



9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Today marks the culmination of our Year 13 Leavers' week celebrations, largely planned by the fantastic student leadership team. Students and staff have been involved in a range of activities to signify the end of, for the majority, 7 years of their time here at Nailsea. The year group have been a credit to themselves and we wish them well in the final run up to their exams. Marking the end of students' formal schooling is so important and I am sure the final assembly that will take place later this morning will be incredibly memorable. We couldn't be more proud of these students and wish them all the very best with their exams; the final challenge in what has been an eventful sixth form experience.

I would also like to take the opportunity to wish the 5 students from Nailsea (Grace, Joe, Lucy, Anya and Ben) all the best as they complete the Ten Tors Challenge this weekend. They will join other teams in a challenging two day expedition across Dartmoor and I look forward to hearing about their experiences next week.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **PTA Quiz – 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Our new PTA committee would love it if you could show your support by coming along to the PTA Quiz Night this evening. The quiz will be Food & Drink themed and promises to be lots of fun - there will be a licensed bar also! Entry is £5 per person and teams can be made of up to 6 people - tickets are available to buy here <https://shop.nailseapta.org.uk/>

## **External examinations**

These start in earnest next week and for year 11 students in particular, there are 5 full (or very close to full) cohort exams in 5 days. We would ask students to be mindful of the key comments made by Mr Jones in his 'Exam Readiness' assembly namely;

- Ensuring students are on site no later than 8:30 am for a morning exam as specific subject briefings will take place ahead of the 9:00am start time.
- Please ensure you come to the exam with all the correct equipment in a clear pencil case
- Water bottles should be completely clear. If not they will not be permitted in the exam hall.
- No watches or mobile devices can be taken into the exam venues
- Please arrive knowing your seat number as this ensures a smooth and unflustered start for all candidates

Exams have already taken place this week in Film Studies and Health and Social Care with all candidates arriving promptly with the correct equipment. I am sure this will continue with the first large exam on Monday morning, English Literature.



## Sporting Success

I always want to celebrate the achievements of students outside of school and I really value the time it takes for parents and families to get in touch to update us. This week we were thrilled to hear that Els (year 11) and her team mates from the Dings Rugby Club were victorious in the England Rugby U16 Girls National Cup – making them the number one U16s Girls' team in the country. They beat the existing holders from Yorkshire 43-10 in the final. This achievement is another to add to the undefeated end to the season in the U16s Girls League. Well done to all concerned.

**Finally...**last week Griffin was the final House to launch their charity week. It is amazing to see that over the course of the year all 4 Houses have raised a total of £6351 truly reflecting our school values of kindness and community. The various charities have been incredibly grateful for the support. Talking of support, I know that a number of students and staff were at Ashton Gate last night to watch the first leg of Bristol City's Championship Play off match. The atmosphere at the ground before the match looked amazing as I watched at home and although the result didn't go in City's favour, here's hoping they change things around in the second leg on Monday. Cross fingers!

Have a lovely weekend



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

