



# Nailsea School

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/carers

And so we are about to enter the final few days of term 2. Although preparations for Christmas are a little different this year, I am sure we are all looking forward to the break. With this in mind please find some key reminders ahead of the end of term below.

## **6<sup>th</sup> form applications – Application deadline: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

It's been great to see applications being submitted for the 6<sup>th</sup> form both from current Nailsea students and those students who are applying from other centres. If students need to see more about the courses on offer and the process this information can be found here [Apply to Sixth Form – Nailsea School](#)

Please remember these applications will dictate the decisions that are made about which courses are running and the pooling arrangements prior to interviews in the new year. As such, I would urge students to ensure they have submitted the application by this date.

## **Year 11 and 13 mock exam periods**

Students have shown real focus during this mock period. Results will be issued by individual teachers as and when they are available (pending the exam schedule) and all students will receive a full statement of results in January 2021.

## **Year 7 and 8 Remote Learning Review**

Many thanks to all parents in both year groups who contributed feedback regarding the recent period of remote learning feedback. 81 parents responded to the feedback form, across both year groups. The headline responses are shown below.

- 27% of families felt work set was 'very clear' and 71% stated it was 'quite clear'. We are aware that there was sometimes confusion regarding where the links/work were posted. The setting up of the individual channels for years 7 and 8 did help with this issue and reduced the need to find information within the 'General' posts. This will be a method used moving forward.
- 38% of families were 'very satisfied' with the education provided during isolation and 53% stated they were 'somewhat satisfied'. 9% of parents were dissatisfied with the education provided. Those parents that expressed concern passed on comments

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on the amount of 'live' content as opposed to recorded content stating, understandably, that when lessons were live engagement levels increased. The school will be monitoring this and has been during the last week when year 10 have been at home. Other comments specifically related to the expectation of homework continuing when students were also working remotely. If and when KS3 students need to isolate in the future changes will be made to this expectation.

We are grateful for this feedback and, as shown, will act on the comments to inform future practice.

### **Year 10 books/materials**

Year 10 have worked really hard during their first period of isolation. We know it is not the same as being in school but every student trying their very best is all we can ask. I have very much enjoyed teaching the live lessons to my GCSE History group and I look forward to seeing them again next week. Year 10 students and parents will have the opportunity to provide feedback in a survey next week.

There were a number of requests this week about the possibility of year 10 students being able to collect resources/take books home. In a review of our risk assessment it has been agreed that students in year 10 can now take books and materials between home and school. Given the enhanced hand hygiene practices in place and the fact that teachers can continue to mark assessed work on paper the view is that the risk of transmission through books has been mitigated. If any students/parents would like to have access to resources that are currently in school during the period of isolation they should contact reception to liaise over a time to collect these at the end of the school day.

### **Grassed areas out of bounds**

As students are aware, there are both outside and inside areas for each year group bubble on school site. Given the time of year we would ask for parental support in ensuring students are aware that grassed areas are currently out of bounds. Thank you for your support.

### **Free school meals provision**

A reminder to let our families know that for the Christmas period, Nailsea School will not be managing the free school meals provision. North Somerset Local Education Authority are responsible for their distribution and can handle any queries if you contact them direct.

### **Nailsea School policies**

I have been contacted by some parents regarding specific school policies in the last week. As a reminder all of our statutory policies can be found on our school website under 'About us/Policies' and can be accessed here: [Policies – Nailsea School](#). There is also a dedicated Covid 19 page which contains all the latest updates and information and includes the risk assessment which can be accessed here: [Covid-19 Latest – Nailsea School](#).

### After school clubs – schedule for January 2021

The PE department are pleased to pass on details of the after school clubs that are starting in term 3. Given the fact that there are restrictions on the use of changing rooms (year group bubbles cannot mix) there are specific days allocated to certain year groups as shown in the table below. Ms Wild is also going to ascertain from a student poll which activities they would like to run from the choices also outlined below. Students should respond, giving their opinion, on SMH.

Tuesday	Year 9-Ms Wild
	Year 8-Mr Miles
Wednesday	Year 10-Mr <u>Graffagnino</u> /Mr <u>Mawford</u>
	Year 7-Mrs <u>Siwek</u>
Thursday	Year 7-Mrs Gardiner

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday
Year 8 COM	Year 9 JVW	Year 10 DG/CRM*	Year 7 HS	Year 7 RG
Football	Badminton	Volleyball	Football	Badminton
Badminton	Football	Football	Volleyball	Handball
Hockey	Volleyball	Badminton	Netball	Basketball
Volleyball	Hockey	Hockey	Badminton	Netball
Netball	Basketball	Basketball	Hockey	Table tennis
Dodgeball	Netball	Netball	Basketball	Hockey

### Reminder about key actions when symptomatic/awaiting test results and attending school

As a reminder, students should NOT be sent into school

- If anyone in the household is displaying symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell, cough)
- If anyone is displaying symptoms and is arranging/waiting for a test
- If anyone in the household is waiting for a test result

Families should contact the dedicated email address, [C19@nailseaschool.com](mailto:C19@nailseaschool.com), when

- any family member is taking a COVID-19 test and so the household is isolating
- the result of the test is known, EITHER positive OR negative, so that school can be clear on the return to school date of any students affected.

### **End of term arrangements**

Term 2 finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December with arrangements listed below:

- 8:40 – 10:40 am – Lesson 1
- 10:40 11:10 am – Break
- 11:10 – 12:10pm - Lesson 2
- 12:10 – 12:40 pm – Lunch
- 12:40 – 12:50pm – Tutor time
- 12:50pm – Students dismissed

### **Looking forward to the Christmas break and the start of term 3**

Announcements this week have confirmed that schools should support with contact tracing over the start of the holiday period.

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Christmas has been identified as a period where we can do some things differently, but I would urge caution about the decisions students and families take as to whether we should do things differently. This is especially pertinent for those students in years 11 and 13 who are taking external exams in the January series which run from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Isolation being required for any student taking an exam in this period will have an implication - the exact nature of this will be dependent on the individual circumstances. As mentioned in my letter last week, these are times when continued vigilance and adherence to the existing measures are vitally important to ensure a successful return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully



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