



23rd September 2022

Dear Parents/carers

It's been fantastic to see so many students volunteer to assist with our Open Evening on Thursday next week. Based on demand we are adding a fourth parental presentation to the evening and I am very excited to welcome our visitors. When on site, they always comment on how impressive students are in talking proudly about our school. As a reminder there are changes to the school day on Thursday and Friday next week:

- On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** school will **finish at 2pm** to provide time for staff to set up for the event.
- On **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, to acknowledge the late evening experienced by staff and student volunteers the **school day will begin at 9:40**. Students should attend tutor time to be registered as normal. Lesson two will be the first teaching period of the day. It will be week 2.
- School transport have been informed of the changes. If, for any reason, there is an issue with your child leaving earlier or arriving later please contact the relevant Head of House.

Other messages for this week are outlined below:

### Preparing for Success – Year 11 and 13

Both key exam year groups have had parental presentations in the last week related to the plans and necessary focus for the rest of their courses. The mock exam period will be a key part of the preparation and these exams will run, for both years, from Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Heads of Faculty are currently checking the draft timetable and the finalised version will be with students in the next week.

### Homework

A key way students can foster organisational and independent learning skills is through the completion of homework tasks. In order to help with the transition from primary school year 7 students have a centralised homework timetable. For information this is shown below:

	Mon 1	Tues 1	Wed 1	Thurs 1	Fri 1	Mon 2	Tues 2	Wed 2	Thurs 2	Fri 2
7A	Music	Geog, Spanish,	Science, Maths	IT, History	English	History	English, Spanish	Drama	Geog	Science, Maths
7B	Spanish	History, Science	Maths, Geog	IT, English	Music	Science, English	History, Spanish	Maths	Geog	Drama, Maths
7C	Drama, Geog	English	Maths, French	Science	History	Science, English	Geog	IT, French	History, Music	Maths
7D	Music, Geog	Maths, Drama	English, History	French	Science, IT	French	Geog	English	Science	Maths
7E	Science, History	Maths, Drama	English, IT	Geog	French, Music	Science, History	English	French	Geog	Maths
7F	History, Science	Music, Maths	IT	Spanish	English, Geog	History	English	Drama, Spanish	Science, Geog	Maths

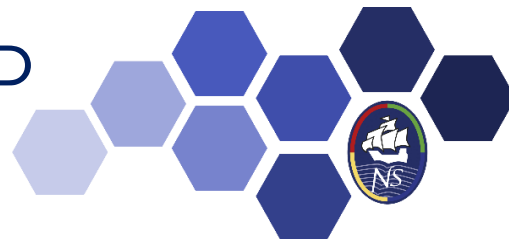
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As a school we know that students have other commitments outside of school and, as such, the policy is that students will have 3 clear evenings to complete each piece. All homework will be set on ClassCharts. If you have any questions or queries regarding homework please contact the subject teacher/tutor in the first instance. All staff contact details can be found on the website here: [Staff Contact List – Nailsea School](#)

## Parent View

It is important that we collect all parents' views and we would encourage you to complete the Parent View survey, which is independent of us, but it allows us to celebrate what we do well, as well as what we should focus on to improve even more. Please click the link to complete the survey, <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/214155> Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete the survey.

**Finally**....as many may have done, on a personal note, I have found this week a challenging one. I am not sure if this was because of the emotions and historical events of the Queen's funeral on Monday, some difficult messages I have had to pass on to students and parents or just because the days are getting shorter. Despite the feelings experienced this week, I have been supported by some amazing staff and had the privilege of working with some inspiring students – special shout out here to 7E who I covered for part of their English lesson yesterday and showed immense levels of focus and dedication when working on their poetry analysis. What a first impression as a class?! When feeling that I need a 'pick-me-up' one of my defaults is to spend a couple of hours with Rocky Balboa who, yet again, helped get me back on track when he said:

*'It ain't about how hard you hit; it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. It's how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done'*

Rest assured that I, with all the other staff here at Nailsea, will be back winning next week to support all of our families.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher