



5th September 2025

Dear Parents/carers

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2025/26 academic year with my first weekly letter.

Our new year 7 and 12 cohort made an amazing impression yesterday and it will be fantastic to have the whole school back this morning.

As you may have seen over the break, the leaving year 11 and 13 students achieved some impressive results in the summer and many are now embarking on their intended pathways, with some having made small adjustments given they achieved more than they thought was possible. As always it was a privilege to be on site to share the successes of the students and I hope many continue to stay in touch.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Move to 'My Child At School' (MCAS)

This system is our main database of information for both students and staff and the school now uses Bromcom, which incorporates all aspects of school life, which historically have had to be managed by third party systems. This has enabled streamlined communications, as well as reducing costs, and as a parent you will only now need one app, which is called My Child at School (MCAS). Parents should have received details of how to access the app and if you have not done this yet, I would strongly urge this is made a priority. Students, although issued with a paper timetable this morning, will also be able to access their timetable electronically through the student portal.

Students will need to download the 'Bromcom student app', click 'login via magic link' and then use the school code: 12326 and their school email address.

During the first day for year 7 yesterday, to avoid any student going without lunch if money had not been transferred to their school account, the school centrally uploaded £4.50 to every student. This was removed at the end of the day. Some students who needed to use this donated money will now have this showing as a negative amount on their MCAS account. We would ask that if this is the case, parents should upload funds to balance this out.

Parent Communications

If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly. We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

While platforms, such as WhatsApp or social media, can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school-related issues. Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.

We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.



Access to school car park

As with all primary schools and secondary schools in North Somerset, access into the car park is restricted at key times during the day.

The gates are closed and there will be no access for vehicles on school site between 8:20am and 8:40 in the morning and between 2:50pm and 3:10 in the afternoon. This is to allow the safe arrival and departure of students and minimise the risk to students, staff and the wider school community at these busy times.

Step-Lab Trial

As a school we are committed in supporting teachers to improve their practice. We are therefore delighted to announce that we will be introducing Step-Lab as part of our teacher development programme across Nailsea. Step-Lab is a highly regarded platform that enables teachers to record their lessons, reflect on their practice, and receive tailored feedback from an instructional coach. Research shows that this is one of the most effective methods for improving teaching quality and is in line with the Department for Education's Teachers' Standards requirement that teachers 'reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching'. Please find attached a letter explaining the programme in more detail where parents can find out more about the use of video technology to record live lessons.

Condolence Book - Viki Brewster

As existing families will know, last term we shared the sad news that Mrs Viki Brewster, Resource Base teacher and Unicorn tutor, had sadly died. As a school community we do want to capture the thoughts and feelings of staff, students and families through a condolence book that we will then share with Viki's family. A series of cards will be distributed to House areas and students can collect one to complete some wording which will then be collated with the comments from staff. If any parents/families would like to send in any comments to be included please email Annette Watts at AWatts@nailseaschool.com We will begin collating the comments later this month so would ask any are submitted by 3pm on Friday 19th September.

Finally... I chose to use a quotation from Martin Luther King in my welcome assembly with year 7 yesterday which I thought was a particularly apt reminder at this time of year.

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving."

All of us approach school, work and life with different outlooks and experiences. Sometimes we all have situations, as will inevitably happen this year, which may be ones we don't choose and ones we find difficult. This quotation reminds us that what we can do is choose how to respond. Here's to a year of being resilient and all moving forward together.

Have a lovely weekend



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