



28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/carers

It has been lovely to arrive in school in daylight and the sunshine over the last couple of days has certainly been welcome, after what has seemed to be a number of grey months.

We have welcomed back the students and staff that were part of the ski trip in the last week of term and over the weekend a number of 6<sup>th</sup> formers are heading out to Berlin. Many thanks to the staff involved that have given their time to ensure these experiences can happen.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop**

Please find attached details of a Free Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop being held in Nailsea on 6th March for young people aged 11-16.

### **Punctuality to Lessons**

It has been noticed that there is a small but persistent group of students that are regularly late to lessons during the school day. Parents will know that they can see records of punctuality via the Classcharts and we would ask for support in encouraging conversations about the importance of being on time at home. Sanctions are applied for those students that are persistently late to lessons, as given the design of our school building students should be arriving at lessons within 1-2 mins of the changeover bell. Thanks, in advance, for your support.

### **Change of Lunch menu**

Our live House challenges are calendared for Friday lunchtimes and have been since the relaunch of the competition in January. In response to student feedback, it is now the Thursday lunch menu that will have a chip option, instead of Fridays. This is to ensure that students can purchase lunch and get to the House challenges as soon as possible.

### **Year 8 HPV vaccination**

The HPV vaccination is for all Year 8 students, please remember to complete the consent form whether you do or do not want the vaccination at <https://sironaconsent>

### **Parking and drop off on MizzyMead Road**

As parents are aware, since before Christmas, staff are now on duty on MizzyMead Road at the start and end of the school day. Again, this week members of the public have approached staff commenting on the dangerous parking/drop off that is happening by parents at the start of the school day. We would ask, again, that parents are mindful of other road users and pedestrians if they are choosing to drop their children off outside. Thank you in advance.



### **Your Space event – 3pm – 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

The next event is focused on how parents can support and help their child with Maths topics. For those in years 7, 8 and 9 Mrs Moran and Mrs Mole will be outlining the topics that will be covered this term so parents can be one step ahead. For parents who have children studying GCSE Maths there will be an opportunity to see how the subject is taught so that parents can help at home. Please email [yourspace@nailseaschool.com](mailto:yourspace@nailseaschool.com) to notify staff you are planning to attend.

### **Careers Sector Fair – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Students should have seen the announcement on Classcharts referencing the next sector fair being held at school from period 4 onwards. This time we are lucky enough to have a range of professional services, such as finance, recruitment, business and law joining us. In addition, we have representatives from the Armed Forces, the police, teaching and coaching in attendance. Students in years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 can sign up to attend through the form on Classcharts, with years 9 and 10 during period 4 and 11, 12 and 13 during period 5. All students and families can attend between 3pm and 4pm on the day.

**Finally...** I am very proud that our school is so much part of the community and this is also evident through the geographical location of the site, so close to Nailsea's precinct. On this note I would like to remind parents and students about section 10 of our Behaviour policy:

*While travelling to and from the School (using school, public or own transport, or walking) students should recognise that they are representing the School and the community and that orderly, cooperative behaviour is expected at all times. If a student is in School uniform off site they are still representing the School and therefore the School has the right to discipline for any poor behaviour that may take place off site or/and out of school hours. This includes when a student is in some other way clearly identifiable as a student at the school.*

As parents you are choosing to send your child to our school and so it is important that you are aware of the actions that will be taken if expectations are not met, as clearly outlined above.

On the flip side of this, as you may have seen through the Nailsea Sixth Form Social Media account, three of our students assisted in a medical emergency outside of the school gates on Tuesday afternoon, using their First Aid skills to support the individual concerned to recover – true community ambassadors who we are all very proud of.

Have a lovely weekend.



Dee Elliott

Head teacher

