



10th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have enjoyed some time relaxing with friends and family over the half term break. The start of term 6 has certainly begun at pace with many more events planned for the next few weeks. As ever, this weekly letter will continue to ensure all families are kept up to date with events and key areas of focus.

Ambition



After a prolonged period of restrictions it was great to welcome an external visitor onto site this week in the form of Charlie from 'West End in Schools'. 5 classes in Year 8 had the opportunity to get involved in a 'Romeo and Juliet' drama workshop after recently studying the play in English lessons. We are grateful to the PTA who helped fund this activity for our students. Look out for a longer write up in the Term 6 newsletter.

I supervised the session with 8C and was delighted to be able to be fully involved teaming up with Ben L. I think it's fair to say his acting ability was significantly better quality than mine!

#AimHigh



Respect

We have come to the end of the first week of the new school day structure which now begins with tutor time. The decision was made to enable students to have a consistent first point of contact at the start of every school day, enhancing the pastoral provision and support on offer. This is also an opportunity to ensure that students and staff are all clear on basic expectations of each other. As may have been discussed at home, a big focus this week has been uniform, specifically that the branded school jumper/fleece is the only jumper permitted on school site. Students have responded positively to this simple and reasonable request and thank you for supporting this school policy at home. Over the next few weeks, staff will also be choosing other areas of focus which will be shared with the students so that by the end of this term our basic expectations have been reasserted.

#BePositive



Kindness

#BeKind

Mr Boyce, ABSolute Co-ordinator has arranged a parent event focusing on student wellbeing. We are also lucky to have representatives from Off the Record at the event. The presentation will run from 6pm - 7pm on Thursday 30^{th} June in the auditorium. Parents wishing to attend should register their interest on the online form below:

https://forms.office.com/r/ZJhhyCY45H

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Pride



In my last letter of last term I highlighted that Mr Taylor, PE teacher and Dragon Tutor, was part of the Somerset senior men's rugby team playing in the Division 2 County Championship at Twickenham. I am delighted to report that the team beat Staffordshire 36 points to 20. Congratulations to the team and Mr Taylor.



There have also been some great student sporting success reported in the local press. Nailsea United under-12s, with a team consisting of a number of Nailsea school students, ended a wonderful season as they were crowned Woodspring Junior League champions, remaining unbeaten for the whole of 2022. They clinched the league title with a 3-2 win against Burnbridge Wanderers and finished seven points clear at the top of the table, having beaten every single team in the top division. The article can be found here: Nailsea United crowned Woodspring Junior League champions | North Somerset Times

Finally, year 10 student, Leo, was recognised with a number of awards by Nailsea Junior FC following a fantastic season at their recent celebration evening. Leo received the players' player of the year prize, as well as clubman of the year and a special recognition award for his outstanding achievement of scoring well over 50 goals during the campaign. You can read the full article here:

Hotshot Lock nets hat-trick of awards for Nailsea Juniors | North Somerset Times

#BeProud



Community

After 2 years of the Community Skatepark Festival being unable to take place, the team are really excited to celebrate their 20th anniversary event. This will be held on Saturday 25th June from 12pm – 5pm. Historically this has always been a great event for the young people of Nailsea with things to do for the whole family. Further details can be found on the dedicated facebook page - Nailsea Skatepark Project

#TeamNailsea

Take care and be kind Yours faithfully

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