



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

I feel as if I could say this in every one of my letters but this week really has been a busy one! - and there is still an awful lot that needs to be done in the remaining three and a half weeks of term 6. As ever, this letter is intended as a way of updating you on events and with the final newsletter of the term being finalised in the next few days you will get even more of a flavour of what #teamnailsea have been up to.

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Please remember that this email should be used to report any symptoms/isolation linked to Covid. As this email is overseen by a number of staff this is the best way to notify the school in order that swift action can be taken, if required. At present, the school has not had to make any decisions that require bubbles or students to isolate. Using this method of communication will give us the opportunity to make these decisions as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Continued Covid Testing

Please find below a letter from the Secretary of State for Education for all parents regarding the importance of continued regular testing for secondary aged students:

[A letter to secondary school and college parents in England on continuing regular Covid-19 testing from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

This is now not an expectation of year 11 and 13 students as from the end of June they are formally not expected in school.

Again, thank you for the continued support of this programme which is vital in identifying any asymptomatic cases in the community.

Teacher Assessed Grades

This week has seen the deadline come and go for schools across the country to submit the final Teacher Assessed Grades to the exam boards for all students completing a course this year.

Just as the students placed in this position showed great focus and resilience in responding to this process, I would like to publicly recognise the immense efforts of all staff involved. The site of several filing cabinets, drawers bulging with paperwork, and a similar amount of Art portfolios and practical work completed in subjects such as Technology was a site to behold, demonstrating the huge efforts put in across the school.

For students in years 11, 12 and 13 who will be receiving results this summer please find an attached 'Frequently asked Questions' sheet related to the process that happens once results are issued.

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6th form taster sessions

It has been great seeing the new year 12 on site for the induction sessions this week. As a reminder students in year 12 will be welcomed for back to school on Wednesday 8th September where courses can be confirmed.

Year 10 and 12 exams

Year 10 and 12 students have approached these exams in a very mature way. As I mentioned to my History group, the results of these exams are an indication of where students currently are and provide students and staff with an idea of things that can be worked on moving forwards. Not performing as you would have wanted in these exams does not mean that this will be your final result. There is still much to play for!

This week Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, told MPs on the Education Select Committee, that he wants students to sit GCSE and A Level exams next summer but stated there will likely be 'adjustments and mitigations' in place to ensure fairness.

As soon as the details are known these will be shared with families.

Social Media

We are dealing with an increasing number of issues related to social media. Quite often we can see that the problems arise from students that are too young to understand and cope with the fallout from using these forms of communication. Social media platforms have age restrictions as shown in the graphic below. We would be grateful if all parents could check that their child is only using social media appropriate for their age.



RSE consultation

As per the letter shared on the 11th June (details can be found here [Bulletins – Nailsea School](#)) we are currently consulting on the new school RSE policy. The deadline for parent returns is 9th July and the form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/nhrT1X9CNk>

In addition to the previous information shared, and in response to some parental requests, attached to this letter is a summary of how the indicative content will be delivered to each year group.

INSET

A reminder that Friday 2nd July is our final INSET of the year and students will not be expected in school that day.

Finally...

Wednesday this week was 'Thank A Teacher Day'. All of our school staff have been phenomenal this year, with all teams, teaching and support staff, constantly going above and beyond for the young people and families that make up #teamnailesea. The spirit and support there is amongst our staff is truly remarkable. There is no doubt teaching can be a challenge, and certainly so over the last few months, but I wouldn't change my career for the world. Why? Malala Yousafzai sums it up perfectly:

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully



Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher

