



22nd March 2024

Dear Parents/carers

The final Friday of term 4 is upon us, with a reminder that term ends next Thursday at 3pm. This is also a non-uniform day with all money raised going to Phoenix House's choice of charity – St Mungo's Homeless Charity. As is usual clothing worn on the non-uniform day should be suitable for the work place and suggested donations are £1. The house team have also put together a bake sale, an egg sale and delivery service and an Easter Egg raffle with all events taking place next week.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Exam certification collection

Students who are due to collect their exam certificates will be able to do this on Tuesday 26th March, from 4pm to 6pm. If someone is collecting certificates on someone else's behalf they should complete the attached form, which can also be found on the school website.

Year 9 vaccinations

All Year 9 students are being offered Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school next term. Please complete the consent form at the link below:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/dtp/2023/consent?v=2>

It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations; you are able to consent for none, either or both vaccinations.

Use of Station Road and Bucklands Batch by pedestrians and cyclists

North Somerset council have asked us to remind students and parents that the Station Rd/Bucklands Batch cycle path is intended for uphill cycling only. This is because cyclists move more slowly when climbing a hill and the path is a safety feature that allows for this change in speed. Pedestrians should be vigilant and be mindful of others using the area, keeping with the allocated spaces. Blue and white signs show where pedestrians/cyclists should be on the route.

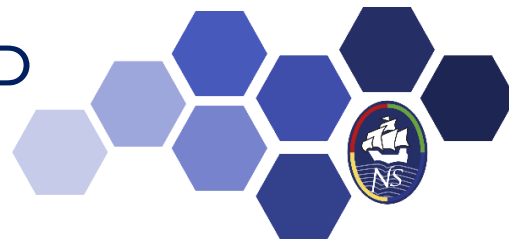
When cycling downhill in the direction of Nailsea and Backwell station, cyclists must be on the road.

Vaping on the bus

We have received complaints from First Bus and from some parents about a number of older students vaping on the Long Ashton public bus. Vaping is prohibited on public transport and First Bus are within their rights to deny access to students who are identified by the on board cameras.

If your child catches this bus please can you talk to them about their behaviour, remind them they are easily identifiable in school uniform and should be mindful of the health and safety of other passengers. The extent of the problem is that First Bus may now decide to start removing students from the bus as a result of their behaviour.

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Class of 64

Did you, or your parents start at Nailsea Grammar School in 1964? For one group of former students this year marks 60 years since they walked through the doors as 10 -11 year olds. A reunion is planned in September 2024 and they would like to find as many classmates as they can who started that year, or joined that intake in later years. For more info on the reunion email classof64ngs@aol.com.

Finally.... many congratulations to the Nailsea Rosslyn Park 7s Rugby team who competed in the competition earlier this week. The team exceeded expectations by being the first Nailsea team to win a game (a convincing 28 – 5 victory) as well as coming very close in the game with two more experienced schools, missing out by two points in one game and one converted try in another. Special thanks as well to Mr Taylor and Mr Miles who accompanied the team at the event. These experiences are really important in developing students beyond purely academic outcomes and I am sure they will live long in the memory. All the games can be found, if you are interested, on You Tube. As well as the great sporting achievement, I was also very proud to hear about the conduct of the team off the pitch, epitomising our values of ambition, respect, kindness, pride and community. #TeamNailsea

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

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

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