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## Dear Parents/carers

Many thanks to the Year 10 Parents who attended the 'Prep for Success' event that was held yesterday evening. Mrs Macleod will be following up with a letter to all year 10 parents so they have access to the resources that were discussed and shared. Students in years 10 and 11 have made an impressive start to the year in their GCSE subjects and the solid delivery in the classroom will now have the additional layer of our Study Skills Strategy to support students along the way. Next week year 11 students taking Food and Nutrition have their first assessed practical piece of work and we all wish them.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

### Online event for parents

We have been made aware, from North Somerset Council, of the opportunity for parents to attend a training course on the topic of online safety. This is specifically designed to offer guidance and support for parents. This will take place on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October from 6pm - 7:30pm and will be online and not in person. Parents must book a ticket to attend the session. There is no charge to attend. The link for booking can be found here:

Online Safety for Parents - Prevent Week of Action at Online event tickets from TicketSource

#### Extra-Curricular booklet 2025/26

The clubs and societies have been finalised for this year. Copies of the booklet are found in tutor bases, also on the school website and families can access an electronic version here: <a href="http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Extra-Curricular-brochure-2025.pdf">http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Extra-Curricular-brochure-2025.pdf</a>

#### Lost property

As a reminder for ease of returning any lost property to their owners, clothing and equipment should be clearly named. With the weather turning it would be a good idea to put a name in your child's coat now as these are the items that tend to go missing the most. If your child has mislaid anything, all items are stored in the racking at the main student entrance in the canteen. At the end of each term lost property is sorted through and any items without a name are bagged up and taken to charity.

**Finally...** we hosted a visit on Tuesday from the Teaching and Learning Leads from other schools within the Wessex Trust. They spent the morning visiting lessons and seeing how students were engaging with their learning. Although we have yet to receive any written feedback, the verbal comments demonstrated how impressed they were with what they saw taking place in the classroom.

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Comments were especially complimentary when referring to the relationships being seen, learning continuing without low level disruption and the way teachers were explicitly teaching challenging vocabulary to stretch and challenge their groups. Next Friday we host Nigel Clemens, our School Improvement Partner, for his first visit of this academic year. I look forward to updating you on his comments in due course.

Have a lovely weekend

Dee Elliott,

Head teacher





