



26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/carers

I am writing this week's letter rather bleary eyed after what was a tiring, but fantastic Open Evening event last night. We welcomed, an amazing, 949 visitors to the school yesterday evening. They all had the opportunity to talk to students and staff and tour the site. Over one quarter of the school had volunteered to act as guides and subject ambassadors, a real indication of the way students see our school as a community, given their willingness to give something back.

As always prospective families were overwhelmingly positive about their experience as they left and without exception, they all commented on the levels of knowledge, enthusiasm and pride that the students shared – especially impressive from the year 7 students who have only been with us for a matter of weeks. Although a long day, Open Evening is a great opportunity to be able to reflect on what a special place Nailsea is to work and attend. I was very proud of all involved.


I trust everyone enjoyed the extra hour in bed this morning with us having, a well-deserved, later start.


Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **Dr Bike checks and sustainable travel event**

We are aware that pupils travel to school from a variety of locations and using a range of transport methods. Pupils are being asked to complete a survey during tutor time to gather information about current and preferred transport methods and to give pupils a chance to comment on their experiences of how they travel to school. Our aim is to encourage active transportation e.g. walking, cycling, scooting or other sustainable methods.

On Thursday 2nd October between 3pm and 6pm all pupils and members of the Nailsea School community are invited to a sustainable travel event with representatives from North Somerset Council and Dr. Bike. This will take place in front of the main entrance of Nailsea School. Additional details can be found on the attached document. However the sustainable travel team will provide:

 Local bus and cycle maps and information about travel planning

 Free Dr. Bike checks

 Exclusive sustainable travel offers

Please contact [fbicknell@nailseaschool.com](mailto:fbicknell@nailseaschool.com) if you are interested in having your bike checked by 'Dr. Bike' so that your name can be added to a list and slots allocated if necessary.

## **Boisterous play in the year 7 and 8 area**

There have been a couple of incidents in the last week where boisterous play in the year 7 and 8 area at the front of school has escalated into more serious disagreements and altercations between pupils. For year 7 students new to the school the catalyst has often been students pulling off each other's ties and running away with them. Students are reminded of the importance of behaving appropriately during social times, maintaining appropriate levels of personal space and not placing their hands in



any way on another student. Staff and 6<sup>th</sup> form prefects are always around on duty nearby if any issue needs to be reported. Thanks in advance for discussing this with your child at home so that everyone remains safe and enjoys their social time.

### 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](#)

### PTA Event

Our fantastic PTA have planned their next fundraising event and would love to have your support. 'Name That Tune' will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, doors opening at 7pm with the quiz starting at 8pm. The evening will be a chance to work in teams to identify the tunes which will be played live on the evening. Tickets are £10 per person and there will be a fully licensed bar selling drinks and snacks with cash and card payments accepted. Tickets can be purchased here [Nailsea School PTA](#)

### Extra-Curricular Clubs 2025/26

Staff have now confirmed which clubs will be running this academic year and the details can be found on the website here [Extra-Curricular-brochure-2025.pdf](#)

**Finally...** as well as Thursday being Open Evening, it was also early release day for Take That's Circus tour next summer. I attended the original 2009 tour in Cardiff (how is that 16 years ago?!) and am very pleased I managed to get tickets in Southampton – the opening night of the 2026 tour. Almost 950 visitors attending Open Evening **and** I have bagged my place to see Gary – what a day!

Have a lovely weekend



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

