



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

I hope this week's letter finds you well on this gloriously sunny end to the week.

The final part of my letter last week referenced the importance of student conduct when outside of school and, unfortunately, there have been two incidents reported to the school this week that may involve Nailsea students.

Firstly, some students in Nailsea School uniform have been identified as banging on a local residents' door at 8.30 in the morning and then running off. This has been happening every morning for a while and, understandably the resident is shaken, angry and upset. Clearly this is completely unacceptable and needs to stop immediately. When/if any students are identified sanctions will be applied.

Secondly, as local residents may be aware the area has suffered from a number of incidents of vandalism in the form of obscene graffiti & homophobic messaging. The latest of these incidents happened last Friday night into Saturday morning. Witnesses and CCTV confirm that a group of children aged between 12 & 16 were involved in committing the damage. If anyone has any knowledge of these events I would ask that they are reported to the police.

It is a real privilege that our school is so central to the community and, as such, it is only right that I ensure our students respect the local area and residents. Thanks, in advance, for discussing these situations with your child at home.

Ambition



I am very much looking forward to attending the Duke of Edinburgh Awards evening on Thursday evening next week. The students who have worked on their awards have all benefited from some real life changing experiences and I would like to formally thank Mr Bunce for his role in co-ordinating the programme. Many of the students are continuing with the next level of award and I look forward to hearing about their efforts next week.

#AimHigh



Respect

When students become part of Nailsea School there is the understanding that all policies are adhered to. Wearing school uniform correctly is one of the policies. Uniform also creates a sense of belonging to school and an identity for the school community. In addition, a uniform means that when everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like is not so important. There are a small number of students that are not dressed appropriately for school each day and I would ask that you discuss this at home. In addition, if there are financial pressures at home that mean replacing/purchasing uniform is difficult please do contact your child's Head of House so that the situation can be rectified.

#BePositive



Kindness

As a reminder, next week 6th form students are running a week of charity events, raising money for Ukraine. As part of this there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 1st April with the suggested minimum donation of £1.

#BeKind



Pride

Our u15 football team narrowly missed out on a place in the finals of the Somerset Cup after conceding a goal in the last minute of the semi-final against Worle School on Monday afternoon. The whole team showed great skill and determination in reaching the semi-final, and throughout all the games supported each other and represented the school in an exemplary way. I am proud of the entire team in the way they performed, the fantastic achievement of reaching the semi-final and for being such great ambassadors for the school.

We look forward to supporting the u16 team playing their semi-final this afternoon away versus Huish Episcopi.

#BeProud



Community

As mentioned last week, today 50 students and several members of staff have been involved in the tree planting scheme on the school field. Mrs Bicknell has coordinated the event both on site and in liaison with local residents who share that boundary. I cannot wait to see the impact this work has on the school environment.

#TeamNailsea

Finally...

at this time of year schools across the country are beginning to look at staffing for the next academic year. As you may have seen we are advertising for a number of teaching and support staff roles at present. I am always very proud to show prospective staff around our school building and to meet our existing staff and students. Once the recruitment process has been concluded, I will update you on any changes. Exciting times!

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Elliott". The letter "D" is large and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The name "Elliott" is written in a cursive script.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher