



16th May 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Today marks the final day year 11 students are expected on site, given their exam timetable is well underway. This week has been a busy one with three full cohort core exams and this morning the year 11 Historians will be demonstrating how hard they have worked as they sit their first paper. At this point it would be remiss of me not to formally acknowledge how much I have enjoyed teaching 11C History this academic year. They have remained focused and worked hard – I wish them all the very best for these exams and the future. During period 3 this morning the year group will gather for the final time with their Heads of House for their Leavers' Assembly. This can be quite an emotional time, where the reality of 5 years' of time here at Nailsea possibly coming to a conclusion hits home. I trust students will enjoy this watershed moment and I wish them well for the next few weeks.

I would also like to pass on my best wishes to all the students and staff who are currently in the middle of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice expedition. We look forward to hearing about it when you return next week.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Ten Tors

Following me mentioning the Ten Tors weekend activities in my letter last week a number of other parents have been in touch to inform me of their child's involvement. Well done to all concerned for such a fantastic effort - in a range of weather. Those involved were Jamie R, Will T, Sam G, Eddie A, Jacob D, Jamie B, Will H, Eliza L and Oli V.

Staffing update

At this time of year, given contractual rules about resignations, schools are always busy finalising appointments for the next academic year. However, following previous correspondence with families that were impacted by absence, I can confirm that Mr Kirwan, Head of Enterprise, has taken the decision to leave Nailsea School. As is always the case I will provide families with a full list of staff joining us in September in a letter in term 6.

North Somerset Survey

North Somerset are developing a children's, young persons and family's plan. They really want to hear from children and young people about what matters to them. They would appreciate students completing a short survey made up of 4 questions based on what is currently good, even better if and what needs to change.

The survey is completely anonymous and the only information they ask is the age of the child/young person. The survey can be accessed here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Children-youngpersons-families-plan/>



Bikeability

2 days of Level 3 (advanced) Bikeability training are available during the May school break, hosted by The Link. The training is FREE and parents simply need to sign up online using the link / QR code on the attached flyer which takes them to the website where they chose the day and time of the session they want to attend.

Finally ... with both year 11 and 13 having had their Leavers' Days our attention firmly shifts in starting to welcome our September 2025 intake. This begins next week with students and year 6 teachers from the 5 largest primary schools spending some time on site. Not only does this enable students to feel more familiar and therefore comfortable with the site and the building, these meetings are an invaluable way of information sharing at this point in the transition. I know a number of siblings, of existing families are joining us so I hope the new intake will pass on how excited they are about attending, as we are in meeting them.

Have a lovely weekend



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