



12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/carers

Although we are mid-way through the month of January next week and it feels a little late to do so, as this is the first weekly letter of 2024 I will do this anyway - I do hope you had a restful break. Times away from the routine of school can be difficult for some, especially with the additional pressures of the Christmas break. Given that this Christmas break was a challenging one for my family I have been thankful to settle back into the routine of school – although having to only eat at set times and not constantly graze during the day has been a real challenge! Do remember that as a school we will always support families and students as much as we can and that your child's tutor is the first point of contact for any communication. Working together will ensure the very best outcomes for all.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **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.

## **Term date consultation 2025/26**

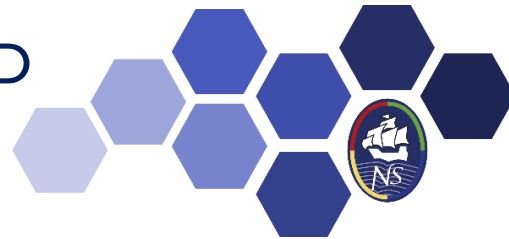
North Somerset are consulting on proposed school term and holiday dates for 2025/2026. Please click on the link to view full details,

[https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/SchoolTermDates2025\\_26/consultationHom](https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/SchoolTermDates2025_26/consultationHom)

The consultation will close on 19 February 2024.

## **Y8 HPV vaccinations**

The Sirona nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 31st January to administer the HPV vaccination to all students in Year 8. Parents have been sent information and the link to the econsent form <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/consent>. Sirona have requested contact information for all parents in Year 8 so that they can follow up those that have not completed the form.



## **Your Space**

The next Your Space session takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 starting at 5.30pm and is open to all parents. This session will focus on anxiety. For further information please contact Alison Moran [amoran@nailseaschool.com](mailto:amoran@nailseaschool.com).

## **Children's Commissioner Survey**

Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner has contacted all schools reminding them that her current survey, 'The Big Ambition' closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. To date over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated. The survey is intended to find out what every child in England would like to tell policy makers ahead of the General Election.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

**Finally...**my assembly this week focused on how Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards is a real hero of mine even though, as I told the students, he has never won anything in his life. His story demonstrates how the best of humanity isn't just in those who always win, but that it's in those that struggle and fall down but just won't be beaten down. Eddie kept going up that ski jump ramp time and time again, not because he wanted to impress anyone else but because he had the inner drive to find his personal best. It's 35 years since Eddie came 58th in Calgary, but he is still the only ski jumper I can name and that certainly says something about his impact. Have a lovely weekend - and if you need a film recommendation, do take a look at 'Eddie the Eagle'.

Take care and be kind

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Elliott'.

Head teacher