears to make the perfect balance between sweet and tart. Having sampled the freshly squeezed juice, I can assure you that their selection was excellent. Well done!



Riley selects and chops the fruit



Ocean pulps the fruit



The fruit is pressed



Nailsea School Christmas Concert

Join us for a festive evening of musical performances from our students across the year groups. For many it will be the first time they have been able to perform since Covid19.

Performances will include a range of pieces including instrumental and singing. The cost is £5 per adult and £3 concession. The concert will be held in the Nailsea School Auditorium and starts at 7pm, further details will be sent home soon,



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Epic Cycling Trip

By Emile M in Year 12

It started with the idea of cycling the LEJOG – Lands End to John O'Groats (Southern to Northern tip of England), but was motivated by the one and only... MY

DAD!!! Preparation was left in my capable hands with the help of my dad's much needed and robust credit card. Since we were doing it for fun, we decided to offer the opportunity to our church to use as a fundraiser. This NOBLE deed resulted in two shocking pink shirts from TLG (Transforming Lives for Good).



Leaving the 3rd of July our initial aim was 14 days but ended up doing it in 12. The idea was to do it on a shoestring which means rough camping and eating out at LIDL.

With such grandeur prospects our first day started with 75.6 miles and never-ending hills, achieving our highest elevation of 4654 feet. We made it safely in one piece to Nailsea by day 3 without too many aches and pains. Day 5 ended up being our longest ride which was a whopping 114.7 miles. We met up with old friends in Manchester and a church contact who hosted us just before the Lake District. Scotland was our highlight, as wild camping was allowed, and therefore we made good use of the many beautiful spots along the way. Our best spot was highly elevated above Loch Ness and totally isolated next to a river. Our rear ends rejoiced as we rolled into John O Groats on the 14th of July. Not having booked a flight back or coach or train the only option remained... cycling back... to Inverness to catch the coach. We thoroughly enjoyed the tour with far too many highlights and memories to share.

...An expedition that transformed our lives for good!

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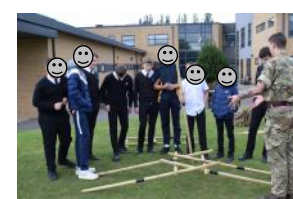
Building Bridges—Army Style

On a mild October afternoon this term, a group of Y10 and 11 students were able to take part in a pair of team building exercises devised and run by visitors from the Royal Engineers. The students involved had already had a talk from the army at the end of year 9 and this visit was for them to gain a more practical experience of what life and training is like in the army.

They were tasked with building a Da Vinci bridge as well as constructing a bridge on which supplies could be passed over a gap. After a tentative start and a few pointers from the experts, both teams successfully completed both activities. A special mention goes to Amy P and Charlie C for superb leadership and listening skills.

The army careers team will be with us at our February 'Careers fair' that will be running alongside our year 9 Guided Choices event.

Thank you to Mrs Britton for organising.



Student Drop-in Clinic

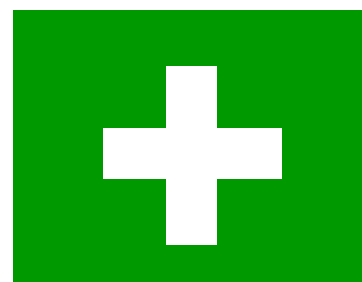
Research has informed us that Young People would like a clinic that is easily accessible.

Sirona Care and Health School Health Nursing Service has worked closely with Nailsea School to set up the delivery of a new Drop-in clinic which will offer young people an opportunity to access a free, confidential, non-judgmental health service. Within these clinics, we will be able to provide support, guidance and professional advice on a wide range of health issues/concerns.

School Nurses are registered nurses who provide a variety of services such as health and sex education advice within schools, developmental screening, health assessments and immunisation programmes.

Whilst this service will be confidential, we will encourage all young people who visit our clinic to involve their parents/carers in all aspects of their healthcare.

As with all our services, safeguarding policies and protocols will be followed and appropriate action taken should any safeguarding concerns arise regarding a young person.



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Parents and colleagues would be proud of our fantastic students who took part in their Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh practice in the Mendips last weekend.

The weather was on their side and all groups successfully arrived at 'Base Camp,' albeit a 'tad' tired and hungry!

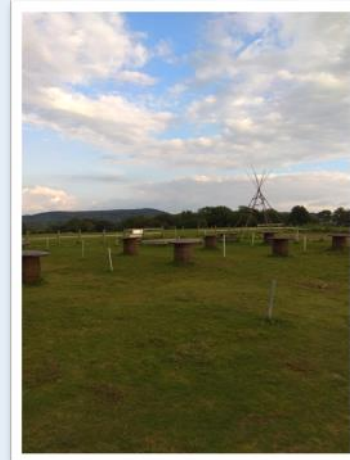
The next challenge was to erect their tents and cook their three course meal on stoves! Students worked together to work out which of the tent to peg down first, and to successfully boil a 'meal in a bag,' without much assistance!

The day's toil enabled the weary explorers to sleep soundly all night, much to the delight of the staff!

Despite being physically challenged, Nailsea Students kept their spirits up and succeeded. Let's wish them good weather and good blister packs for their actual expedition in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you Mr. Bunce for organising the DoE and for giving up your time for our fantastic students.

Go Team Nailsea!



Mrs. Lange, and co-campers: Mrs Summerell and Mrs Booker!

Donation - Thanks

Thank you to Sutton Specialist Risks who kindly donated PC equipment to the school. The 2nd-hand monitors, keyboards and mice were delivered earlier in the term and have already been put to use in the school.

Huge thanks to Dan H at SSR who organised the equipment to come our way, we are extremely grateful for this donation.



Exeter City Sign Up

Congratulations to Year 9 student Luke H who has just signed up to Exeter City Football Club.

Luke signed schoolboy forms after a successful trial period with the Devon based club. Well done Luke - we can't wait to watch you, follow your ambition, it really is a great achievement #AimHigh.



Sixth Form Students Wear Green

Sixth form students were invited to wear green on the Monday following World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2021.

Students wanted to raise awareness around Mental Health issues both locally and globally and a number of students & staff showed their support by wearing green

World Mental Health Day is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health, and the theme for 2021 was announced as '**Mental Health in an Unequal World**'. This theme is to highlight the impact of an increasingly polarised and unequal world on people's mental health.



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All Things Bright & Beautiful

Nailsea School students helped owners at Bucklands Retirement Development welcome in the new season with a short concert. The homeowners were treated to a Ploughman's' lunch by House Manager, Anne Hewetson, who had organised the school visit as a brilliant surprise.

Five students accompanied by their music teachers Mrs Humphries and Mrs Perkins performed a number of musical pieces ranging from the classical to the contemporary.

Ellie and Molly sang 'Rewrite The Stars' from the musical 'The Greatest Showman', whilst Flautist, Lily performed 'Feelings' by Morris Albert and 'I Could Have Danced all Night' from My Fair Lady, whilst the diners tapped their feet in time to the well-known pieces.

Thomas played the classical piece 'Sarabande' by Bach on guitar– which showed off his talent, another classical piece was played on violin this time by Sophie, a Sixth Form student who is currently waiting to audition for the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Sophie played Haydn's 'Concerto in G Major 1st Movement' which was really appreciated by the audience who were impressed by the incredible training and talent of the student.

To bring the concert to an end, the group of musicians gathered together, sharing lyric sheets with the homeowners who were invited to accompany them in the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.

Anne Hewetson commented:

"The students were incredible and I saw a few of my homeowners getting quite emotional from the very first piece that was played. They all absolutely loved it!"

It was a much enjoyed event by both the students and the homeowners. The first concert for the musicians since Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted and hopefully the start of some great inter-generational performances going forward.

Mrs Perkins added:

"The students really enjoyed it, it was a great occasion to help them build their confidence after such a long period of Covid-19 restrictions. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to mix with other generations and to value them. Thank you to Mrs Humphries for helping organise the event."

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Hayleigh takes Gold

Congratulations to Year 10 student Hayleigh B who won overall Gold at this year's 'Classic Challenge' held in Wiltshire at the end of September.

The first competition in 2 years, Hayleigh produced some phenomenal gymnastics. Winning gold on beam, and on vault, gaining a silver with her floor routine and a bronze on bars.

A fantastic effort from Hayleigh who has qualified to represent the South West at the upcoming National Final in November.

A brilliant achievement Hayleigh - keep aiming high and be proud of what you've accomplished so far. #TeamNailsea wishes you the best of luck in the National event.

Physical Education Update

I have been over the moon to see sports clubs running once again during lunch and after school. There has been an amazing uptake. The PE staff once again have gone out of their way to ensure as many different sports and activities as possible have been put on to support sporting or examination progress. Fixtures have started tentatively with a great result for the Year 7 Rugby team beating Clevedon at home on the 5th October. I would really encourage all of our students to take their sporting involvement further beyond school, and if not already becoming involved in one of our local clubs, to challenge their ability and establish connections to further pursue the lifelong involvement in physical activity. If you want to find out about local clubs, ask your PE teacher and look out for the posters we display on the Health and PE office windows or notice board in the PE corridor.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of students who are taking pride in wearing the correct PE uniform into school on PE days. This has increased activity time in PE lessons benefiting students both physically and mentally. I would also like to take this opportunity to reinforce that no jewellery can be worn in PE lessons. No new piercings should now happen for the rest of the school year. As we head into winter, please make sure you have layers with you when taking part in lessons outside and having a change of uniform (PE or school) with you in your bag if you need to change due to inclement weather in your lesson.

Miss Wild

Nailsea School PE Kit

Compulsory Items

- PE Polo Shirt (Navy & Gold)
- Plain Navy sports shorts (not cycling shorts)
- Reversible Navy & Gold Rugby Shirt
- Trainers
- Long Navy socks-needed when wearing shin pads (White sports socks to be worn otherwise)
- A pair of shin pads (for football and hockey)
- A gum shield (compulsory for Hockey and competitive rugby)
- Football boots when playing competitive Football/Rugby
- **No jewellery**

Optional Items

- A pair of **Navy Blue** sports leggings with printed Nailsea logo
- A plain **Navy Blue** jumper (Optional) (no hoodies)
- Plain **Navy** tracksuit bottoms (Winter only, optional)
- Hoodless waterproof **Navy sports jacket** (optional)
- Skorts (optional for games activities only)

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Careers Update

Mrs Britton is currently seeing all year 11 students for their 1:1 careers interviews. This is an opportunity for students to explore career ideas and to find out about all the options available for post 16 study. Students will be advised about the different types of qualifications eg A Levels, BTECs, T Levels, and where these can lead. They will also be advised about apprenticeships and a range of post 16 providers which will enable them to make an informed choice.

Open evenings for 6th form and colleges are published on the careers bulletin and on the careers notice board outside room 123. Prospectuses are also available from Mrs Britton. It is recommended that students visit colleges and 6th form to look round and to apply to more than one place which will enable them to keep all their options open.

There is an apprenticeship talk arranged in Feb 2022 from ASK presented by Junior Saunders for year 10s and Year 11s.

The Royal Engineers came in this term to talk to students in year 10 who have expressed an interest in this from a previous careers presentation.

The weekly careers bulletin has a range of career information and opportunities available, this is updated and posted to website on Wednesdays. If you follow Nailsea School on social media be sure to look out for our #WorkLifeFocus on Wednesdays when we highlight some key opportunities that our students might find interesting.

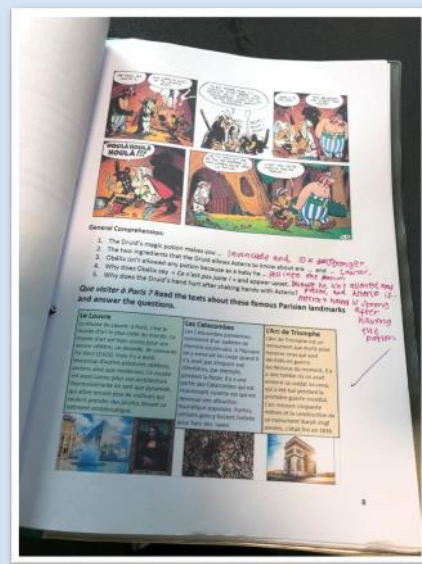
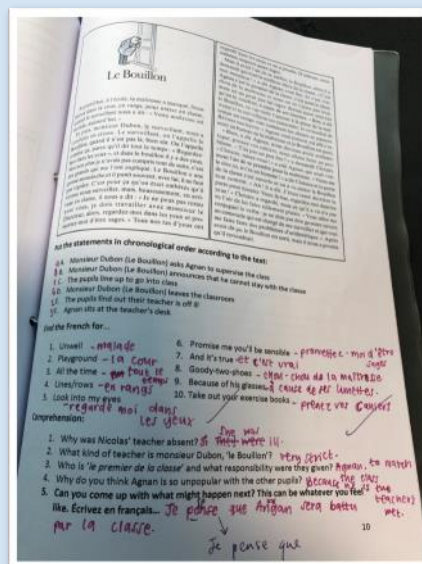


KS3 Aim Higher MFL Challenge - Summer Holiday Fun!

Some former Y9 students took the challenge of completing an optional languages homework over the summer holidays in the form of an 'Aim High' booklet and here is what they said:

I found the French aim high booklet useful because it helped me with a wide range of vocabulary. I found the extract on Le Bouillon the hardest because you had to read the whole extract in French! This helped me improve my reading skills further and the booklet got ever increasingly difficult as it went on, introducing me to new words.

The languages booklet was designed to challenge the mind using different learning points of languages. I decided to complete this during the summer to excel my learning and it was fun to do! I enjoy learning languages and they will also prove useful in the future. Languages are also a great way to reach out to other people and are overall a life skill.



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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 you think deserves "Nailsea School Stars" recognition, then please do drop us an email with details to fdavies@nailseaschool.com

Year 7

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Ambition" from Mr Lavelle goes to Toto P for an amazing attainment in the ICT Baseline Assessment.
- ★ The English star for "Ambition" from Mrs Rutty goes to Jamie H for always going the extra mile in English. #AimHigh
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Pride" from Ms Hancock-Martin goes to Luke L for creating an excellent extra key drawing to add to his sketchbook. #BeProud
- ★ The Health star for "Respect" from Mrs Gardiner goes to Lily H for being respectful of individuals differences and helping others in the class. #BePositive
- ★ The Humanities star for "Ambition" from Mrs Thompson goes to Brody M for an excellent start to year 7 Geography with his amazing map skills, especially his confidence with 6 figure grid references. He shows great ambition.
- ★ The Maths star for "Ambition" from Mrs Rogers goes to Rio S for always trying incredibly hard and challenging himself. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The MFL star for "Ambition" from Mrs O'Reilly goes to Ethan W for outstanding effort in a new subject. #AimHigh
- ★ The Science star for "Ambition" goes to Hannah C. #AimHigh
- ★ The Technology star for "Community" from Mr Stokes goes to Maisie M. A real star - their positive attitude really stood out in Electronics, so helpful with everyone in the class, proactively volunteering to help others. #TeamNailsea

Year 8

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Respect" from Ms. Evans goes to Florence N for always being polite and positive.
- ★ The English star for "Respect" from Ms Jacobs goes to Florence N.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Ambition" from Ms Davies goes to Isobel R for a high level of aspiration during a recent assessment, and attendance at Art Club. #AimHigh
- ★ The Health star for "Pride" from Mr Miles goes to Evan W for being so creative and detailed, in his 'Mission Impossible' dance choreography. #BeProud
- ★ The Humanities star for "Kindness" from Mrs Thompson goes to Leo H for always aiming high and taking pride in his work and also for sharing Geography jokes, he demonstrates great kindness.
- ★ The Maths star for "Respect" from Mrs Mason goes to Florence C for always being grateful in lessons and always thanking the teacher at the end. #BePositive
- ★ The MFL star for "Respect" from Mr Paillier goes to Sebbie C for taking pride in classwork and making excellent contributions to Spanish lessons. #BePositive

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Year 9

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Kindness" from Dr. Jessop goes to Hector S for real enthusiasm during the school Open Evening.
- ★ The English star for "Kindness" from Miss Hitchings goes to Brooke M.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Kindness" from Mrs Perkins goes to Evie H, who always helps clear up and pack away after orchestra which is really appreciated. #BeKind
- ★ The Health star for "Ambition" from Mr Graff goes to Luke H for unbelievable attitude and focus during lessons. #AimHigh
- ★ The Humanities star for "Respect" from Mr Boyce goes to Luke H for displaying a wonderful attitude in Religious Studies this term when studying human rights and religion. Luke has gone the extra mile to try to understand different communities, their values and how this may impact human rights .
- ★ The Maths star for "Kindness" from Miss Anderson goes to Bethany C for always being willing to help others when necessary. #BeKind
- ★ The MFL star for "Kindness" from Miss Cahill goes to Jacob W for helping out a lost Y7 and showing him to his lesson. #BeKind
- ★ The Science star for "Ambition" goes to Luke H.
- ★ The Technology star for "Respect" from Ms Jarvis goes to Maisy H for working so incredibly hard, having completed work beyond the classroom to an excellent standard. #BePositive

Year 10

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Pride" from Dr. Jessop goes to Christa B for showing real commitment to learning.
- ★ The English star for "Pride" from Mrs Jones goes to Jayden S for taking pride in classwork and making contributions in discussions. #BeProud
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Respect" from Ms Hancock-Martin goes to Sam G for the pride shown in his photography assessment presentation. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Health star for "Ambition" from Mr Truan goes to Alice H for outstanding effort whilst completing lesson and homework tasks. #AimHigh
- ★ The Humanities star for "Community" from Mr Howard goes to Eli R for doing brilliant lesson work, showing a fantastic attitude to learning. Applying what they have learned in RS within everyday life and #TeamNailsea.
- ★ The Maths star for "Pride" from Miss Kelly goes to Jack W for showing a pride in his presentation. #BeProud
- ★ The MFL star for "Pride" from Miss Cahill goes to Max D for showing real commitment and pride by completing work when off sick. #BeProud
- ★ The Science star for "Pride" goes to Tom F.
- ★ The Technology star for "Kindness" from Miss Allright goes to Sophie B for supporting another student in lessons. #BeKind

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Year 11

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Community" from Dr. Jessop goes to Jacob S star status for always aiming his sights high and achieving.
- ★ The English star for "Community" from Miss Creswick goes to Beth P for resilience and creating some great pieces of work this term! #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Community" from Mrs Perkins goes to Lily K performing in a community music concert for the community. #BePositive
- ★ The Health star for "Kindness" from Miss Wild goes to Will Wo. for his politeness always holding the door open for people before himself. #BeKind
- ★ The Humanities star for "Pride" from Mrs Ginnis goes to Jenny C for showing great pride in this term's History work.
- ★ The Maths star for "Ambition" from Mrs Coates goes to Katy B for always doing her best and for attending extra afterschool revision. #AimHigh
- ★ The MFL star for "Community" from Mrs Dunn goes to Ruby S for showing real commitment by coming to Period 6. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Science star for "Respect" goes to Jacob S.
- ★ The Technology star for "Ambition" from Miss Hurst goes to Riley S who is awarded star status for impressive work during GCSE Food projects. #AimHigh

Sixth Form

- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Media / Film department goes to Sonny C, Harry C, Hermione H, Mia B doing an amazing job with filming the recent Open Evening. #AimHigh
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Mr Boyce goes to Caity K for making a great start to her Criminology course, great contribution in lesson and attitude to learning. #AimHigh
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Mr Boyce goes to John W, Jake S showing a great interest and love of learning in Philosophy. #AimHigh
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Mrs Hastings goes to Rosina D for her extra reading in preparation for her Psychology university application. #AimHigh
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Mrs Macleod goes to Hazel W for her dedication to Health and Social Care and gaining her own work experience in the community whilst also supporting local services with their vaccination programmes! #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Science goes to Lillie A-W #AimHigh

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