



13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/carers

As parents are aware this week we have relaunched our expectations linked to punctuality and the focus in lessons being on learning and staying within the classroom. Staff will have pressed buttons on Class Charts if your child has arrived late to school or to a lesson and it has also been noted if your child has asked to leave lessons for any reason. We hope this will provide an opportunity for discussions to be had at home if patterns begin to emerge.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **Settling In Evening – 19<sup>th</sup> October - 4pm – 7pm**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school next week for our Settling in Evening with tutors of students in years 7, 12 and 13. Discussions will centre on how students have settled into the routines of year 7 and the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

## **Parent/Staff Communication**

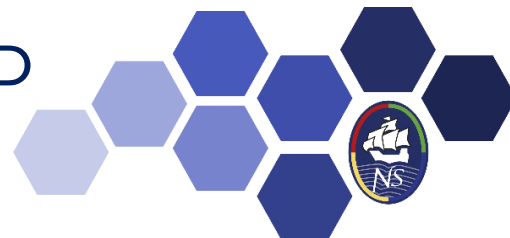
As a school we understand the importance of regular and open communication between home and school. I also understand that when parents have to contact the school this is often when an incident may have happened that has led to upset. Despite the strength of feelings on these occasions, I would like to remind everyone that abusive or threatening behaviour, either in person, over the phone or via electronic means such as email or on social media cannot be tolerated.

Please be assured that we always welcome feedback from parents and will always listen and seek to address any issues raised. However, I also have a duty of care to ensure school remains a safe place for students, staff and all other members of our community. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Enrichment week Wk Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

I am excited to report that plans for our enrichment week for years 7, 8 and 9 students are currently being finalised. Next week students in all 3 years will receive information on all of the offsite trips and visits that are being offered during the week. In order for the school to gauge an understanding of interest levels in the various activities and to finalise bookings all students will be asked to make 4 choices. This will be completed electronically and the form will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9am. At this stage no payment is required, merely an expression of commitment to the activity. Once the forms have closed allocations will be made to the activities and parents informed of the outcome.

**Finally....**term one finishes for students next Thursday at 3pm, given that Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September is an INSET day and only staff are expected on site. Since Open Evening we have had the privilege of welcoming over 120 families into school for a daytime tour. Touring the school during the day is always a pleasure, seeing what is happening across departments and year groups really does remind me of what a fantastic place the school is to work and learn. Our visitors over the last few weeks have also been impressed and I will finish this week with some of their thoughts in their follow up emails



*'It was very reassuring to see the positive relationships you have with your students. The warmth was clear to see'*

*'Nailsea School really is a school to be proud of'*

*'We were incredibly impressed by Nailsea School. It was interesting to see the school at work during the day. Your students are engaged and welcoming. X has been anxious about the move to secondary school but went home from the tour excited about the prospect and was busy deciding on which clubs she was going to join'*

Have a good weekend.

Take care and be kind

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher

