



12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/carers

The final day of term 3 arriving today means that we are half way through the academic year. I am delighted to share that Phoenix House Charity Week raised an incredible £1,608 in aid of Nailsea PE Dept, Wellspring Counselling and Cancer Research. This is an amazing achievement, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and generosity shown throughout the week.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, supported events, and helped make the week such a success. The total raised is a wonderful reflection of the strong values of community and kindness that we continue to nurture and celebrate in our school.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

### **Year 6 to year 7 transition - listening to the voices of children**

The Local authority have been working with schools on developing a standard protocol for supporting transitions from primary school to secondary school.

As part of the series of workshops they have held they would be keen to understand from the child's perspective what help and support they need, and what can be done to improve their experiences.

They are really hoping to capture the voice of as many year 7 children as they can. This can be accessed through the QR code attached, which then links to a 5-minute questionnaire.

### **Staffing Update**

Regrettably, I have to inform you that Mr Moran has chosen to leave Nailsea School with immediate effect. Students accessing their Bromcom timetables will possibly have noticed that their Maths, ICT and Science lessons are now being allocated to another member of staff. We are working hard to cover the teaching of these classes with specialist staff and further updates will be provided to those specific students impacted in due course from the subject areas. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding at this time.

### **Bikeability – Years 7, 8 and 9**

We are interested to hear whether any of our students would like to attend a Bikeability Level 3 course. The training would ideally suit Years 7, 8 & 9. This advanced training takes place in more complex traffic systems, including speed limits above 30 mph, multi-lane roads and roundabouts. It is something we would like to accommodate but would like to gauge the level of interest and whether it is viable for us to manage. If you think that this is something your child would be interested in, please complete the following online form [HERE](#).

### **Uniform consultation**

As mentioned in a previous weekly letter, we are preparing changes to the current school uniform in order to comply with government legislation that comes into force from September. Parent feedback in this process is essential in helping us to make the right decisions for our students. Please take a few moments to put forward your thoughts on the proposed changes in our survey [HERE](#).

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## Newsletter

The latest school newsletter is now available to read on our school website [HERE](#). You can see all the latest news and events and find out what's been happening in class. It also features our 'School Stars' section which highlights good work and celebrates the success of our students.

## IGNITE - Enrichment Week

Thank you to those that have selected a package for the IGNITE programme. Those families with students taking part in a residential trip (Spain, Belgium and Mill on The Brue) should have received a letter with a payment plan.

Those families who have signed up to a school based / day trip package will see the remaining payment for their package as an item to purchase in their MCAS store. Please make sure payment is complete for your child's or children's package before 31st March 2026.

Families who have not signed up to an activity, have been contacted separately. Families that are entitled to a Pupil Premium subsidy, will have this taken into account in their own MCAS store.

## IGNITE – Pay it Forward

If you'd like to additionally support the IGNITE enrichment programme you can 'pay it forward' or make a donation in the MCAS store. This donation will help subsidise activities and enable us to purchase additional resources for in-school activities.

## INSET DAY - 13<sup>TH</sup> February

As a reminder school staff are involved in the Wessex Learning Trust INSET day tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Term 3 will finish for students today at 3pm. Term 4 begins on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February which will be a week 2.

**Finally...** As Term 3 comes to a close, I do want to acknowledge the commitment, resilience and growth shown by our students. This has been a busy and demanding term, filled with assessments, co-curricular involvement, leadership opportunities and moments of challenge. It has also been a term of progress — academically, socially and personally. I would hope our students will take a moment to recognise how far they have come. Growth does not always feel dramatic or obvious, but every completed task, every step outside their comfort zone, and every effort to improve matters. We are proud of their persistence and the maturity they continue to demonstrate. The break provides an important opportunity to rest, recharge and reset. We encourage students to take time away from screens, connect with family and friends, reflect on their goals, and return ready for Term 4. Looking ahead to Term 4, the focus inevitably sharpens. For those in year 11 and 13, it is a crucial period of consolidation and preparation. For others, it is a time to build momentum. Every lesson, every week, counts.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and focused. Have a safe and restorative break



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