



4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I trust all of our families had a relaxing time over the half term break and have now got used to the clock change that happened over the final weekend. The weather has certainly taken a change this week and, in order to protect the internal flooring, students have now been asked not to use the field at the back of the school at breaktime and lunchtime. In addition, quite rightly, it has been noticeable that more students are wearing coats to school as the weather cools. As a reminder, these must be removed in classrooms. Year 11 students received their Leavers Hoodie this week and are wearing them around school, quite rightly with pride. In line with uniform policy it is only year 11 students in main school that are permitted to wear a hoodie and when in school the hoods should be down. This is just the first in a number of rites of passage our senior students will experience over the next few months

Please find some other messages for the week below:

### **Year 11 and 13 November exams**

Although some practical subjects have started this week, the November exams begin for year 11 and 13 students next week. I was particularly impressed with the way year 11 students listened to the exam briefing in assembly earlier this week, clearly showing a maturity and understanding of this important stage. As mentioned it is completely normal for students to feel a little nervous about exams and parents may find this resource a helpful one in supporting their child at home: [Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

As ever, parents should not hesitate in contacting their child's tutor in the first instance, if they would like any further help or support. All contact details can be found on the school website [Staff-List-2022-2023.pdf](#) ([nailseaschool.com](http://nailseaschool.com))

### **Sixth Form Open Evening – 24<sup>th</sup> November**

As a reminder the Nailsea 6<sup>th</sup> form Open Evening is taking place later this month, running from 5pm until 7pm. The evening will enable students to see our facilities, discuss subject choices and to learn about the wider enrichment and pastoral support the team here can offer. All of the application processes will be explained on the evening but families can find out more about the current offer through our website: [Welcome to Sixth Form – Nailsea School](#)

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Following recent information events, the form is now open for Year 9 and Year 10 students to sign up and enrol for their Bronze or Silver Award.

<https://forms.office.com/r/qLaybrX0cX>

Any queries to Mrs Wells, [mwells@nailseaschool.com](mailto:mwells@nailseaschool.com).



## Remembrance

In memory of those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life (from *The Royal British Legion*), Nailsea School

Library will have a Remembrance Day display and alongside this, a memory wall. We are asking students and staff to send scanned photos of family members who served in either World War I or World War II. A special area of the display will be dedicated to those currently connected to warzones around the world and with respect to serving personnel. These scanned images will be on display in the library throughout the month of November.

If you have any photos you would like to display please can you scan them directly to the School Librarian, Mrs. Conner at [AConner@nailseaschool.com](mailto:AConner@nailseaschool.com) with the name of the person in the photo. Photos of the memory wall and Remembrance display will be available to view in the Weekly newsletter sent out in the early December edition

## Christmas Appeal for Ukraine

Nailsea School will be a collection point for a Christmas Appeal for Ukraine, coordinated by 'From Bristol with love for Ukraine'. This will gather Christmas presents for the children of the Odessa region. The group intend to send, as presents, new toys and winter clothes (with tags), sweets and chocolates, new puzzles (unwrapped) for children under the age of 16 years old. The deadline for this collection is **11<sup>th</sup> November 2022** and all gifts should be handed to reception. After checking and sorting the gifts will be packed and delivered by the groups Volunteer Transporters. If you would like to add well wishes in a Christmas card these can also be added. I am sure that any gifts donated will bring a smile to young people and their families at what is a very challenging time.

**Finally....** the PTA were really impressed with the standard of entries this year and the winning designs can be seen below. These designs are being printed and can be bought with all funds going straight back to the PTA. It would be fantastic if you could support the school by purchasing a pack of cards. Details on how to purchase can be found on ParentPay. Thanks, in advance, for your support.



Take care and be kind  
Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher