



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

For the first time in a number of years, I am sat in my office on a Friday morning in July with my dress for prom hung up in the corner ready to celebrate year 11 students' time at Nailsea this evening at Cadbury House. Year 13 students will be acknowledging their time with us in a similar way next Thursday at Weston Pier. These events are seen as part of the rites of passage for students across the country and it is fantastic to be able to return to them. I hope all students involved have a fantastic time as I am sure the staff will who are attending.

Ambition



We are excited to be able to offer students access to Massolit which provides a library of university lecturers delivering lectures on topics in English Literature and History. We are really eager for students to access this resource especially after the popularity of the lunchtime lecture series.

To access this students should go to [MASSOLIT – Log in](#), on the left hand side it says "Log in, Enter your details to log in to your account, If your school or college is subscribed to MASSOLIT but you don't yet have a personal account, you can create one here". Students should then enter their details and must use their school email address for the account to be successfully set up. At the bottom of this page it will ask for a school code but students can leave this blank. Please encourage your child to subscribe and have a look at this excellent resource. If you have any queries on this please contact Miss Creswick, lcreswick@nailseaschool.com

Next week year 10 students will be taking part in their **work experience week**. This is an invaluable opportunity for our students to find out more about careers to help identify whether they are for them or not. My own work experience week confirmed to me that I definitely did not want to become a solicitor! Our students have worked incredibly hard to gain placements in a range of sectors, including The Wave, South Glos, The Stationery Shop, Clevedon, Tesco, Chris Goodsall Architects, Bristol, and many local primary schools. Special thanks to Mrs Rutty, Assistant Headteacher, for overseeing the process and for arranging the on-site activities for the small number of students in school next week.

#AimHigh

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Respect

On Tuesday the **application process for House Captains** was explained to year 10 students. Tutors have also shared the job description and the method of applying with their groups this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to add concrete leadership experience to their CV. From experience I know that taking on this role has been the making of some of our students. Seeing them flourish and grow in confidence over the time they were in role was a privilege. If you have a child in year 10 who would like to find out a little more please encourage them to speak with their tutor or Head of House. The deadline for applications is 11th July at 12pm.

#BePositive



Kindness

With some families coming to the end of their time at Nailsea, given students in year 11 and 13 may be moving on to new adventures, I know many staff have been incredibly grateful for the kind words received from parents and students. Working in education is something that takes over your heart and soul and although I certainly would not want to do anything else, the days can, on occasion, be tough. With three weeks to go of this academic year, if there are any particular members of staff that you would like to thank or acknowledge, I know this will be warmly received.

The link to the short form can be found here

https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&FormId=wC_kKVN2UQqzozIzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1URVBTUjFDWIFFWEQzU00yUFFEMjIIS0MxSC4u&Token=e0e6c8706bc74ca4b40eabc687f9ea28

The form will close at 3pm on Friday 15th July. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete the form.

#BeKind



Pride

As a school we are always keen to learn how former students are progressing in their further education and careers. If you know of any **Nailsea school alumni** that have not yet contacted us about their current situation, it would be great for them to get in touch and let us know what they are up to. Any updates can be made by contacting Annette Watts at AWatts@nailseaschool.com We look forward to hearing from you.

As a school we appreciate the cost in ensuring that your child wears the correct school uniform and as a result we do not stipulate a particular 'school trouser'. However we do stipulate the style to be worn is tailored black trousers. Please see the attachment for a guide. This is being reiterated in tutor time and assemblies and we would appreciate parent support as we continue the focus on the basic expectations around uniform.

#BeProud



Community

Next week we will be welcoming our largest ever cohort into the school on their official **Induction day** before the students join year 7 in September. Following further contact with North Somerset we are now not only over our planned admission number, but have reached the maximum level we can accommodate with 220 students joining us – a 33% increase in applications within a year. It is an incredible privilege to be, increasingly, the first choice of school for people in the community and be assured, although things might not be perfect all the time our staff are working tirelessly to ensure that the students receive the very best deal possible. It will be fantastic to meet the new members of the Team on Thursday.

#TeamNailsea

Finallyhaving been at university during the heyday of SMTV:Live hosted by Ant, Dec and Cat Deeley I soon became aware of the Pokemon series – although this was often the time I went to make a cup of tea. It is amazing to think that, 25 years later, Pokemon cards and trading are still ‘a thing’. My last request this week is to ask for your support in ensuring that these cards are not brought into school. They are proving to be hugely distracting for students, primarily in younger year groups, and a source of tension at social times. From next week, any cards seen on site will be confiscated. Thanks, in advance, for supporting us on this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott".

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher