



1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Lessons were back to 'normal' for students in years 11 and 13 this week with the trial exams having been concluded. I hope the students found the experience a worthwhile one. Seeing my year 11 History group for the first time this week I wanted to make it very clear to them how proud I have been of their attitude and approach. When students receive their results on 15<sup>th</sup> December, I hope they all take this as part of the learning ahead of the summer exams. With 5 months in 2024 to continue to prepare, the results this term will inform the areas that need to be focused on for both staff and students. All departments and subjects will have a clear week by week plan when they return in the new year and I hope students will be assured with this forensic approach in the run up to the final papers. In the meantime, when we do get to the end of term, I hope all students, particularly those in exam years, do take time to relax so that they are ready to 'go again' in January.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **Term Dates for 2024/25**

Please find an amended finalised set of dates for the 2024/25 academic year, including INSET days attached for your reference. Last week the first INSET day of the year was not shown on the version shared – the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. However, this will not change when students are expected in school for the start of the year. Year 7 and 12 students will be expected on site for induction on 5<sup>th</sup> September. All students will then be on site from 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Flu vaccinations**

The Sirona nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December to administer the Flu vaccination to all students in Years 7 - 11. Please complete the short form to indicate a Yes or No to your child receiving the vaccination <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

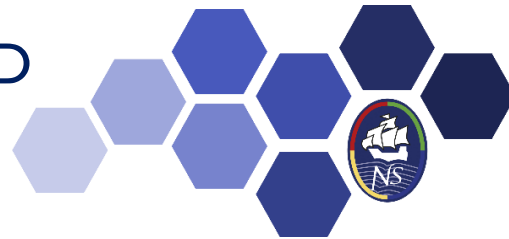
The econsent closes on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## **Dragon Fundraising Day**

Please support the Dragon House Fundraising Day next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. There will be activities to take part in and house points to be earned - students will need to bring cash to participate in non-school uniform, sponge the teacher and the cake sale in support of Bristol Royal Children's Hospital and the mental health charity Off the Record.

## **Year 7 Christmas Song Contest**

We look forward to seeing Year 7 parents for the Year 7 concert on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00pm. Please remember the car park is likely to be full so please plan to park off site and walk across.



## **Parent Carer Survey**

We would like to invite you to participate in a brief survey regarding your thoughts on the ABSolute (Aspire, Believe, Succeed) Curriculum, specifically our ABSolute sessions delivered during Extended Tutor Time.

This survey should only be completed if you have a child/children currently in Years 7-11. Before completing the survey, we encourage you to visit the Personal Development page on our school's website <https://www.nailseaschool.com/personal-development/> to view the overview of topics covered across each year group. After reviewing this content, you will be in a better position to provide your feedback through this survey.

The feedback form can be found here <https://forms.office.com/e/kVbPeFzhc6> and will close to responses in the new year. Thank you, in advance, for taking time to provide this important feedback.

## **End of term arrangements**

Term 2 will finish at 12:20pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Students will attend tutor time, and periods 1-3 as normal. There will be an opportunity for students to purchase food at break time and those students entitled to free school meals will have the amount uploaded to spend at break time. All methods of transport that are used to bring students to school are aware of the earlier finish.

**Finally....**with us arriving in December the countdown to Christmas is certainly on. There are a number of festive activities that students will experience over the next ten days, as shown on the attachment. I hope students take the opportunity to get involved and contribute positively to their House, their year group and the school. Wishing you all the best for a restful weekend.

Take care and be kind

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Elliott', on a light blue background.

Mrs D Elliott  
**Headteacher**