

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for your support in ensuring such a pleasing return to school this week. Year 7 and 12 have made fantastic first impressions and all students have responded well to the return to routines, displaying positive attitudes and embodying our key values. In this first of my weekly letters, I am taking the opportunity to draw your attention to some key pieces of information/reminders. I hope you find this weekly correspondence useful. As ever, if you require any clarification on any issue don't hesitate to contact the school (contact details at the foot of the letter).

Technology lessons in Years 7, 8 and 9

In order to ensure that workshops are used safely in Technology, bags will not be permitted in the workshops during Key Stage 3 lessons this year. Students should take their bags to the lockers ahead of the lesson and take just their pencil cases and water bottles to class.

Students without lockers should let their Technology teachers and HOH know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If your child was eligible for free school meals at primary school, please ensure that North Somerset have been made aware of their move to Nailsea School.

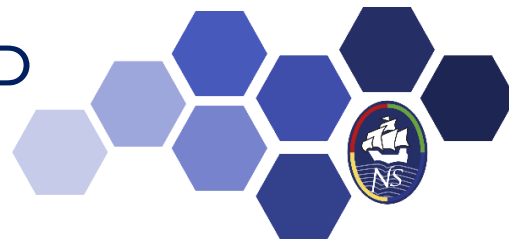
At any point, if you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, please use this link to apply: https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/fsm_app_landing.page to apply.

The process is a quick one. If you require any support with this please contact Mrs Rutty, Assistant Headteacher, on srutty@nailseaschool.com

Finally....it would seem extremely remiss of me not to acknowledge the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Irrespective of any personal views any of us may have on the role of the monarchy, as many have mentioned, it is difficult to argue with the level of service and leadership she exhibited throughout her reign. She is the only monarch I (and my parents) have ever known and the next few days of national mourning will include a number of protocols that none of us have ever experienced. Schools remain open and students should continue to attend school. As a school we will be thinking about ways to recognise the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and further details will be shared in due course.

I thought it would be apt to finish this week's letter with some of Queen Elizabeth II's words, ones that can apply to us all, but certainly resonated with me regarding my role in education:

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'When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future'

Enjoy time with your loved ones this weekend
Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Elliott".

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