



26th April 2024

Dear Parents/carers

A lot has moved forward this week in relation to the recovery from the cyber attack we were made aware of at the end of the Easter break. Many thanks to the parents that have been in touch offering support and encouragement and even a donation of laptops!. I know that some parents have also found the scheduling and timing of certain actions concerning and confusing but we are being very much directed by the external experts who are advising us. To reassure parents, we have also followed guidance and reported the situation regarding data possibly being accessed to third parties, to the relevant organisations. Following forensic analysis nothing is suggesting that any personal information has been redistributed. Overall developments this week have included:

- **Cashless Catering** – The card system was up and running again on Wednesday. As mentioned last week parents have always been able to add money to the account through parent pay. Purchases made whilst the tills were out of action have now been manually entered so balances on parent pay are accurate. As per the announcement on Classcharts yesterday we have asked that all outstanding payments have now been cleared. From today, if there is a negative balance on any students' account they will not be able to make any purchases. Currently it is not possible to 'top up' the cards using the machines on site so any money added should be through the parent pay system.
- **Access to Office 365** – Students in years 10 – 13 who are studying courses that require the completion of coursework are gradually being given password access to reset their accounts. This is being done by the external agencies so we are tied to their timings but this is being done as soon as we can. As mentioned last week exam boards are aware of the situation. Given that our filtering systems cannot be in place on site for the time being, students in this priority group will be able to access their accounts off site and will not be able to do this in school.



- **Telephone system** - The main switchboard number is now up and running so immediate contact can be made with the school. We are in the process of resetting all individual extensions across the site so, at present it is difficult to transfer calls. Please continue to use email to make contact with any specific individual as required.

Other notices for the week can be found below:

External examinations

Some year 11 students would have completed components of exams this week, either in Languages or Art. Staff were really impressed with the focus of students. For those students who are taking and will shortly be concluding their practical Art and Photography exams, the remaining timetabled lessons in these subjects can be used for revision in other subjects.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

The deadline for payments for residential/day trips during curriculum enrichment week is Wednesday 1st May. If you envisage any issues with meeting this deadline please contact the Finance team on ns-finance@nailseaschool.com

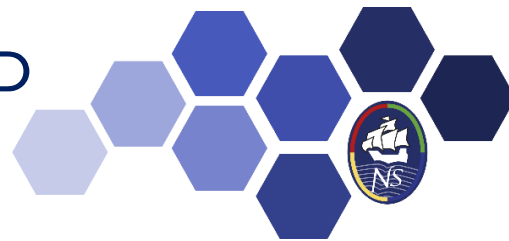
All students in years 7, 8 and 9 not taking part in a residential or any day trips will be allocated activities on site. Further details will be shared towards the end of this term.

Extended Tutor Time

Given the technical issues extended tutor time will be paused for the rest of this term. Tuesday timings will therefore be the same as the rest of the week with students starting in tutor groups at 8:40am every day.

Fashion Show

Members of the Enterprise faculty are planning a Fashion Show in June to showcase the fantastic Textiles projects that have been completed over the course of the year. To make the event as true to real fashion shows as possible, if anyone has a red carpet that could be loaned for the evening for guests to be greeted by on arrival that would be fantastic. If you can help please contact Miss McKinney on PMcKinney@nailseaschool.com



Finally....many thanks to the parents that have been in touch following the publication of our Ofsted report this week. Much has been said about the appropriateness of the system in recent months and schools are, as I have always known given the previous judgement, much more than what is described on a 2 page report. I am, however, really proud that the hard work of staff and students and the dedication shown by staff that I witness everyday was recognised.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

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

Mrs D Elliott
Headteacher