



14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Many thanks to the families that came along yesterday afternoon to our Expressive Arts showcase. The work on display was incredibly impressive and the young people who came along and saw their work in the exhibition were quite rightly proud of their achievements.

I hope year 13 and 11 students take some additional time to rest and relax over the weekend as the first week of mock exams have come to a conclusion. As this is the first experience in such conditions for year 11 students, there have been some 'ups and downs' as the week has progressed for some, but that is the very reason these assessments take place at this time of year – to be ready for the 'real thing' in the summer. I am sure the focus will continue as the final week of exams start from Monday. Students will receive results in the final week of this term.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **Careers Sector Fair - Tuesday November 25th 12.20 - 4pm**

Our first careers fair takes place in the coming weeks. We have plenty of representatives from companies such as Taylor Wimpy, Reflections Hairdressers, Airbus and Tyntesfield Medical group. The whole of year 11 will be off timetable during period 4 on that day – taking part in an employability workshop and having an opportunity to talk to the providers present to help inform their post 16 choices.

All students were invited to visit during period 5 through a link that was sent via MCAS by Miss Humphreys on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Students must have completed the link to attend. In addition to the events happening periods 4 and 5, all students are welcome at lunchtime and afterschool.

## **Mizzymead Road**

There have been a lot of concerns expressed about the safety of Mizzymead Road following changes to the car parking facilities in the town centre. In particular the focus is on pick up and drop off times and reports of near misses with students crossing the road or getting into lifts.

A group of residents have started a petition to increase the double yellows outside of school to help with traffic control. If you would like to support the petition please follow this link

<https://www.change.org/mizzymead>

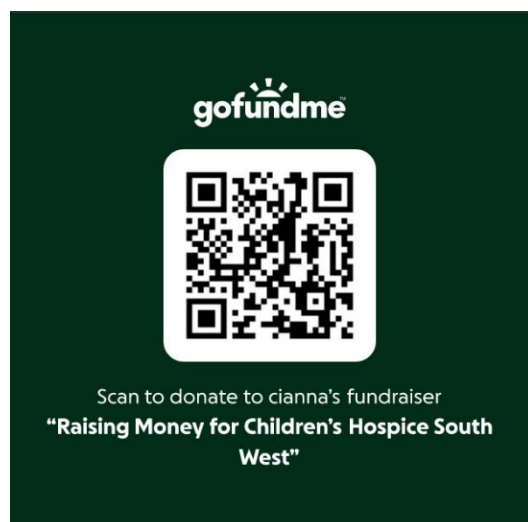


### Sixth Form Fundraiser

The year 13 Health and Social Care class recently visited the Children's hospice at Charlton Farm. Although this could have been a sad experience, instead, the students left with a feeling of hope, joy and love. As a result of the visit the group have launched a fundraiser to give back to a place that gives so much, every single day. The hospice relies on donations to continue their vital work, offering specialist care, comfort, and unforgettable experiences to children and families when they need it. Without the work of fundraisers throughout the year this essential charity would not be able to run and provide the services and support that it does. If you can donate, no matter the amount, please support this very worthy cause through the link here

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/thswa-raising-money-for-childrens-hospice-south-west> or use the QR code on the right.

For more information about the Children's Hospice South West please see their website [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk)



### Sixth form Open Evening – 27<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 7pm

Information regarding our 2026-28 sixth form offer is now available on our website. You can find the prospectus and information on how and when to apply here: <https://www.nailseaschool.com/sixth-form/apply-to-sixth-form/>. There are new courses being launched this year, and after last year's 'outstanding' review by Ofsted, it is an exciting time for our Post 16 offer. Follow this link to see our latest course offer here [www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/6th-Form-Prospectus-2026-FINAL-DIGITAL.pdf](http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/6th-Form-Prospectus-2026-FINAL-DIGITAL.pdf)

We welcome all students from Year 11 to attend our Sixth form Open Evening on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, where you will be able to meet the team and find out why Nailsea Sixth Form is the right place for you!

### Support for Parents

North Somerset Public Health Team have recently commissioned a free mental health wellbeing support package from Qwell. This is similar to Kooth but for parents/carers. The service offers free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support. Support includes a supportive online community, counsellor support, practical advice and information as well as access to a range of emotional wellbeing tools. Some parents struggle to support the mental wellbeing of their children because of their own mental health needs so Qwell may provide some crucial support. Please see the attached for more information.



**Finally...** I have now reached an age where I fully meet the criteria to be a Radio 2 listener. My daily commute is made much happier by listening to the radio, driving to work in the mornings with Scott Mills and driving home with Sara Cox. However, as many of you will know, Sara has not been hosting her show this week as she is taking part in her marathon challenge raising money for Children In Need. If you haven't heard, Sara has been running a full marathon every day since Monday – 5 marathons in 5 days. I have been in awe of the way Sara has managed the physical and mental levels of exertion as I have followed her progress and listened to the updates on the radio. On a wider level, however, is the way people across the country have rallied around and responded to her challenge offering support and words of encouragement. At the time of writing, with another day of running ahead, Sara has just been told she has raised over £4 million – at the same time as she is describing herself as 'broken'. I shall be watching later as she crosses the finish line and I have already made sure there is a box of tissues nearby. Her efforts this week are nothing short of inspirational and can teach us all a little about the importance of keeping going, even when the going is tough.

Take care and Be Kind



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

