



Message from the Head

Term 5 has come and gone in a flash! Despite it being the shortest term of the school year, it has still been very busy. You only have to flick through the pages of this newsletter to appreciate how vibrant and exciting life at Nailsea has been this term. We have welcomed the current Year 6s that will be joining us in September, held Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, seen lots of sporting achievements as well as started the exams season in earnest.



Behind the scenes, term 5 is one where schools also look to the following September - a real juggling act, whilst also concluding the business of academic year 2021/22. The external exam season has begun and, as ever, I have been really impressed with the approach and attitude taken by students, especially given this is the first time in three years they have happened. I am also very proud of the great staff team effort that has gone into supporting the students in the run up and during the exams. It's a privilege to work with such dedicated teaching and support staff at Nailsea.

Just as Year 11 and 13 approach their final days with us, this term we have also welcomed the new Year 7 intake for their transition events. Understandably, on arrival some students were anxious but it was great to see, as always, the smiling faces on leaving at the end of the day. This group will be the largest in the school, reflecting the increase in parental choice for our school. Exciting times.

We wish you all a lovely half term break, extra-long bank holiday weekend, and look forward to seeing pupils return on Monday 6th June

Mrs Elliott
Headteacher

Ten Tors Success

The Ten Tors expedition took place earlier in the term. A number of Nailsea students took part and successfully completed the incredible challenges. Those from Nailsea School included, Oli V, Freddie W, Joe T, Eliza L, Tom L, Aaron H and Martha L. They all walked 35 miles (45 in Martha's case) on Dartmoor, navigating between 10 of the Tors, carrying heavy packs and camping out on Saturday night (all unsupervised). Organised by the Army, there were 400 teams of 6 taking part so it's a big event and very exciting to watch. Although it's not a charity event Aaron decided to use the attempt to raise funds for Neuroblastoma UK. He raised an amazing £725!

The event is an incredible physical and psychological challenge with those taking part needing incredible determination and resilience as well as team working skills. The weather was lovely but that in itself was a challenge as they've been training in snow and ice so a number of teams suffered issues relating to heat exhaustion.

#TeamNailsea are very proud of the determination you have shown and what you have achieved – congratulations!

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A Word from the Wessex Learning Trust

It always shocks me how quickly this term flies by! It doesn't seem like five minutes since we returned from the Easter break, and yet now it feels like we're almost knocking on the door of



the summer holidays! Despite the pace of the last few weeks however, I am - as always - thoroughly impressed by what you have all been able to achieve in such a short space of time.

Many of you will of course be actively working towards and have started your public or pre-public summer exams. Despite all the disruption that I know you have faced over the last few years, please rest assured that your teachers have prepared you exceptionally well for these assessments and that you have all the tools you need to achieve great things.

My best advice to you as we enter the exam season is to believe in your abilities and take care of yourself. It is obviously important to prepare and revise as much as possible, but also equally important to ensure you give yourself adequate time to have breaks from studying, to eat well, and to get plenty of sleep. No matter how much revision we do, we can only ever perform at our best when we are feeling physically prepared, as well as academically.

As always, the start of summer exams is a bitter-sweet moment in school as it also signals the end of Year 13s' time with us. For many of you Nailsea School will have been your 'home' for almost seven years, and I know I speak for all staff when I say that the school always feels different when we lose so many familiar faces. I hope however that you can leave us feeling proud to have received a Wessex education and prepared for whatever the future brings you. I have no doubt that you will all go on to do so many great things, and I know we will all be excited to follow your journeys.

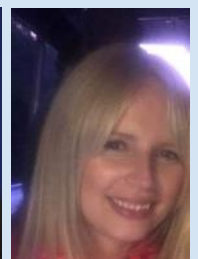
However, whether you're moving onto new things or staying with us; I hope that you can all enjoy the upcoming break and use it to recharge and ensure you're 'firing on all cylinders' when we return for the final term of the year!

A Message from the Governors

As the 2022 exam series starts, we know our students in Year 11 and 13 are working exceptionally hard. We hope that everything goes well for them all in the exams themselves, and are grateful for all the extra support given by the staff to these year groups at this time. Thank you for all the support given by parents and carers at home too.



The Governors are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed three new Governors to our board. The aim of the Governing Body is to help the School achieve the best outcome for all students, and we aim to include a wide range of experience, backgrounds, business and professional skills in order to successfully meet our remit of school improvement. Our new Governors come from a range of business and professional environments, and all have specific skills and competencies which complement the rest of the board. Our new Governors are Rebecca Freeman (top right), Gemma Broom (bottom left) and Deborah Stephens (bottom right), and we are delighted to welcome them to the team.



We have been continuing to meet for our Governor meetings and have been progressing our governor work, including governor visits and interviewing for new school staff. This has included working with our partners in the Wessex Learning Trust on many vital issues for the school and our students.

Thank you to all our families for supporting the school as we continue to make progress in our objectives of school improvement.

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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

This month, the PTA has funded:

- £1000 towards the cost of External visits for years 7-9
- £320.00 for the Music Department Audio Interfaces
- £44.50 Various items for Unicorn House Chill out area
- £267.40 for sensory items for the Resource base

1st July—SAVE THE DATE

Gin Tasting with experts from our local gin distillery in Clevedon, Pier Gin. Taste 4 different gins from their Pier range, including a gin cocktail.



- Gins will be available to buy on the bar and by the bottle at a reduced rate.
- £25.00 per ticket
- Numbers will be limited, first come first served

Nailsea Charity Walk

Once again, Nailsea School PTA will be taking part in the Nailsea Charity Walks, Runs and Bike Rides which take place on Sunday 19th June (or you can take part on any day until the end of July). Any student taking part will receive 25 House Points (see your Head of House). There is a registration fee of £10 per adult and £5 for juniors (aged 17 or under) .

Sign up here: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=830743&ClubID=613>



Calling all Students who have grown out of their 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.

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

Easy Fundraising

Are you considering a summer holiday this year? Don't forget to shop for flights, car hire or holiday essentials through Easyfundraising. Easyfundraising 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 Shopping! It's also possible to register for multiple causes. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nailseaschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-w1

Nailsea School PTA weekly lottery

Huge thanks to those who donate every week, all of the money will go towards enriching Nailsea School Pupils' educational experience. **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**. The PTA receive 40% of the ticket sales. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Keep Up - To - Date with the Latest PTA News & Events



Social Media – Click either of these to find us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Next Meeting - 8th June 2022 7.00pm.

Please email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com to let us know you are coming.

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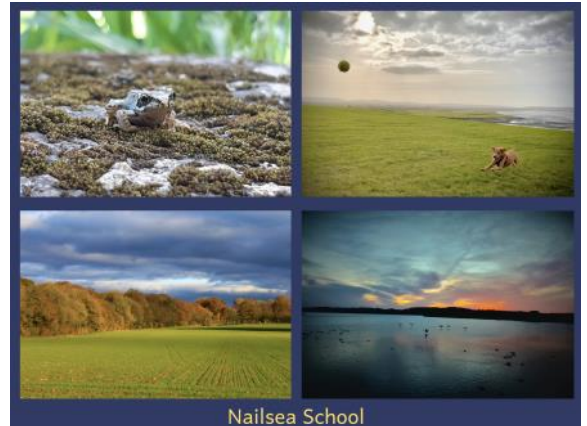
Art on Platform One

Great Western Trains and the Severnside Community Rail Partnership have recently started an exciting innovation to enliven train station platforms across the South West with displays of art. We were really excited to be approached to be a part of this, and even more excited when we realised that this gave us an opportunity to showcase the talents of some of our KS3 photographers. The students took these photographs on the theme of 'Colours of Nature' and I'm sure you'll agree that they've managed to capture an awesome natural scene with real skill.

- **Toby G:** "This was taken at the weir at Flax Bourton. The frog's dark, dull colours really contrast with the bright, green grass in the background, and this really shows the colours of nature".
- **Tom W:** "It was a cloudy wet morning along the coast of Clevedon. But the bright white sun light still shone through the clouds. My dog was happily leaping after the tennis ball that my dad had thrown when I took this photo".
- **Phoebe T:** "This photo has all the different colours that nature has, the bright green in the grass, the beautiful browns and oranges in the trees and the amazing blues, greys and purples in the clouds and sky".
- **Esther L:** "This photograph shows how a swan elegantly shows off their power of flight. It meets the colour of nature because of the beautiful sunrise in the background with the brightness coming from the colour orange and the contrast between the dark purple and blue river".

Toby, Esther and Phoebe were able to attend the opening ceremony for these photographs, and we had a wonderful hour at the train station celebrating their work, and looking at all the other artistic contributions on display too. From now on, when you are arriving or departing a train on Platform 1 at Nailsea & Backwell Station you can look forward to viewing these wonderful photographs.

Ms Davies
Faculty Leader for Expressive Arts



Photography Club

Last term we started a Photography Club and have developed a lovely group of regular students who take part. After a suggestion from one of our students to do a photography competition and seeing as spring was showing it's beautiful colours, we set the challenge of capturing 'the explosion of life'. We had some really incredible entries, but these were some of the favourites.

- Bluebell image was taken by Phoebe S (Yr7) Winner
- Marmot was captured by Jack H (Sixth Form) Runner up
- Sycamore leaf by Phoebe T (Yr7) Runner up
- Blossom image is by Sophie Br (Yr7) Runner up



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Disco Steve at the Link

Local Magician and Children’s Entertainer, Disco Steve, reached out on Social Media as he wanted to hold a charity event and send the proceeds to UNICEF, specifically in aid of Ukrainian families. He was all set and ready to go but he needed a venue to support and host his fundraiser.

One of our Link staff saw Disco Steve’s post on Facebook and we decided to get in touch with him to offer our School Auditorium on a free of charge basis. This would enable him to send all his donations directly to his chosen charity, without having to pay any hire charges.

Steve said: *“Amazing turn out on the night. Thank you to everyone who came along. We have raised over £600 for UNICEF which will help those poor families in Ukraine.*

The Link hosted Disco Steve’s Big Family Fun Night on the last day of term before the Easter break and local families were asked to donate for their tickets. It was a huge success and also lots of fun!



French - Y8 'Aim Higher' Homework Exemplar Work

As an 'Aim Higher' homework task during Term 4, Year 8 students of French were asked to make a 'crêpe' at home and name the ingredients in French. This corresponded to the topic they were studying in class. Here are some of their fantastic creations, miam miam!



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Mollie Returns

Mr Graffagnino was delighted to welcome former Nailsea School student Mollie P back to school, she joined us as part of our programme of Mental Health Awareness Week activities. Mollie led an assembly for Year 8s this term, where she talked about her struggles with ulcerative colitis and missing digits on her hand. Mollie is an advocate for body positivity and she talked about how her own mental health declined with the onset of colitis. Colitis is a bowel disease and incredibly debilitating. During lockdown, after years of trying to manage the condition, Mollie had to have an operation to relieve her symptoms and she was fitted with a stoma bag. To begin with this knocked her confidence, but over time she has learned to embrace this new part of herself and wants to share her experiences with others who might feel the same.

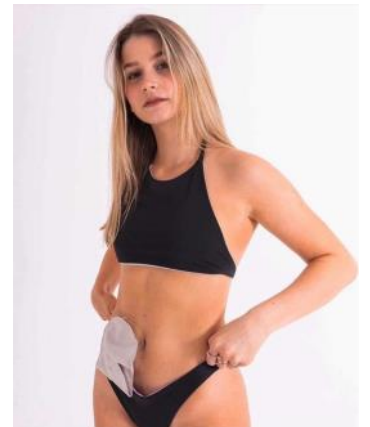
Mollie is training as a nurse but as part of her journey she has become a model and has worked all over the world for agencies who want to celebrate people's differences. Amongst others, Mollie has worked for Tommy Hilfiger, Kurt Geiger and Vogue. Working as a 'Diversity' model, Mollie has met lots of other people with a range of disabilities and differences, who have helped her celebrate her body and who she is.

Mollie's key messages regarding mental health were...to be open and to keep talking, as that's the only way people will know what support you need and what they can do to help. Mollie talked about her friends at Nailsea School and how they helped her on her path, and how she managed her schoolwork whilst living with this debilitating disease.

Her recent work with Kurt Geiger as part of their "People Empowered" campaign can be seen on their website, in adverts and on billboards across the country – an experience Mollie thinks is a really positive step in acceptance of people with both visible and invisible differences.

Students and staff were really impressed to hear how Mollie talked about her struggles, how difficult the journey has been on her body and on her mental health. Now she has faced those challenges head on, and although it hasn't been an easy journey, it has brought her to a positive place and she has learned to work through her feelings.

Thank you Mollie - your story was very inspiring, thanks for sharing.



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Health & Social Care Visit

On Friday 1st April, a group of Year 10 and 6th Form students attended a trip to Weston College to broaden their knowledge on a wide range of careers and post-18 options and gain practical experience in the Health and Social Care sector. They took part in a wide range of activities, from workshops about student finance and university progressions to practical workshops in the bio-chemistry lab and hospital simulation suite. Many of our students discovered new ways that they could enter the profession and it was wonderful to see many of our students' aspirations raised as a result of understanding the choices available to them for their futures.



During the hospital suite simulation workshop, students learned the importance of hand hygiene before entering a hospital ward. They were shocked by viewing their hands under a UV light! Students learned how to use a hoist safely and took turns experimenting with the equipment. It was wonderful to see how engaged students were with the task, and using their communication skills to practise communicating with service users.

Thank you to Weston College for organising the day perfectly, offering a range of workshops and providing our lunch! We look forward to working with you again in the future!

Mrs Macleod

Micro-Meteor Club

Dust from space constantly falls from the sky about 10 000 tons a year. We call this material cosmic dust or micrometeorites and it is everywhere, on the streets, in our homes, on the roofs of our school, and even on our clothes.

Over almost a term and a half of after school work, a group of Year 8s looked at the story these rocks tell us. From how this dust was essential for the earliest formation of life and the growth of planets and asteroids.

We concluded our sessions by going to the school roof, now joined by two-Year 7s who won the school science competition for a poster on micrometeorites. Two and a half buckets of mud were collected, dried out, sieved, and sought through using magnets (since most cosmic dust is magnetic). We then spent 2 hours looking through microscopes to find and collect over 30 samples.

Mr. Bradley and I are very proud of how well everyone coped and persevered with the level of complexity of thought, content, and the tediousness of finding this dust.

This group was set up as a response to the 6th Form social action initiative. I remember when I was in year 8, I was part of a school science group which has been replaced by the current STEM club. With the science department, we felt it was important to try and restart this group and that I could teach the first sessions!

Shaza L - Sixth Form student



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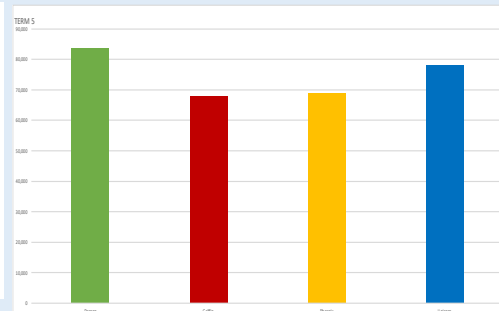
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HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION

Dragon are leading the House Point competition, but Unicorn are close on their tail, meanwhile Griffin and Phoenix are still headed in the right direction, but who will lift the trophy in Term 6? There is still plenty to play for and students still have time to compete for the House Championship and Celebration day next term. Keep your eye on the prize and earning those points!

Dragon	83,652
Griffin	67,830
Phoenix	68,899
Unicorn	78,005



Dragon House

Since September, Dragon house captains and ambassadors, of which we have had a good amount sign up, have been meeting every two weeks to discuss multiply topics. A big and successful topic has been our charity week, which has happened at the beginning of March. Every event was incredibly popular, with our 'Sponge the Teacher' event taking the lead. Including the non-school uniform day that accompanied these weeks we managed to raise a couple hundred pounds for our chosen charity (Ups and Downs Southwest) so thank you to everyone that helped, either by assisting on stalls, baking cakes, or by having a go on the different events.

Other topics we discussed in these fortnightly meetings were, mental wellbeing, physical improvements to the school - like our lovely new house bases, and the structure of lessons. All these conversations were subsequently fed back to our school presidents and our headteacher Mrs Elliott.

With exams just beginning for Year 11 students and coming up soon for year 10, a major topic in some of these meetings has been making sure students know what they are doing. As always the library is open at lunch and break for revising or just as a quiet place to relax.

Finally, with the end of the academic school year just around the corner, ways of improving our school council next year have been discussed and Year 11 students are excited to have the first prom since COVID struck

By Hannah O

Griffin House

This last couple of terms we have been focusing on our charity week and revamping the breakout area into house bases. Our Charity Week was a success and we raised £70 plus the Non-Uniform collection money, for Children's Hospice South West. Beat the buzzer was our most popular activity, with spin the wheel coming a close second. Griffin school council want to thank Waitrose, Nailsea for kindly donating amazing prizes such as stationary for our charity week.

Each house has been given an area within school that can be used at social times. Due to bank holidays, we have missed a few meetings so haven't been able to complete our house area yet. We currently have benches in place which are regularly used by students at break and lunch. The hope is that we can decorate the area with bunting and colourful posters using our budget from the PTA. On one of the boards there will be the names of the House Captains and Ambassadors so that people know who to talk to about anything they would like changed or improved in school. Finally, our second board will be focused on mindfulness with useful information about dealing with stress, bullying and mental health and where to seek help.

By Martha L



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Phoenix House

Phoenix house have been raising money for charity week with many fun activities. On Tuesday, there was a 'Sponge the Teacher' event where many students participated in throwing wet sponges at Mrs Wisby, Mrs Elliott and Mr Giblett.

On Thursday, there was a 'Guess the Sweets' where students paid 50p to guess the amount of sweets in a jar and the person with the most guesses won the whole jar!

Finally, on Friday, we hosted a bake sale in the atrium where students and staff could buy fresh cakes, donuts, brownies and more in addition to wearing their own clothes!

We look forward to seeing how much we have raised for our selected charities.

By Lowena



Unicorn House

We are excited to announce that our break time area (dubbed the 'Unicorner') is finished and is open to the whole of Unicorn! You can go there every break and lunch to enjoy a free space where you can eat, read and play games in peace.

The Unicorn Council have been meeting and been very busy organising the charity events which took place over charity week. Unfortunately,

the teachers race has been postponed due to the rain. Reputations are at stake!! The other events took place on Wednesday and Friday, the guess the weight of the cake and the cake sale were a success. The money raised from these will go to Young Minds, Cancer Research and RSPB.

A special mention to Jack F (U2) for gaining 1000 house points so far this year! Also a special mention to Aaron H for doing the Ten Tours challenge raising over £700!

From your Unicorn Communication Ambassadors

David G and Moses A



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Social Action Scheme



The 6th form has been participating in a social action scheme this year, here is a selection of our successes:

During tutor time we were instructed to organise some form of social action project, this was to help develop new skills and show off our expertise for any future pathways we might choose, this includes university applications and CVs. The project could range from volunteering to a bake sale. My group decided to focus on litter picking, as the litter in Nailsea is evident as a problem with dangerous litter such as glass being located on routes to schools and playgrounds.

When organising this event, we wanted to make sure it had some sort of permanent impact, and although we cannot stop littering, we can prevent it in some way. Therefore, we created a table to categorise the items we found while litter picking. This resource could be used by the local authorities to identify the areas in which to focus more bins and identify if more recycling bins, and which ones, are needed. Possible preventative education could be done on these findings, and this meant the table was essential. So far, we have done 1 out of the 3 sites we have planned.

We have been motivated throughout to carry out this social action project, despite the setbacks. Receiving the litter pickers was the hardest part as well as organising a suitable time to do the project, but now that we have got the litter pickers, we are on course to concluding our findings. So far, we have noticed a large quantity of cigarettes which is alarming as they are dangerous for children, not to mention the environmental effects to local wildlife.

Local wildlife is at risk of the litter as it invades their habitat and could cause suffocation. A lot of the litter we found was non-degradable, meaning that unless it was recycled or thrown away it would sit there for a long time meaning animals and children are more likely to experience the effects of the litter. These are in areas that children walk down and further action, such as education on the harms of littering and more bins, needs to be taken. Throughout this project I have developed my skills in organisation, communication, working together, leadership, motivation and more.

Thomas H 6.7.

For my social action project I helped to organise a range of fundraising events and activities through my part-time job at TK Maxx. We have an ongoing project to get people to donate clothes to Cancer Research charity shops and also held one-off events such as cake sales and fancy dress days. These projects helped me to develop my communication, teamwork and negotiation skills to encourage people to take part and donate.

Niamh S - 6.1.

Shaza L has set up and run a Meteorite Club - a weekly after school STEM activity for Y7/8 learning about meteorites, culminating in a trip to the school rooftop to collect dust and analyse it to find micro-meteorites.

Emile M has set up and run weekly Chess Club, including promoting this to lower school, which has developed a good cohort of regular attendees.

Tutor group 6.6 have been doing a variety of activities including: Rosie H, Sophie P and Brooke M have set up and run a feminism group in Nailsea, and held assemblies across the school to raise awareness of sexual harassment in school

Mrs E Jones

Social Action—In the Community

Several students in 6.3 recently took part in some volunteering activities to support the local community. These included actions such as charity shop work, swimming club coaching, scout leader support of younger peers and teaching Maths to younger students. By giving of their time willingly, they learnt valuable skills such as team work, leadership, patience and time management, all of which will bode well in their future studies at university or next steps.

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The Wessex Learning Trust presents:
a joint concert of

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Monday 20th June – 6:30pm
At the Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar
Featuring exceptional musicians from:
The Kings of Wessex Academy
Nailsea School
Hugh Sexey Middle School
Fairlands Middle School

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Music Concert News

There are two concerts to look forward to in Term 6, one at Nailsea School with a newly advertised date of July 5th, and a joint one with other Wessex Learning Trust schools to be held at The Kings of Wessex in Cheddar on the 20th June.

Year 9 Queen's Jubilee Competition

Year 9 had to compose an instrumental piece of music in Ternary Form or a song to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Prizes:

- 1st Winner's Song writing Notebook & Music Pen + 40 house points to Edwina W & Phoebe S
- 2nd Music Pen & 30 House points to Yasmin H & Emily D
- 3rd Music Pen & 20 House points to Brooke M & Faith D
- 4th Music Pen & 10 House points to Charles C



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Careers Update

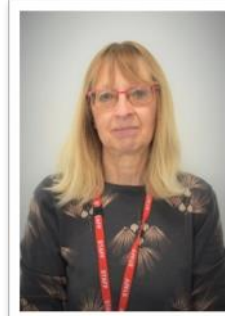
Mrs Britton has started seeing Year 10s for their careers interview to discuss post 16 plans, options and ideas. Although the end of Year 11 may seem to be sometime away for Year 10s this is an excellent time to start exploring the wide range of options available. Many colleges have already announced their Open Evening dates for the Autumn term. Details of Open Evenings and events can be found on our Careers Bulletin.

Mrs Britton is also working with students in 6th Form supporting and advising on their next steps. Many students are looking at apprenticeships, and information and vacancies can be found at www.apprenticeships.gov.uk. An updated weekly list of local vacancies can be found on the Careers Bulletin. Currently there are 34 vacancies within a 5 mile radius of Nailsea and 260 vacancies within a 10 mile radius.

Motivational speaker Junior Saunders delivered a lively and engaging apprenticeship session to Year 12s. Junior is always well received by students as shown by the number of times he was stopped in the corridor by students saying hello to him.

He has also produced a GCSE motivation and support YouTube video for Year 11 which has been shown in tutor time, it has been shared by the school's social media channels and is well worth a watch.

Keep an eye out for our Careers Bulletin which is published on a Wednesday and can be found on our website [here](#). We continue with our #WorkLifeWednesday tweets where a range of exciting careers related opportunities are advertised. When viewing Twitter or Facebook, click the hashtag to see a highlight of the opportunities on offer.



Attendance Matters

Mr Graffagnino wants to remind students and parents of the importance of being present in school—a look at the table below shows how much lost time absence accrues. It is amazing how it can soon absence can add up. It is important that to recognise for the best education and future success, students need to be in school.



Percentage Attendance	No. of days lost per week	No. of years out of full-time education
80%	1	1.2 years
60%	2	3.4 years
50%	2.5	5.5 years
40%	3	6.6 years
30%	3.5	7.7 years

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Year 7

- ★ Miss Smith is really impressed with Brody M in Year 7 for working hard and producing some excellent work in Science. #Pride
- ★ Mrs Rogers is really impressed with Eleanor W in Year 7 for working really hard in lessons and supporting her peers. #Ambition
- ★ Miss Evans gives a big shout out to Isabelle G, Kathryn M and Isla S in Year 7 for always being polite and respectful to everyone. #Kindness
- ★ Mr Paillier is really impressed with Isla S in Year 7 for completing additional extended writing homework in Spanish, showing excellent vocab knowledge - great work! #Ambition
- ★ Ms Jacobs gives a big shout out to Noah W in Year 7 for working so hard in lessons recently and pushing himself to do his best. #Ambition
- ★ Miss Jarvis gives a big shout out to Toto P in Year 7 For working incredibly hard and always challenging himself in IT.. #Ambition
- ★ Mrs Wells gives a big shout out to the Year 7 Hockey team for winning the district tournament. #Community
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is giving star-status to Zach P in Year 7 for looking out for another member of 7A and giving great art advice. #Community

Year 8

- ★ Mr Giblett is really impressed with Beau B in Year 8 for turning up in PE kit when injured and always wanting to help during lessons. Great commitment. #Respect
- ★ Mrs Dunn is giving star-status to Daisy B in Year 8 for always being really hard working in lessons and doing her best. #Respect
- ★ Mrs Mason is really impressed with Elsie C in Year 8 for taking such effort and care with her amazing Maths homework. #Pride
- ★ Mrs Truscott is really impressed with Emily H in Year 8 for her excellent participation in lessons and her beautiful title page. #Respect
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is really impressed with Isobel R in Year 8 her excellent personal sketchbook, in which she is exploring a range of paint techniques. #Pride
- ★ Mr. Boyce is really impressed with Keeley H in Year 8 for being an excellent role model in religious studies lessons and helping others in the class. #Kindness
- ★ Miss Evans is really impressed with Louis B in Year 8 for always being happy to help others. #Community
- ★ Mr. Bradley says you are a star Nancy M in Year 8 for always giving a polite and heartfelt greeting and farewell when entering and leaving class. #Respect
- ★ Mrs Jones is giving star-status to Nell M in Year 8 for an exceptional Three Gorges Dam report. #Ambition

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Year 9

- ★ Mrs Groves is giving star-status to Edwina W in Year 9 for her enthusiasm and achievement in the UKMT Maths Challenge. #Community
- ★ Ms Cowling gives a big shout out to Fin G in Year 9 for always being really thoughtful and asking how my day or weekend has been. #Kindness
- ★ Mrs O'Reilly is really impressed with Fin G in Year 9 for willingly supporting other students and acting as a role model to others. #Community
- ★ Mr Burgess is really impressed with Jacob W in Year 9 for always giving a polite and heartfelt greeting as well as making sure the classroom is tidy and organised on the way out. #Kindness
- ★ Mrs Bicknell is really impressed with Jonah H in Year 9 for great knowledge about the history and politics of Russia and how this links with the current conflict in Ukraine. #Respect
- ★ Dr Jessop is really impressed with Maisie M in Year 9 for consistently working hard and helping others in the class to reach their full potential. #Respect
- ★ Miss Wild says you are a star Roxy M in Year 9 for successfully gaining a place in the Gloucestershire u15 County Rugby Squad. #Ambition

Year 10

- ★ Ms Davies gives a big shout out to Anaska L in Year 10 outstanding effort with homework, and for always Aiming Higher. #Ambition
- ★ Mr Taylor is awarding 'star status' to Angus C in Year 10 for stepping into four different athletics events and finishing first in two. #Ambition
- ★ Miss Cahill is awarding 'star status' to Erica, Brittany & Rhian in Year 10 for sharing their stunning Aim High booklets with the whole staff for a CPD meeting. Merci! #Kindness
- ★ Dr Jessop is really impressed with Erin A in Year 10 for always being diligent and thoughtful with her work, responding to feedback and improving it. #Pride
- ★ Miss Smith is awarding 'star status' to Izzy T in Year 10 excellent effort in Biology. #Ambition
- ★ Mrs Mason is really impressed with Jason O in Year 10 for always being polite and making good use of maths lessons. #Respect
- ★ Mrs Jones gives a big shout out to Jude W in Year 10 for continued development of his learning in Geography. Fantastic stuff! #Pride
- ★ Mrs Jones wants to nominate Poppy R in Year 10 for working well with other students and encouraging and supporting them. #Community
- ★ Miss Britton is giving star-status to Scarlett L in Year 10 always being very helpful and kind to teachers and fellow students. #Kindness

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Year 11

- ★ Miss Britton is nominating Eva F in Year 11 her fantastic attitude towards revision and lessons and life in general! #Respect
- ★ Mrs Britton is awarding 'star status' to Riley S in Year 11 for resilience and perseverance with his plans and application for post 16 #AimHigh
- ★ Mrs Jones is awarding 'star status' to Freya H in Year 11 for sharing her revision tips with the class. #Community
- ★ Mrs Cooper and Mrs Truscott gives a big shout out to Lily B in Year 11 for always being diligent and thoughtful with her work, responding to feedback and improving it. #Pride
- ★ Mrs Rogers is giving 'star status' to Lily K in Year 11 always being incredibly polite and thoughtful. #Kindness
- ★ Mrs Gardiner is giving a big shout out to Ruby C in Year 11 for exceptional OCR PE coursework. #Pride
- ★ Miss Cahill is awarding 'star status' to MFL students in Year 11 for taking their speaking exams so seriously and doing their best to speak in French or Spanish to impress the examiner! #Pride

Sixth Form

- ★ Mrs Elliott gives a big shout out to Connor M and Sofia L in Year 13 for their time in post as School Presidents. They have both been wonderful ambassadors for the school and Mrs E will genuinely miss their weekly meetings. Good luck for the future - you will both be awesome! #TeamNailsea
- ★ Miss Cahill gives a big shout out to Meg F and Marika N in Year 13 for exceptional effort in their speaking exam for French. #Pride
- ★ Ms Davies is giving star-status to Photography students in Year 13 for perseverance with coursework, and for being very nice humans! #Respect
- ★ Mrs Macleod gives a big shout out to the Health & Social Care group in Year 13 for an exceptional standard of HSC coursework this term. #Ambition
- ★ Mr Reddiford is giving 'star status' to the Year 13 Politics group who have been such a pleasure to teach. #AimHigh
- ★ Mr Reddiford congratulates all of Year 13 for being such a resilient year group in the most difficult of circumstances. #TeamNailsea

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