



2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As mentioned last week, term 2 finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The day will have slightly altered timings as shown below:

Timings	Event	Venue
08:40 - 9:00	Tutor time	As timetable
9:00 - 9:50	Period 1	As timetable
9:50 - 10:40	Period 2	As timetable
10:40 - 11:00	Break	
11:00 - 11:50	Period 3	As timetable
11:50 – 12.30	Students go to lesson 4 to deposit coats and bags. Staff escort students to the Sports Hall for assembly.	As timetable
12.30 – 1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Students leave for the Christmas holiday	

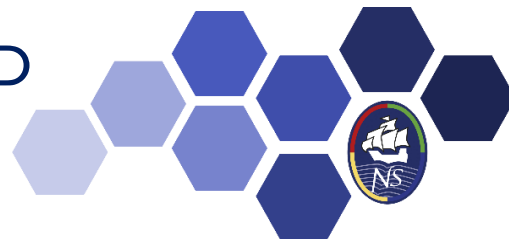
All transport providers have been informed about the change to the timings. Students return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and this will be a week 1.

Please find some other messages for the week below:

### Dates for the diary

As we approach the end of term there are a number of events that students and parents may need to be aware of:

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| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 10 Subject Evening  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | Year 10 House Matches period 2   |
|                                     | Dragon House Charity Day, including Non School Uniform for all with £1 donations |
|                                     | Reward Event for selected students   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 9 House Matches period 5  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 8 House Matches period 4  |
|                                     | Christmas Lunch  |



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 7 House Matches period 1

Year 11 and 13 students receive mock results

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year 11 House Matches period 1

## Cars on site

Many thanks to the parents that have supported the school by no longer dropping off and picking up at the front of school at the start and end of the school day if there is no known reason to do so. We have noticed a reduction in traffic on site which, inevitably, means that the site is much safer for students and staff. Families have contacted the school if they do require a permit to enter school grounds and having these visible on the dashboard of the car on entry will really help staff who are monitoring the gates. I would ask that when unpermitted vehicles are challenged by staff at the gate, that parents/carers remember our two school values of kindness and respect.

## Collection of exam certificates

Exam certificates can now be collected for those students that received results in August 2022.

Regulations do not allow certificates to be put in the post due to the risk of loss or damage and a signature is required when collecting them.

Certificates can be collected from reception between 11am and 1pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Certificates will only be issued to the person named on them unless we receive prior written authorisation from the certificate holder. Further details can be found on this process on the exam page of the website and here <https://www.nailseaschool.com/ExamCertificateCollection>

## PTA Christmas Tree

Collection day if you have ordered a Christmas tree is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Y10 students will also be selling Christmas decorations ranging from 25p to £2.50 as part of their unit award scheme.

**Finally....** I admit it – I have gone early with the Christmas decorations and they have been up in the ‘House of Elliott’ since last weekend. In a year when news stories can make you feel a little glum, to say the least, the twinkling allure of Christmas is certainly keeping my spirits high. Decorating early certainly helps the house feel cosier and that can only help with mental wellbeing. The familiarity of finding the same baubles and putting out the same decorations is also very comforting. In short, doing my favourite Christmas things earlier remind me of the simple joys and pleasures of being human.

Enjoy your weekend – especially if it includes some Christmas cheer.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher