

10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/carers

The snow brought another dimension to school life this week and I trust you have all kept safe and warm. As you are aware the third and fourth days of strike action are planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Having risk assessed the staff that will be available on site I can confirm the following arrangements will be in place for both days:

- School will be open to year 11 students on both the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Students should arrive for lesson 1 to start at 9am and will leave site at 1:20pm. All students in year 11 are expected to attend. As before, the school will run the minibus to collect students on the Long Ashton route.
- Students in Year 10 that take GCSE PE will be involved in PE moderation and will also attend from 9am until 1:20pm. Further details are available from Miss Wild.
- Students with an Education Health Care Plan can book a place on site, as before. Please use the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ipk8JJSqCT> This form will close at 3pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March the canteen will be open for all students on site at break time, but only to the students with Education Health Care Plans at lunchtime.

Other messages for the week can be read below:

### Message from Ms Lloyd, SENDCo

Melody Cole (Deputy SENDCo) will be taking on the role of SENDCo from term 5, 17<sup>th</sup> April, as I will be departing Nailsea School to work in a specialist school in Bristol.

In addition to this, should you have any SEND enquiries, we now have a new general contact email address [sendenquiries@nailseaschool.com](mailto:sendenquiries@nailseaschool.com) which is monitored by a member of our admin team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and wish #teamnailsea and the wider community all the very best for the future.

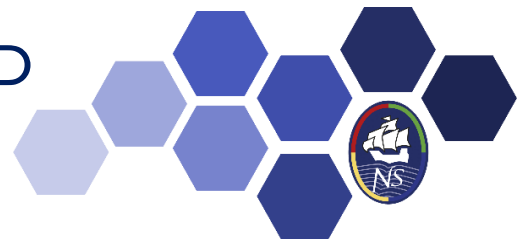
### Year 9 Vaccinations

These will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March for all students in Year 9. Please could all Year 9 parents ensure they have completed the consent form to indicate whether you give permission or not

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk> Sirona will be contacting all parents that have not completed the form over the next few days.

### Nailsea 6<sup>th</sup> form Interviews

It has been a real pleasure being able to interview year 11 students planning to return to the 6<sup>th</sup> form in September. At present it is looking as if they will be joining the largest year 12 cohort for a number of years. With the interviews being completed this week, conditional offer letters will be being sent out confirming places based on entry requirements. If students have any other concerns or queries please contact Mr Truan, Assistant Headteacher – Head of 6<sup>th</sup> form.



## **Nailsea Climate Emergency Group**

Please find attached a flyer for the next meeting of this group that will take place at Nailsea on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The organiser, Kingsley, recently came into school to speak with our Eco group. Details of the event can be found on the attached flyer.

## **Thank you to the PTA**

I would like to formally thank the members of the PTA who continue to do a phenomenal job in raising money for the school. To date this year they have contributed donations totalling over £6000. This money has been spent on things ranging from the redecoration of the 6<sup>th</sup> form common room to providing equipment for our Forensics, Photography and Geography groups. As we all know funding in education is very tight and these extras that the PTA have provided really do make a difference to experiences in school.

The group's next fundraising event is 'Musical Bingo' with a 1980s theme. This will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at the school. Tickets, costing £6 per person, are available from [nailseapta@nailseaschool.com](mailto:nailseapta@nailseaschool.com)

**Finally...** this Wednesday was International Women's Day with the theme of #EmbraceEquity. We can all embrace equity. It should not just be something we say or write about. It is something we need to think about, know and value. We should all be able to challenge gender stereotypes, call out discrimination and draw attention to bias. The day is also one where female achievements can be recognised. I have the privilege of working with some remarkable people and I can see in our student body that the future is very bright. To quote Michelle Obama:

*'Here's to strong women, May we know them, may we raise them. May we be them'*

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher