

20th July 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are all managing against the challenges of the extreme weather experienced this week. I would like to acknowledge how great staff and students have been over the last few days, adapting to the changes we have made. As ever, all decisions have been made with the best interests of all in mind. With this being the final letter of this academic year, there are a number of pieces of information that you may find useful to keep for reference over the summer break.

Last day arrangements Thursday 21st July

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.

Start of term arrangements – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September

Year 7 and 12 students only are expected in school on Monday 5th September.

Year 7 students should arrive in the dining hall from 8:30am. Students will spend the day familiarising themselves with their teaching group and their tutors following the success of induction evening.

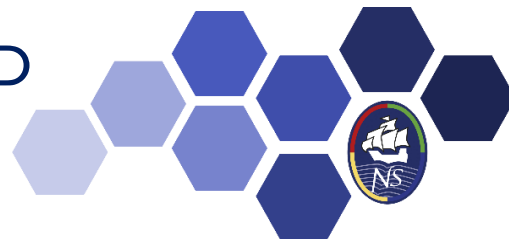
Year 12 students should meet at 10.30am in the Green Lecture Theatre for a welcome assembly. Students will then be spending the day in tutor groups receiving information in preparation for the remainder of the term.

All students will be on site for the start of the academic year at 8:40am on Tuesday 6th September. The day will start with tutor time so that timetables can be distributed. Lessons will start at 9:35 am and follow week one.

Uniform expectations

Given the weather over the last week or so amendments have been made to the uniform expectations within school. From the start of next academic year we will be reverting back to normal expectations. Full details can be found here: <https://www.nailseaschool.com/student-life/uniform/>

I would like to draw attention, specifically, to the expectations on ear piercings. In order for students to be able to take a full and active part in PE lessons in September, it is expected that new piercings are completed as close to the start of the school holiday as possible.



We make no apologies for our high expectations because excellent standards in school start with high standards of uniform. Please also remember that our school serves a diverse socio-economic community and clear guidelines about uniform helps all our families by acting as a leveller. We appreciate the support of all parents on this.

Return of the House Championship – Dragon are victorious!

Many congratulations to the students of Dragon House for claiming the 2021/22 House championship. I know that Mr Miles and the tutor team have been incredibly proud of the students' achievements and their consistency. We go again in September and we are back to a level playing field. Let's see what next year brings! Remember that everyone contributes to the overall outcome, every lesson, every day.

Farewells

At the end of this term we say farewell to a number of staff who are leaving us after a number of years combined and individual service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the school and to the families that make up #TeamNailsea. We wish them well for their next adventures.

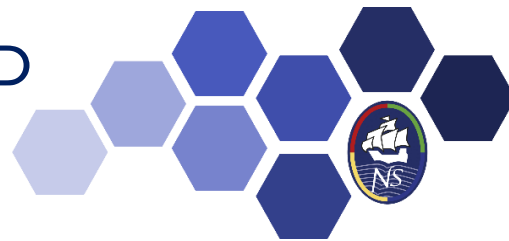
Sara Bannerman – 6th Form Mentor
Toby Bedford – Science and Psychology Teacher
Luke Billingsly - Cleaner
Simon Britnell – Network Manager
Deb Britton – Careers Advisor
Aimee Bywater - TA
Alice Chamberlain – ICT Technician
Kate Dyer – Humanities Teacher
Gemma Lane – Art Teacher
Izzie O'Connor – Pastoral and Wellbeing Manager
Liz Payne – Cover Coordinator
Chris Perry – Assistant Business Manager
Lynda Perkins – Head of Music
Susie Powell – Cover Supervisor
Rob Stokes – Technology teacher

Finally,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. I know that things are not always 100% right, 100% of the time but I really value the chance to maintain honest and open communication with you all. It would also be remiss of me not to thank and commend all our students for their hard work and positivity.

I hope we all have some great plans for the summer. Those regular readers of this letter, will know I am vaguely obsessed a huge fan of *Hamilton: An American Musical* and I am beyond excited about going to see this in London over the summer break. I can't believe I have waited so long after being

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mesmerised by the Lin-Manuel Miranda production during lockdown on Disney+. I am, however, worried about the person sat next to me given my extensive knowledge of the lyrics and inability not to 'sing' them when listening to the songs.

I know that our students will continue to *'Blow us all Away'* with their enthusiasm and achievement when they return in September. We don't know the answer to the question *'What Comes Next?'* but be assured that the Nailsea staff including Mr Jones, beginning his first full year as Deputy Headteacher as my *'Right Hand Man'*, will continue to work *'Non-Stop'* for the students and the families in the community we serve.(*)

Take care and be kind



Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher

(*For obvious reasons, it was always going to be tricky to get *'Guns and Ships'* into this paragraph, but it is my favourite!)

