

15th July 2022

Dear Parents/carers

Unbelievably I am writing my penultimate letter of the school year! Students and staff have continued to impress this week, even with the very warm conditions we have faced.

At present the forecast is set to remain the same for the rest of the term and so, if they wish, students will be able to continue to wear PE uniform up to and including the last day of term. I would encourage all students to attend school with a hat, a refillable water bottle and suncream. If there are any changes to procedure families will be updated in the usual ways (School Comms, ClassCharts announcements and via social media).

We have heard a rumour is circulating in the community that Nailsea School is closed next week. This is just a rumour, we are not closing. We are making as many internal adjustments as possible to mitigate against the heat next week. If the situation changes we will notify families in the usual way.

As shared last week there are some changes to timings on the final day of term

8:40 – 9:40: Period 1

9:40– 10:40: Period 2

10:40 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:50 Period 3

11:50 – 12:20 Lunch

12:20 – 12:30 Return to tutor time to be dismissed

All transport providers have been made aware of the amended times for departure on Thursday.

The return for students next academic year is staggered:

Year 7 and 12 students only are expected in school on Monday 5th September. Further details of their induction days will follow.

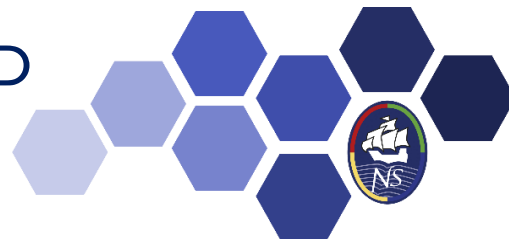
All students will be on site for the start of the academic year at 8:40am on Tuesday 6th September.

Ambition

I was really impressed with the application videos from the 18 year 10 students who put their names forward for the House captain elections this week. Students and staff voted on Tuesday and Thursday based on the manifestos each candidate put forward. This is a great opportunity for students to actively participate in the democratic process, something we discuss as part of our ABSolute programme. Irrespective of the outcome of the elections, all the students involved should be rightly proud of pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and taking the leap to apply.



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I'm also pleased to announce Year 12 student Hermione Hawkins has been appointed as the school's Head Prefect for 2022-23. Hermione introduced herself to students during their House Captain assemblies this week and is very much looking forward to becoming the voice of Nailsea School students and bringing positive change to the school community.

#AimHigh

Respect

Sports Day returned yesterday after a two year break and the sun continued to shine. The event is always one where participation is encouraged rather than just focusing on the success in individual events and this year we had more students taking part and more events than ever – every point gained really does make a difference to the overall House Championship. The PE Department worked hard to set up and deliver an impressively well organised event and students were fantastic taking part and cheering on their peers. Congratulations to the following students who broke School Records:



George W – Y10 Shot Put, Ruby D – Y10 High Jump,
Emily L – Year 8 300m, Louis C – Y8 Standing Triple Jump, Lucy P – Y8 Standing Triple Jump

#BePositive

Kindness

Many thanks to all parents and carers for their ongoing support when it is requested. We received over 50 staff shout outs from families, and I know that these kind words will really boost the morale of staff in the final few days of term. Many thanks also to the parents that came into school this week to discuss the Education Health Care Plan experience with members of North Somerset Council task group. Having such strong partnership between home and school really benefits all concerned. Many thanks to the people that took the time to be involved.



#BeKind

Pride

Next Tuesday sees the hotly anticipated announcement of the winners of the House Championship for 2021/22. This is the culmination of all the efforts of students across the school during the year and it has been great to have this return following two years of absence. As is tradition, the winning house (students and tutors) will spend the afternoon on the various inflatables that have been brought in for the day. Students will be notified of the winning house during tutor time on Tuesday.



#BeProud

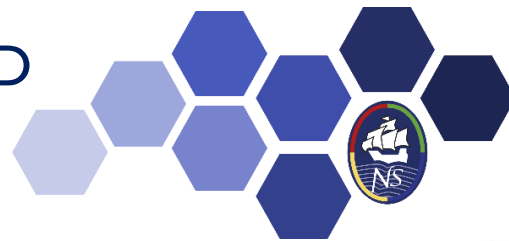
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Community

As at this point every academic year, there will be some staff leaving Nailsea next week to go on to different challenges. Full details of all leavers will be outlined in my final letter of the year, which will be emailed next week. Although not as regular an occurrence at the end of an academic year, some staff change roles within school and many of you will know that Mr Reddiford, although remaining a teacher of History and Politics, will no longer be Head of 6th form. This is a post that he has held for over 25 years and I know that he has worked with hundreds of students and families over the years. I am sure many of you will join me in thanking Mr Reddiford for his years of service in this key role within the school.



#TeamNailsea

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher

