



18th November 2022

Dear Parents/carers

As many of you will be aware the Fifa World Cup gets underway this weekend. As well as this sporting opportunity being one where communities can come together there are, as has been publicised, clear reasons why there are objections to the competition taking place in Qatar. As a school we have taken the decision to enable students to watch the England game on Monday afternoon. This will be shown over lunchtime and in classrooms with alternative activities for those students that do not want to watch. It is also important for students to understand the reasons why there are objections to Qatar hosting this sporting event and so, for every week of the competition, there will be a series of activities and discussions within tutor time that will explore these issues.

Please find some other messages for the week below:

Thank you to the PTA

The PTA continue to work tirelessly to support the school, with their donations especially well received at a time when school budgets are being stretched. To give an indication of the support they have given the school this year please see the list of donations below:

- Supporting the Library in the 'Get Caught Reading' Scheme - £120
- Adding to the number of departmental novels in English - £500
- Whole School Membership to the National Trust - £128
- Updating the 6th Form Lounge - £250
- Duke of Edinburgh equipment - £1000
- Adding capacity to the school rewards budget - £500

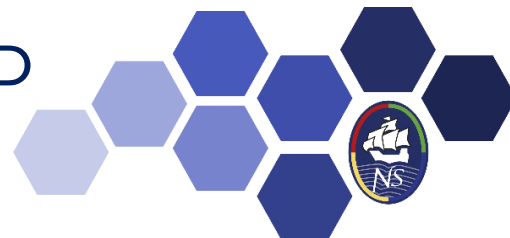
In total nearly £2,500 has been donated by the PTA back into school so that we can continue to provide a broad educational experience for our students.

It would be great if the PTA can continue to be supported through their regular or seasonal events. This could include either buying Christmas cards, buying Christmas trees or signing up to 'Your School Lottery' which costs £1 per week.

6th form Open Evening – 24th November

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families back to school next Thursday evening so they can explore the 6th form options open to them. The event starts at 5pm and will finish at 7pm. There is no need for pre booking and there will be presentations about the process and the opportunities on offer at 5:15pm and 6:15pm. Subject areas will be based around the school and this will provide a great opportunity to have discussions about course structure and content. All year 11 students have received a prospectus and are advised to read this ahead of the evening. The prospectus can also be found on the 6th form part of the website here:

<https://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/6th-Form-Prospectus-2023-WEB.pdf>



Christmas Appeal for Ukraine

We were overwhelmed with the response to this appeal from families. The presents were collected last week and are currently making their way to the Romanian/Ukrainian border. I know they will be very gratefully received. Many thanks to all that contributed.

Year 11 and 13 November exams

Students will come to the end of their November exam period early next week and staff have been very pleased with how these have happened. Although an intense period for students, having these exams earlier in the term will mean that when classes return after Christmas staff will have marked the papers and have a clear plan in place for the remaining 5 months. As per our calendar although students return to school on Wednesday January 4th, staff will be in on the 3rd for an INSET day with a clear focus on exam class planning. Mock results for both year groups will be distributed on Thursday 15th December in tutor time.

Update to uniform systems and sanctions

Our uniform expectations are flexible to keep costs reasonable and to provide options for students. For example students can wear an all black trainer of one material or school shoe. We also allow coats to be worn in the building (not lessons) and developed a school fleece for students to wear as an additional layer. Full details of the uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.nailseaschool.com/student-life/uniform/>

It has been disappointing to see a small number of students, despite this flexibility, to regularly push boundaries with uniform, choosing not to meet our expectations. As such, in the remaining weeks of this term ensuring consistency with uniform is our key focus and this will be accompanied by a new 3 level approach which will be shown via ClassCharts.

Level 1: If a student arrives in school with incorrect uniform their tutor will discuss a reasonable period within which this can be rectified. For example, if it is related to trousers that need to be purchased to replace leggings a 3-5 day turnaround for delivery will be agreed. Where the uniform can be instantly changed, for example removing a facial piercing or hooded jumper, this will be done immediately.

Level 2: This will occur when the tutor notices persistent breaches of the policy. Details of which will be placed on ClassCharts.

Level 3: Where uniform guidelines are continued to be ignored and not adhered to, students will be asked to return home and return to school in the correct uniform later that day. Parents will be notified by phone when this happens.

Naturally the last thing we would want is for students to miss time in school but as shown above as a school there are a number of opportunities presented to students for them to make the correct choice regarding uniform where this should not happen. Thanks, in advance, for your support with this matter.



School Car Park

Our school car park is busy and at capacity for much of the school day. Unfortunately we are seeing an increasing number of parents driving on to site to drop off or collect their child and recently there have been two alarming near misses between cars and pedestrians. A reminder that the car park should not be used to drop off or collect students. Students coming to school should be walking to and from a safe point outside of the school site accessing the school through the student pedestrian entrances.

Parents of students that have a specific need to be picked up in the car park can request a car park permit. If you feel you have reason to drive onto site please complete the form requesting a permit

[Carparkrequest](#)

Thank you for working with us to keep our students, staff and visitors safe.

Finally....I had the huge pleasure of attending the inaugural Expressive Arts Showcase last night. As parents may be aware the teaching areas of the school moved to a faculty model recently and the Expressive Arts faculty, led by Ms Davies, comprises of Art, Photography, Music and Film and Media. Last night all parts of the faculty proudly displayed examples of work completed by students last academic year.

Sir Ken Robinson, who was a British author, speaker and advisor on education once said:

'Creativity now is as important as literacy and numeracy in education and we should treat it with the same status'

The work on display last night was certainly inspiring, supporting the great work being done by one of our faculties. Many thanks to the staff involved and the students for producing such amazing outcomes.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher