



# Nailsea School

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1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I am pleased to start the penultimate letter of this term on a positive end to a negative situation that opened last week's letter. The first part of my letter last week referenced some less than ideal student conduct when in school uniform but outside of school hours.

It was very pleasing to see that following the letter being sent home last Friday, information was provided that meant the students involved have been identified and sanctions applied. It is really encouraging to see that the wider school community are as keen to uphold the growing reputation of our school as I am. Needless to say the members of the community who reported the original incidents have also been pleased with the school response.

## Ambition



It was a pleasure to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Award Evening last night and see the many students and their families that attended reflecting on their efforts in meeting the criteria to be issued with the Bronze or Silver awards. I know that the experience is a hugely rewarding one and those who have participated would have made many memories and learnt about themselves, as well as new skills.

As many students are aware Mr Bunce is leaving school at the end of this term and this was also an opportunity to thank him for the commitment and effort with the programme. We wish him well in his new adventures.

#AimHigh

## Respect



When a hand written envelope arrives in my pigeon hole I have a mixture of emotions, given the possible unknown contents. This week I was incredibly pleased to receive a handwritten card from a member of the public who described his interaction with a group of students in a field by the Moor End Spout:

*'I came across a large group of your students...mostly chatting...also surrounded by a considerable amount of litter. Rather nervously I went over to talk with them... I was thrilled that when I asked them to take their litter home they were very amiable...Next morning, I was delighted to find that the spot was left beautifully...They are a credit to your school'*

#BePositive



### Kindness

To raise funds for the DEC Ukraine Appeal, the 6th Form have been running activities all week including an Easter Egg hunt, Treasure Map, Guess the Eggs in a jar, bake sale. So far the funds stand at over £800 and payments are still coming in plus a generous donation raised by a parent following their own cake sale. Thank you to all families for your support.

#BeKind



### Pride

The school's winning run in the U16 Somerset Cup Final has, very excitingly, continued. Last Friday the team defeated Huish Episcopi in the semi final. The game finished 3-3 after extra time and Nailsea came through victorious in the penalty shoot out, winning 4-1. Mr Graffagnino was incredibly proud of the conduct and attitude of the team. They will now face Wellsway in the final which will be played next term. I am going to spend my Easter break practising my Delia Smith motivational speech....

#BeProud



### Community

As your child may have mentioned there has been an increase in staff absence over the last couple of weeks but, thanks to the efforts of staff on site, we have not had to resort to sending year groups to work from home. This has not been the case in other North Somerset schools and, although this does place additional pressures on staff, I am pleased that student attendance at school has not been impacted.

As you may have seen in the press from today, 1<sup>st</sup> April, **Covid guidance has changed:**

- adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education setting. Therefore schools will no longer be able to order test kits and are being asked not to distribute these to students

#TeamNailsea

**Finally...**

with one more week to go before the end of term the Easter break is tantalisingly close – a two week period for us to recharge, some of us to revise, and all to be ready for the final 12 weeks of the academic year.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher