

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for your ongoing understanding regarding the two days of industrial action that took place this week. It was pleasing to see the students that were invited on site taking advantage of this opportunity and responding so positively to the activities that were set.

Other messages for the week can be read below:

### **Skydiving Fund Raiser**

One of our catering team, Rosemary Lea-Wilson, is going to undertake a sky dive in July. She is aiming to raise money for two causes very close to her heart. Further details of the causes she is raising money for and the opportunity to donate can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rosemary-lea-wilson>

### **Nailsea Climate Emergency Group**

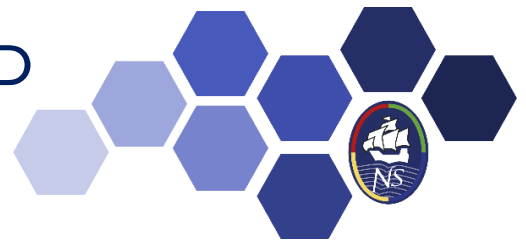
Please find attached a flyer for the next meeting of this group that will take place at Nailsea on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The organiser, Kingsley, recently came into school to speak with our Eco group. Details of the event can be found on the attached flyer.

### **Uniform reminder**

Over the last week or so staff have noticed an increase in the number of students that are not meeting our expectations regarding some aspects of uniform, specifically related to jewellery. As a reminder please see an extract of the expectations taken from the school website, below:

NAILS	Nails should be of an appropriate length to comply with Health & Safety guidelines and be natural and with a clear neutral colour
JEWELLERY	No rings, necklaces, bangles or bracelets. Earrings are allowed, with a maximum of two studs in the lower ear lobe, no other piercings are acceptable.
FACIAL PIERCINGS	Facial piercings are not allowed, students will be asked to remove these during the school day
NEW EAR PIERCINGS	New ear piercings should be done at the end of the Summer Term to allow for appropriate healing time so they can be removed for PE Lessons

Students that are not adhering to this guidance will be asked to remove any items. Thank you, in advance for your support with this.



## Staffing appointments

As the student population at the school grows a number of staffing appointments are continuing to be made. A full update of the new members of staff that are joining us will be shared in term 6 when all appointments have been concluded. I would like to thank all the students that have been involved in the process to date, either by taking candidates on tours or taking part in the lessons on the day. As always, all visiting candidates are incredibly complimentary about the interactions they have with our students. Student opinions are a really valuable part of this process and I hope those involved so far have seen the importance of their role.

## Rosslyn Park

I am sure you will join me in wishing our rugby squad all the best for the Rosslyn Park 7s tournament that is being held next week. The tournament started in 1939 and is now the largest school rugby tournament with over 10,000 students competing annually. Our selection, with over 1000 schools having applied, is a fantastic achievement in itself. I look forward to sharing the outcome with you next week.

**Finally....** regular readers of this letter will know that I am very partial to a murder mystery/crime drama. One of my favourites came to an end last weekend and I am still wondering how I am going to fill the void that has been left with series 9 of *Endeavour* finishing. *Inspector Morse* was must see TV, every Wednesday, when I was in years 7 -11 so it was always going to be difficult to see the end. The final episode's title, 'Exeunt', the classical end-of-scene direction meaning 'they all leave the stage'. No spoilers from me as to how that happens, but needless to say there were a few tears shed and I am not sure I am going to be able to listen to Elton John's *Rocket Man*, given it was used at the end of the wedding reception scene, in the same way again. As a tribute to DI Fred Thursday, a change to my sign off this week:

'Mind how you go'

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher