



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

It has been a challenging final full week of term with cases rising both in North Somerset and in the school. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we respond to the notifications which are often outside of school hours. There has also been some normality this week though with Heads of House planning their Celebration assemblies and Sports Day events taking place for student within their year groups - the sun even shone!

Reshaping our school Values - Feedback welcomed

The chance to return to school in September is one that means we can reset and one thing planned is to be much more explicit about our school values; what they are and why they are important. As such it would be great if you could complete this very quick (2 questions) survey. Students will have the option to feedback their ideas in tutor time, but there is also an option for any student isolating to complete the form as well. I look forward to sharing the results in September.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kkVN2UUqnzosIzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UNUY1TDBFTlpXNTQxTki0RFFBNUJSV5k5CRi4u

Exams and Appeals information for students receiving exam results in Summer 2021

As a reminder A Level/Level 3 results will be available on 10th August and GCSE/Level 2 qualifications will be available for collection on 12th August. For students and families that are expecting results this year I would refer them to the summer 2021 section on the exams page of the website which can be found here:

[Exams Information – Nailsea School](#)

Consultation regarding summer 2022 exams

For those families with students in current year 10 and 12 they may wish to contribute to the consultation for the proposed changes to assessment (GCSE/GCE) for next year. This opened this week and closes on 1st August. It can be accessed during the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>

Last day of term arrangements

The last day of term will be Wednesday 21st July.

The day will run as follows:

8:40 - 9:35 - Period 1

9:35 - 10:30 - Period 2

10:30 - 10:50 - Break

10:50 - 11:45 - Period 3

11:45 - 12:20pm - Lunch

12:20 - 12:30pm - Tutor time

Students will be dismissed by their tutor at 12:30pm to leave for the summer break. If your child uses transport provided by the school they have been informed about the changes to the timings of the school day in advance.

Litter on site

We are incredibly lucky to have the facilities we have at Nailsea and so it is always slightly disappointing when students appear to be taking these for granted.

Over the last fortnight many students would have seen me out and about with a litter picker at lunchtime and there have, sadly, been large amounts of litter collected in all the year group areas.

What is even more disappointing is the reaction of some students to me doing this. When spoken to about the litter, which can only have been dropped by that group given the separate bubbles, I have received comments such as 'It's not my rubbish' and 'Why can't you pay someone to do this?'. These do not sit well with the ethos of #teamnailsea. Some students, I have to say, have been proactive and helped with the collection and depositing of the litter in bins whilst I have been there, for which I have thanked them.

As custodian of the site and the facilities for the time being, I do have high expectations of how the buildings and grounds should be treated and feel it is important that we all have a social and collective responsibility to protect them. I would really appreciate it if you could re-enforce this message from home. Thank you, in advance, for your support on this matter.

Students using school transport

As per our risk assessment students who travel on school based transport are still required to wear face masks until the end of term. This is in line with the guidance distributed where it was stated schools can continue with existing measures until the end of the academic year. Thank you, in advance, for continuing to ensure your son/daughter wears a face mask on this transport.

Start of term arrangements – September 2021

As a reminder the academic year will start for students in years 7, 8 and 12 on 8th September 2021. The additional day will aid with the transition process.

You will shortly receive a separate communication regarding the on site testing arrangements that are also required for students in September. Appointment times for these tests that will be held from 6th September will be distributed next week.

Term dates for 2021/22

The term dates for the new academic year can be found here [Diary Dates – Nailsea School](#)

The Wessex Learning Trust are currently in discussions about when schools will place the additional day to acknowledge the Platinum Jubilee. This is likely to mean that term 6 will end on Thursday 21st July, a day earlier, but this will be finalised in due course.

Finally...

we are approaching the end of another extremely busy academic year and despite the circumstances that we have experienced related to the pandemic, we have many aspects of school life that we need to celebrate. The resilience demonstrated by most of our students is to be commended, the commitment shown by staff is admirable and the support received from parents and carers is appreciated. I acknowledge that since the full reopening of school on the 11th March, there has been some disruption to school life. This was due to national rules around self-isolation; however, I am proud that we continued to keep any risk to your child to a minimum and prioritised health and safety throughout. Students who attended school, when they could, and engaged with remote learning when necessary have made massive strides in their learning and we are committed to continuing on the path to filling any gaps that may have occurred as a result of factors that were beyond our control.

I will be in contact with my final letter of the year next week. In the meantime take care and be kind

Yours faithfully



Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher