



Message from the Head

And so we reach the end of another year at Nailsea School.

There is an inevitability in the rhythm of a school year that as the end of Term approaches, the business of reflection begins. In the immediate sense of this, it is hard to comprehend how much we have packed into the last few days, with many highlights within the pages of this newsletter!

We enjoyed an incredibly competitive House Sports Days - where Unicorn were our winners. We ran our first summer concert since 2019 - the range and quality of student creativity was exceptional. Nearly 100 prospective Year 12 students joined us for a 6th Form taster day and over 210 Year 6 students joined us for their Induction Day. Y6 students enjoyed a day of team building challenges, and classroom taster lessons. Their willingness to participate in a range of activities was a pleasure to see. We were very impressed in how quickly positive learning teams and friendships were made. We enjoyed the return of Sports Personality of the Year and our House Celebration day—where Dragon were crowned the overall House Champions of the year - many congrats to them!

I would like to thank all of the wonderful staff at Nailsea for all they have done this academic year to make sure that our students are supported within and outside the classroom. We are all very lucky to have such a passionate, committed and talented group of staff to guide, support and challenge our students to achieve their very best.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Nailsea students for an amazing year - yet again they have shown their good humour, resilience and strength - they are a privilege to work with. I wish you all the best for a relaxing summer break.

Take care and be kind

Mrs Elliott

Headteacher



England's Netball Coach Return Visit

Past pupil and England Netball coach Jess Thirlby visited Nailsea school to record the first in a series of podcasts. The former England International visited her old stomping ground to recall her times at Nailsea School

Jess talked fondly of her times at Nailsea and recalled PE lessons, though there was a bit of an insightful confession regarding cross-country!

It was great to invite Jess back - and lovely to hear how her time at Nailsea school helped build her career.

You can listen to 'Courtside— The England Netball Podcast' on Spotify [here](#)



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A Word from the Wessex Learning Trust

It's hard to believe that we have once again reached the end of another academic year! It has been a pleasure as always to have a great year working with all our staff and families, and although it is perhaps said too often, I truly do believe that time flies when you're having fun - which this year most certainly has been.

The close of this year marks several key milestones, both for Nailsea School, and the education sector more widely.

For Nailsea this year has been your first full year as part of the Wessex Learning Trust family, and I am immensely pleased to have had you as part of our team for that full academic cycle. I have loved working with you right through from September up to and seeing the journey that your learners have gone through and the incredible progress you have made.

For schools more generally, this year has also marked the first full year of being (almost) back to normal, following the disruption of COVID-19, with so many of the important parts of school life returning. I look forward to seeing even bigger and better things as we move forwards into another year of relative normality.

Looking back more specifically on this term however, the summer months have thrown up so many highlights and wonderful events including sports days, trips, and performances to name but a few. One highlight for me has been the joint Trust concert that learners from Nailsea and Kings of Wessex took part in last month. It was a privilege to be sat in the audience of that performance and marvel at the incredible musical talent that thrives in our schools and witness the collaboration between two of our brilliant music departments. I truly believe that opportunities like this are one of the many great aspects of being part of the Wessex Family, and I very much hope to see more wonderful events like this to come.

And so, as we come to the end of the year I must extend a huge thank you to all the staff, parents, and learners who have worked incredibly hard this year and contributed to the countless incredible activities and opportunities that have gone on. I hope that you can all now enjoy a well-deserved summer break and a chance to re-charge. To those who are leaving us this year I say thank you for all your hard work, and good luck with whatever you have planned for the future; and for those of you staying with us, I look forward to welcoming you back in September to continue the great things that have begun this year.

Stay safe - and I will see you again in the new year!



A Message from the Governors

As we come to the end of another busy school year, the Governors want to record how proud we are of how our school community – staff, students and parents – who have risen to the many challenges of this year. We are extremely impressed with the resilience our students have shown, especially our Year 11 and 13 students who have completed their exams after the huge disruption of the pandemic. Congratulations to all; we will be watching your future plans and progress keenly.

It has been a very great pleasure to see key events returning including the year 11 Prom, the year 13 events and Sports Personality of the Year. It is wonderful to celebrate the success of our young people, and after missing these events over the last few years, the importance of them is even clearer.

We have been continuing to meet for our Governor meetings and have been continuing our governor work, including governor visits to ensure we are meeting our objectives of school improvement and training and development for all members of the Governing body. Thank you to all our families for supporting our school, and especially our wonderful PTA who do so much to help. We hope all our students will enjoy an opportunity to rest and recharge over the holiday period, ready for a new term in September.

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Summer Draw 2022

By the time you read this, our lucky winners will have received their prizes. We'd like to thank everyone who took part, but in particular, we would like to thank the following for donating their fabulous prizes:

Graham Sneddon from St James' Place Financial Services, UK Active outdoor, Taunton cider, Tesco, Yoga with Heidi, Immotion VR, Airhop, The Works, Green Elephant, Brabantia, Buyagift.com, Avon Valley, Hollywood Bowl, Thatchers Cider, Butcombe Beer, Mark Crocker photography, Boden, Glen Schmidt sports massage, Eyres Jewellery, Vue Cinema, Deborah Welch Fitness, Friendship Reflexology, @TheGym, Pretty Nails, Ivy Kitchen, Wookey Hole, Noah's Ark, Broad St Hair, Karen's Tropic Lounge, Neava Metcalfe cakes

Summer Holiday's with Easyfundraising

Have you yet to book your summer holiday or thinking about ways to occupy the kids over the summer? Please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. People who have shopped through Easyfundraising have provided the grand total of £1340.47 towards enrichment items for our school! It allows you to access over 4,000 sites who 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! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nailseaschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-w1



Calling All Year 11's, we need your 2nd Hand Uniform

Please don't just throw away your uniform when you leave school, if you donate it to the PTA, we can rehome it for you and raise some much needed funds for future generations of Nailsea School Pupils. To donate, just text or phone Karen Bidgood on 07989 924388. To buy, please email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com

Nailsea School PTA weekly lottery – Be in it, to win it!

The Lottery has raised the PTA a whopping **£2491.50** since we started it! Huge thanks to those who donate every week, all of the money goes towards enriching Nailsea School Pupils' educational experience.

Come and Join us

Why not come and find out more about who we are and what we do? Our next meeting will be held on **Wed 14th Sep 2022 at 7.00pm** in the School Conference Room – please email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com to let us know you are coming.



Charity Walks

If you haven't already signed up to do the **Nailsea Rotary Charity Walks, Runs or Rides**, its not too late. You have until the end of July to take part, and don't forget, students will receive 25 house points from their Head of House if they complete one of the categories. There is a registration fee of **£10 per adult** and **juniors** (aged 17 or under) **£5**.

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



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Sports Personality of the Year

After a hiatus of two years Sports Personality of the year was welcomed back by students across all year groups—and boy did they celebrate!

The evening traditionally held at Cadbury House Hotel gives students across the year groups to celebrate their sporting achievements held in extra-curricular clubs across the year.

Students wore their finest, and awards such as Manager's Player, Player's Player and Most Improved were handed out to all manner of sports. Bristol Bears Daisie Maise gave an inspiring speech and talked about the highs and lows of sporting achievement and her career route before announcing the overall winners.

After a closely contested vote, the winners were Reuben M and Izzy D. The year 11 students have challenged themselves and worked hard achieving this fantastic sporting recognition, which was voted on by their peers.

It has since been announced that Reuben has signed a three year contract with Hibernian Football Club—from Bristol City Football Club. We are sure both Izzy and Reuben will achieve great things.

Students from years 7 to 11 enjoyed the presentations followed by a quiz and then a buffet meal, after the speech from Daisie Maise and the presentation of the Sports Personality of the Year - students were invited to let loose on the dance floor. The students enjoyed the dancing, the dancefloor has never been so full in previous years—and it was fantastic to see all ages getting involved. It was a clear indication that after two years with minimum events—our students were ready to celebrate!

Congratulations to everyone who took part, to every student that was awarded a certificate and to our overall winners whose names are now engraved on the #SPOTY shield. Huge thanks to those that helped with the organisation of the event and who have volunteered their time to this and to the many after school clubs that the evening celebrated.



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Wessex Learning Trust Joint Concert

Sarah Righton (Head Of Music at Kings Of Wessex School) invited us to the Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar for a joint music concert. Our schools complemented each other very well and the result was a lovely concert with a variety of music.

Our String Group played beautifully 'Vivace Concerto for 4' by Telemann. We particularly enjoyed listening to the resounding Brass Group and Big Band from Cheddar. The Choir and Orchestra performed a joint performance of Simple Things and also an exquisite rendition of 'Adiemus' By Karl Jenkins. We were very proud of our students, especially the soloists: Evie H, Eduard G, Megan K, Esther L, Laurant N , Taylor H, Jasmine W . 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman was a heartfelt performance. The beautiful arrangement of "You are My Sunshine" by Jimmie Davis was a breath of fresh air! The concert ended with the fun song 'We are Young' by Jack Antonoff. I think we can certainly say that the concert was a success!



Mrs Perkins, Mrs Humphries and the musicians arrive.



Kings of Wessex & Nailsea rehearse together

Thank you to Mrs Katherine Humphries who played clarinet and conducted, and Ms Lizzy Summerell who sang and also came to support us. Well done everybody!

Lynda Perkins

Curriculum Leader Of Music

Nailsea School—Summer Concert

Wow what a concert! The Summer Concert was fabulous and it was really moving seeing so many students taking part from Year 7 to 13, with such a diversity of genres: classical, jazz, pop, musicals, gospel and film music

There was a great mix of musical ensembles: Orchestra, Choir, Vocalise Flute, Strings & Brass groups, Hub Club and Jazz band. So many beautiful soloists and duets: Lily K Elsie C, Isabel M, Molly P, Alys W, Kara C, Evie H, Esther L, Megan K, Jasmine W, Edwina W, Sophie C, Abby C, Erin D, Rosina D, George P, Lauren N, Toby K, Tailor H, Amelia J, Eduard G, Charlotte H.

Well done to everyone who took part. Particular thanks to the year 11 and 13s who came in especially after their exam season. We also proudly wish Sophie C well as she starts her course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in September!

I'm now moving into retirement, but I know the music department will go from strength to strength with Mrs Katherine Humphries at the helm!

Thank you again to all the wonderful Music students at Nailsea school and to all the staff, parents and friends who supported the Summer Concert.

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Duke of Edinburgh Awards—Bronze

Year 9s took part in their bronze Duke of Edinburgh in the sizzling heat on the Quantocks in West Somerset. Teams assembled at Crowcombe carpark on a bright Friday morning – ready with their rucksacks packed with tents, food, water and plenty of sunscreen!

The challenge to do a minimum of 6 hours planned activity a day with an overnight stay, meant the teams set off on the first day with the ambition of walking their expedition and setting up camp for the night. All went well, some sore feet and tired shoulders meant for a reasonable night's sleep under canvas in readiness for day two's trek. The second day saw a more challenging walk with the Quantock Hills giving some spectacular scenery and some 'mountainous' climbs at times!

Taking some rest breaks along the route and sharing the load, helped build team work and new friendships. With water refuelling stops at each check point the teams made their way to the collection point after a 7 and half hour trek. The teams arrived back a little warm and tired but generally full of enthusiasm for what they had achieved in the summer sun.

Many students will have completed their volunteering hours, learned a new skill such as cooking, music or language, shown a commitment to improving their physical health and skills.

Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part – fantastic stuff!



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History Virtual Reality Event



A number of Year 9 classes and a select group of Year 10 students took part in an amazing virtual reality event in school. Students were guided through the WW1 trenches by Sargent Parsons who visited the school for the day. This event was supported by the PTA who gave a generous contribution to the cost of the visit. A massive thank you for this as it was a hugely popular event which students (and staff) benefitted from.

A Year 9 student has written a summary of the event:

Sargent Parsons welcomed us to the event in full WW1 uniform with a large display board of what a trench would have looked like from the inside at the back of the classroom with props placed around the front.

First of all, he gave us a quick run-down of essential WW1 dates and key events such as the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and when certain equipment and methods of battle were introduced.

After he had an idea of our WW1 knowledge, he talked us through all of the uniform and gear a WW1 soldier would have had in the trenches and on the

battlefield. He showed us ammunition and how this was spread out on the body so that the weight was evenly distributed and even how to load and fire a real WW1 rifle which was really interesting.

After we had gone through all the equipment and props, we were asked to put on the virtual reality headsets so we could get an in-depth insight into life in the trenches. In the pre-recorded video on the VR headset Sargent Parsons and other

fully dressed soldiers were seen walking around the trenches and doing their daily routines whilst talking us through what they were doing. It really felt like you were right in there!

There were three separate videos we watched which all talked and showed us about different situations and after each video we would take off our headsets and Sargent Parsons would answer any questions we had.

In the final video in the headset, we were placed in the middle of a battlefield while soldiers were shooting backwards and forwards which was a really good experience.

Finally, there was a question-and-answer session at the end that gave us the opportunity to ask further questions we had from the event.

Miss Creswick.

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Sand Bay Field Trip 2022

Year 10 students completed their first compulsory fieldwork day to Sand Bay on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd June. The sun was shining, and students were superb at collecting primary data on coastal management and processes along the coastline.

Students were able to consolidate their knowledge of distinctive landscapes as well as collect fieldwork and participate in the enquiry process which will be assessed in their GCSE Geography exams.

Well done to all students involved and a massive thank you to staff who helped on this day. Students certainly enjoyed their ice cream at the end of the day!



Spy Discovery

Careers Adviser Mrs Britton has been featured across the national press in recent months. Mrs Britton had been handed down through her family, a diary that was written during the second World War. It has since been discovered that a diary kept by her grandmother reveals the identity of a World War II British spy codenamed Agent Mullet.

Until the diary was found the name of Agent Mullet was a mystery! The diary has generated a huge amount of interest and been a popular discussion point for researchers—how exciting!



MFL - Lunchtime Lecture

On Friday 1st July, we were entertained by Mrs Dunn and a lunchtime packed with lots of information about Spanish sport. We learned that her favourite football team is Barcelona and even listened to the chant that the fans sing on the terraces.



We relived the moment Spain won the FIFA World Cup and watched some hair raising driving by Formula One driver Fernando Alonso. Sports as diverse as cycling and bull fighting were included. Student Rowan said “there was lots of interesting information” and Sarah said “it makes me want to go back to Spain for my holidays” of the lunchtime session.

Mrs Dunn

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Y12 Film and Media Students Work with Local Business on their Social Media Campaign

Y12 have been working with local Nailsea business, Nailsea Physio, on their social media campaign. Students from Media and Film Studies visited the business on Friday 20th May, where they met the owner, Emma and her employees. Emma had asked the group to make a tour style video that they can share on social media for prospective clients. The group interviewed various members of staff and practised their filming skills, before going for a coffee to brainstorm ideas for the project – just like they would do in a real life situation! Alex said 'It has been such great work experience for us to work with a already-existing business.' Sonny added 'Being able to practise my editing skills for a client, just as I hope to do after A Levels, is invaluable.' Nailsea Physio said 'It was great to see your students so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the project.'



Students have been working on editing the video this term, alongside completing their own production pieces for coursework. They aim to complete the project by the end of term.



Y12 Students design a School Creative Writing Magazine

Mrs Cooper has launched a new school Creative Writing magazine, which will be published for students. Students from a range of years have submitted their creative pieces, from Film reviews to Poetry to Short Stories. Y12 Media students have worked alongside Mrs Cooper and Miss Britton to produce the final version. After a successful bid, the PTA have kindly offered to finance the publishing of the magazine.

Y10 Turn Film Directors and Media Producers!

Y10 have been working hard on their Film and Media GCSE coursework. Budding film directors, Y10 Film students have planned and filmed their own sequence for a genre-based film. These include teenage films where bullying is addressed, crime thrillers where our own Mr Britnell turned into a Mafia boss and a sequence where students try to escape from zombified teachers! Alfie said 'These have been some of the best lessons ever!'. Scarlett agreed, 'Being able to put into practise all the skills that we have learnt about has been great.'



In Media, students have been able to plan their own production, including creating a music video and print advertising for a newspaper's subscription service. Students have looked at real-world products and conducted their own research, before submitting their plans. These projects enable students to develop their own independent skills, essential for the GCSE courses.

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Lunchtime Lectures

This year saw the start of the Lunchtime Lectures as part of our extra-curricular offer. In these sessions, experts deliver a 20-30 minute lectures on an area of their expertise or an area of interest to them. At the time of writing, 30 lectures have taken place and we have welcomed just over 2000 attendees to the lecture hall, something I am immensely proud of.

When I came up with the idea pre-pandemic I never imagined that these would become so popular. Staff still tell me that they thought it wouldn't work, especially as students were being asked to give up their Friday lunchtime which also happens to be chip day! I have to admit that I was also doubtful and can still remember the fear on the morning of the first lecture - would anyone turn up? Had the member of staff wasted their time preparing a lecture? We were in agreement that we'd been happy with 5 attendees but thankfully over 30 attended and numbers steadily rose each week with a peak of around 130 in the lecture delivered by visitors from Bristol Bears.

Due to the restrictions in place this year, most of the lectures have been delivered by our staff who have given up their lunchtimes to share their knowledge and passion with students. It is also worth mentioning the amazing 6th Form MFL students who have delivered a number of sessions with great confidence. As restrictions eased, we were able to welcome Professor Alice Roberts, Bristol Bears and the Dementia Bus to speak to students and I hope that we can build in further external visitors into the programme next year.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the students who have made this a success. Whether they have attended 1 lecture or all of them, without them these lectures couldn't run. They have embodied 'Aspire, Believe, Succeed'. Speaking to students as they arrive and sign in to the sessions is a highlight of my week and seeing them queue up to thank the guest speakers at the end of the lectures has truly warmed my heart.

In September I will be passing the Lunchtime Lectures on to Mr Reddiford and I am looking forward to being able to be a weekly attendee to the sessions.

Miss Creswick



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A Message from your Head Prefect - Nailsea Sixth Form

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Hermione and I am currently a Year 12 Sixth Form student studying A-levels in Art, Media Studies and Health and Social Care. In the future I want to train as a midwife.

I'm passionate about dance and the arts and have had the privilege of dancing at the Royal Albert Hall on several occasions and working professionally in theatre. I also teach dance to ages 6-11 at a local dance school.

I am a confident person and enjoy talking to people of all age groups to listen to their experiences. I want to motivate, inspire and build a community within our school. I believe I can bring the school together to work towards a common goal in order to make our community inclusive for everyone.

Raising the profile of the Sixth Form within the wider school community is a key priority, and therefore I will be a presence around the school site to interact with younger students, ensuring that they feel valued and that their voices are heard.

I am very much looking forward to becoming Head Prefect and representing our diverse range of students at Nailsea School.



New Mental Health First Aiders to Support Staff Wellbeing

Earlier in the term, 11 staff from across the Wessex Learning Trust came together at Wedmore First School to take part in training to become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFA) including Nailsea School Learning Mentor Ms Duckworth.



Ms Duckworth –left

The training, led by Jon Wood from Headmatters, brings the total number of Mental Health First Aiders across the Wessex Learning Trust to a network of twenty-eight, and ensures that every member of staff across our schools has access to key mental health support and 'first-aid' when they need it - in the same way they do with physical injuries.

Ms Duckworth will meet this network across the year to ensure that they themselves are supported, and can support each other, as well as providing support in their own settings. This session comes as part of the Wessex Learning Trust's ongoing commitment to supporting staff wellbeing, and joins a number of other services offered by the Trust including: a 24/7 confidential staff counselling and support line; and a dedicated wellbeing resource page on the Staff Intranet.

Chief Executive of the Trust, Gavin Ball, commented on the training: "I am incredibly proud to see so many of our staff coming forward to take part in Mental Health First Aider training. Education is such a rewarding industry to work in, but as with any job there are times when everyone needs some support."

Many thanks must go out to Jon from Headmatters, as well as all our amazing staff who have taken part in this incredibly valuable training. We hope that this project goes a long way to supporting staff wellbeing and providing valuable support to staff when they need it most.

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'Here at last' Pop Group

Our Y7, Y9 and Y12 students had a visit from the boy band 'Here at last'. Here At Last are a band from all over the UK. Formed in 2020, they sold out their first headline UK tour & will be headlining another tour later this year. They are also the biggest UK boyband on TikTok with over 2.5 million followers, many of our students had viewed their TikTok's! Having all had their own issues with cyber bullying and mental health, the boys were able to deliver such a positive message to our pupils. They talked about their experiences of mental health, online safety, careers and cyber bullying. Our students LOVED this opportunity!



St Giles Trust Knife Crime

We had the privilege of welcoming Moses, Toby and Troy from St Giles Trust who delivered a knife crime/weapon awareness workshop with our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students.

This was such an important and powerful message from those with first-hand experience of the dangers of knife crime and gang culture.



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Parent/Carer Student Wellbeing with OTR

On Thursday 30th June we hosted our first ABSolute Curriculum Parent/Carer event with mental health charity Off The Record (OTR) with a focus on 'Student Wellbeing'.

Thank you to those who attended and gave such positive feedback on the event. We are glad that it was useful! As such, we are already planning our next event in the new academic year (more details to follow).

The night began with an introduction to what the ABSolute Curriculum is, what it's aims are and how the programme prepares students for living in the wider world. We then shared some top tips for student wellbeing which included:

- Ensuring that students are connected to others (physically as well as in the online world)
- Clubs, hobbies, gardening
- Trying to limit time spent online by creating routines
- Teaching students to be 'critical consumers' of what they view online
- Growth mindset and resilience over a fixed mindset
- Celebrating achievements
- Not feeling forced as parents/carers to answer difficult questions straight away
- Seek support

Helen from OTR then shared some of the services that they offer students in North Somerset. OTR is a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-18 in North Somerset. Please visit their website: [Home - OTR - North Somerset \(otrnorthsomerset.org.uk\)](https://www.otrnorthsomerset.org.uk) and sign up to their Newsletter for updates. For some of the services that OTR offer (e.g. Mind Aid, Shameless, The Resilience Lab or Moving on Up), please visit their website > Menu > What we do. Some of the top tips they shared for wellbeing as parents/carers were:

- Practice gratitude and positive thinking
- Model good mental wellbeing - and talking about it really helps.
- Make time for yourself
- Reach out for support

Further support for Parents/Carers:

- Nailsea School: #TeamNailsea are here to support one another. Please get in touch with us if we can help! Safeguarding Team, Heads of House, Tutors, Any Teacher.
- Off the Record (OTR)
- Kooth
- Young Minds
- Mental health for children, teenagers and young adults – NHS
- Rethink.org
- North Somerset Parents Carers Working Together (NSPCWT)
- Every Mind Matters - NHS



Student Voice

'I think that the extended tutor times are very useful for later on in life. It is also very inclusive as there are many opportunities to participate. We have covered puberty, diversity and this term desert island living. I find that these sessions are fun'. **Student 1, Year 7**

'I have learnt lots during extended tutor time. The subjects have helped me deal with some of my situations. I have learnt how to stay safe online and know what to do in a situation that is difficult'. **Student 2, Year 7**

Keep up to date with the ABSolute Curriculum at Nailsea School via the school website [ABSolute Curriculum – Nailsea School](https://www.nailseaschool.com) or our Twitter page @AbNailsea

Mr. Boyce
ABSolute Curriculum Coordinator

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STEM Club

Spaghetti Bridges

An enthusiastic group of pupils met to build the classic spaghetti bridges! The aim was to make an elegant bridge design, with minimal use of construction materials, which would support the weight of a packet of M&Ms. Various different designs were tried, with triangles being favoured as a strong and stable construction shape. Some designs favoured single pieces of spaghetti, others multiple pieces. Zach P's design successfully supported the weight with very minimal use of spaghetti - well done!



Salvete! Ms Cowling sum et doceo Classics Club!

(Hello! I'm Ms Cowling and I teach Classics Club!)

For the last two terms, our group of Year 7 to 10s have been following Minimus, a fat little mouse from Vindolanda, as he shares his journey with his family. We have been exploring Roman food, even having a celebratory meal for when Marcellus, the Governor of Britain, came to Vindolanda trying olives, cheese, grapes and 'wine'. We have looked at the different 'armus' the Roman military had and the different rooms that could found in the Roman baths. We've even looked at artefacts found at the real Vindolanda by the real family that we are following and all the while learning how to say all of this in LATIN!

To celebrate our last session of the year we had a Classics Party with Roman games, food and music! Such fun!

Here is a last sentence from the group – we'll let you try to work it out...

Classics club optimus est quod bonus est!

Photography Club

Photography Club kicked off the term with a new competition based around shadows. With the lovely bright sunshine comes very dark and defined shadows which creates opportunity for creativity. With any of the competitions at Photography club there are no limits with the brief and this term's entries were unique and imaginative.



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Bringing the West End to Nailsea School

We were lucky enough to welcome Charlie from 'West End in School' to Nailsea to deliver a 'Romeo and Juliet' workshop to five of our Year 8 classes (as well as Ms Hitchings, Ms Jacobs and Mrs Elliott who took their roles very seriously).

The hour-long sessions brought Shakespeare to life and our Auditorium was temporarily transformed into The Globe Theatre with students becoming their very own company of actors. In the sessions students worked closely with Charlie, a professional actor, using theatrical techniques to explore key scenes from Shakespeare's famous tale of star-crossed lovers.

It was wonderful to see students recalling learning from their study of the play in English and then putting this into practice in a Drama setting. Students from all groups spoke like literary critics expressing strong opinions on a range of statements relating to the play and its history.

A huge thank you has to go to the amazing PTA for the generous funding which supported this event.

Planetarium Visit Year 7

Year 7 went to infinity and beyond during a visit from a mobile planetarium in Term 6.

Having recently completed their study of the Solar System in Science, selected classes were taken into the Auriga Space Dome (a 5-metre inflatable dome) to learn about the stars and how the universe was formed. In the immersive experience, students explored how did the universe begin? How do stars work? How the Earth formed? What is an atom? Students spent around 30 minutes in the dome, watching the show which was made up from a range of visuals from outer space and they were then able to ask the presenter, Dave, any questions about space. Needless to say there were plenty of questions!

The show is hugely successful with the company being chosen by the BBC to provide the planetarium services for the 40th Anniversary of the Sky at Night and as the ONLY Mobile Planetarium EVER to be allowed inside the National Gallery in London. We are so lucky to have been able to invite Dave and the planetarium into school.

Special thanks to the PTA for supporting us with the cost of this event.

Miss Creswick

Planetarium Visit - Review by Year 7 student Tobias K

The planetarium was great. The person who performed it was amazing. The interesting thing about it was that it was a video playing on all angles, not pictures of planets floating around. The video was very informative, more so than I expected and I preferred this. I'm sure most people agree. My only criticism would be that there was no audience participation, which I had enjoyed from the past shows I have watched. Maybe it might not have needed it however. In other people's eyes it might be better without (there was a short Q&A at the end). I think it's better than someone standing in front of you and talking. I felt the video did a better job than that. It turned out to be a very well animated and educational production with a cool mini-storyline and premise. Overall, I thought it was very well put together and presented. I would happily see it again (though it does make you quite dizzy at points). And, yes, this is just my opinion but who knows. Go and see it for yourself and find out!

This was just my take on it. What's yours?



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An Update from Phoenix House

Recently, Phoenix House has said goodbye to our year 11 students including our awesome heads of house- Molly, Jacob, Takeshi and Charlotte after their GCSEs. We will miss you!

The rest of the team has been working hard to get our House Points up before the end of year treat where the house with the highest number of house points will get to spend an afternoon playing on bouncy castles and other inflatables.

We had a successful Sports Day where many Phoenix students entered different track and field races, well done Phoenix! On the topic of sport, many phoenix students attended Sports Personality evening where students get to have their say by voting for the year 11 sports person. Finally, Phoenix house raised a significant sum from our cake sale and charity events last term which has been donated to RSPB, Cancer Research and Young minds.

By Lowena



Race For Life —Year 10 Student

Well done to Year 10 student Lucy M, who completed Race for Life earlier in the term.

Race for Life is a sponsored event that raises money for Cancer Research. Participants can run for either 3.5 or 10k. The event was held on a very hot day so would have been a really challenge – congratulations to Lucy for raising a fantastic £750 for the cause.

Transition Event

A massive thank you and congratulations to the following students who did a superb job not just helping but leading the Year 6 PE transition event on the 14th June. You were fantastic

role models for the students who attend the event. You should be very proud of your achievements!

Lucy P, Freya W, Leyla M, Sophie D, Amelie G, Frankie T, Bethany M, Ellen C, Freya H, Elsa G, Emily L, Sophie L, Esme S, Maisie M, Isabella C and Isabelle G.



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Design Technology - Round Up



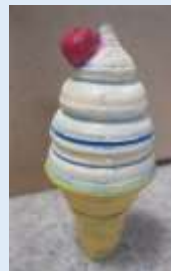
Y8 Architectural Bridge Building Challenge

Students in Y8 have been drawing and modelling buildings and learning about famous architects. These are some of the fantastic cardboard model bridges the students have produced over a couple of lessons.



Y8 USB

Some creative examples of the latest batch of Y8 USB memory sticks. Students have worked extremely hard to learn how to use 3D CAD software Fusion 360 to model & 3D print these memory sticks.



Y10 Engineering

Y10 Engineering class have completed their metallic adjustable desk lamps. Students have used the centre lathe, drills, hacksaws, 3D printers, vacuum formers & soldered a circuit to complete this project. A real test of accuracy & precision to ensure all parts fitted correctly.



Y11 Engineering

What a busy year we've had designing, prototyping & manufacturing traffic control solutions. Here are some of the final examples produced which incorporate a fully function



mechanisms controlled by a electronic integrated circuit. Congratulations to all students who have now completed their GCSE, you've worked so hard all year and attended many catch up sessions to complete projects.

Y12 Design Movement Coffee Tables

Y12 were set the challenge to design in the style of different design movements. Arts & crafts, Art Deco & Modernism were selected and the students have worked so hard in lesson & independent study sessions to complete their projects for the deadline. The accuracy & effort which went into these projects was superb.



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Criminology

Term 6 has given our Year 12 Criminology students opportunities to learn from real-life experiences of dealing with Crime, the criminal justice system, victims, witnesses and perpetrators which will give them a real advantage in Year 13.

The Police:

We were joined by our local PCSO Kate Turner and PC Paul Lewis from Nailsea Neighbourhood Team who shared their expertise of the role of the police in a criminal investigation from the moment a crime has been committed to the court room. The investigative techniques that are used in criminal investigations such as surveillance and forensics and how these can provide conclusive evidence as to the perpetrator of the crime, how the police work with others involved in criminal investigations such as the CPS and CSIs and how the CSIs collect evidence from a crime scene in a which preserves evidence. Thank you to Paul and Kate for sharing their expertise with our students, this will be invaluable to them.



Crown Prosecutor:

We were joined by former Crown Prosecutor, Sarah Hallett who gave a WONDERFUL talk on the role of the CPS and prosecutors in Criminal Investigations, how they apply their tests to real-life cases and decide whether to prosecute suspects as well as sharing the process at trial and rules of evidence in court. Thank you, Sarah, for coming in and being such an engaging, enthusiastic and expert guest! The knowledge shared in this talk will really help our students when studying for their Y13 controlled assessment 'From Crime Scene to Courtroom'.

Mr Boyce



House Competition

Above the winning entries to the British Values—tutor group noticeboard.

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Year 7

- ★ Mrs Jones is giving English / Drama 'star status' to Jasmine W for always being helpful and kind towards her peers.
- ★ Miss Wild is giving Health 'star status' to Freya W for always being respectful to others and setting an excellent example in and outside of lessons. Your contribution to sports this year has been out of this world.
- ★ Mr Boyce is giving Humanities 'star status' to Ethan W for being an outstanding student of Religious Studies who always tries his best. #AimHigh
- ★ Ms Thompson is giving Humanities 'star status' to Sophie B for an outstanding eco tourism resort that she created.
- ★ Mrs Rogers is giving Maths 'star status' to David G for outstanding commitment to his learning when revising for his end of year maths test. #AimHigh
- ★ Mrs E Sutherland is giving Maths 'star status' to Freya W for always aiming higher and reaching for better understanding. #AimHigh
- ★ Mrs Dunn is giving MFL 'star status' to Toto P for kindness and understanding shown towards a new student.
- ★ Miss Smith is giving Science 'star status' to Amelie G for excellent effort and pride in their Science work.

Year 8

- ★ Miss Evans is giving Business / IT 'star status' to Emily H for always being positive and respectful and thanking me at the end of the lesson.
- ★ Ms Cowling is giving English / Drama 'star status' to Izzy M for putting some pride in their work and always trying their absolute best!
- ★ Mrs Wells is giving Health 'star status' to Amelie M for extra effort and commitment shown in PE lessons.
- ★ Mrs E Sutherland is giving Maths 'star status' to Aaron S for always having a big smile and a hello, demonstrating the Nailsea community values #TeamNailsea
- ★ Mrs O'Reilly is giving MFL 'star status' to Emily H for always being respectful to others and setting an excellent example in class.
- ★ Miss Smith is giving Science 'star status' to Lucy P for their excellent work and achievement on electromagnets and light.

Year 9

- ★ Miss Britton is giving English / Drama 'star status' to Lily M for always being enthusiastic about their learning.
- ★ Ms Jacobs is giving English / Drama 'star status' to 9C for the amazing work they did on the last English assessment. Fantastic!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner is giving Health 'star status' to Lily G for her effort and determination in an athletics fixture.
- ★ Ms Anderson is giving Maths 'star status' to Tom O for helping others and always being polite and kind.
- ★ Mrs O'Reilly is giving MFL 'star status' to Alexa TG for patience and understanding shown towards a new student.
- ★ Mr Paillier is giving MFL 'star status' to Nathan W for excellent contributions and effort in both French and Spanish lessons.
- ★ Dr Pierpoint is giving Science 'star status' to Eliza L for their hard work and supporting other students.

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Year 10

- ★ Miss Evans is giving Business / IT 'star status' to Aleks A for helping and supporting others in the class so effectively.
- ★ Miss Evans is giving Business / IT 'star status' to Sophie T-K for always ensuring her work is of the highest standard and putting in maximum effort.
- ★ Miss Britton is giving English / Drama 'star status' to Lily L for doing a fantastic job helping to teach Y6 and Y9 during WEX.
- ★ Miss Britton is giving Expressive Arts 'star status' to 10 Film for helping everyone's films by acting in them.
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin is giving Expressive Arts 'star status' to Molly M for the excellent independent work in her Fine Art sketchbook.
- ★ Mr Truan is giving Health 'star status' to Annabelle L for excellent dedication and focus with her HSC assignment.
- ★ Ms Thompson is giving Humanities 'star status' to Bee G for not giving up on the Geography fieldtrip even though their feet were in agony!
- ★ Mrs Rogers is giving Maths 'star status' to Izzy B-S for writing great notes when completing Hegarty tasks. #BeProud
- ★ Miss Cahill is giving MFL 'star status' to Y10 French group for the attitude to learning during their recent exam papers - very impressive!
- ★ Miss Smith is giving Science 'star status' to Freddie W for doing a fantastic job helping year 6 in the lab.
- ★ Dr Pierpoint is giving Science 'star status' to Anaska L for always aiming higher and reaching for better understanding.

Sixth Form

- ★ Mr Boyce is giving 6th Form 'star status' to his Y12 Philosophy students for their continued hard work, resilience and focus on learning this year learning more and remembering more. Keep working hard!
- ★ Mrs Macleod is giving 6th Form 'star status' to Molly W, Mayzee Q-D, Ella B and Keara H for their excellent work on their Health and Social Care Work Experience Placements.
- ★ Miss Britton is giving 6th Form 'star status' to Y12 Media for working really hard on their production projects - magazine and social media video.
- ★ Miss Britton and Mrs Jones is giving 6th Form 'star status' to Alex B for working really hard on his Film and Media coursework.
- ★ Miss Smith is giving 6th Form 'star status' to Katie B-G, Leo B and Sophie P for their hard work and achievement in their Biology mocks.

Well done #TeamNailsea

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