



3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for your support yesterday given the school was closed to most students on the second day of industrial action. We were pleased to be able to welcome year 11 students on site for the morning and I hope they found the sessions useful in their ongoing process of revision. As you may be aware the next planned strike days are Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. I am in the process of risk assessing the staffing levels that may be present for these days and I will update you all on plans in due course.

Other messages for the week can be read below:

Punctuality focus

There has been a marked improvement in punctuality to lessons, given the focus this term. As a reminder the warning bells (rung 5 minutes before the end of break and lunch) are movement bells to ensure that lessons start promptly.

Students are able to use the toilet and fill water bottles before school, during the 15 minute morning break and during the 35 minute lunch.

As you can see from the graphic on the left punctuality has a direct impact on learning and future success.

Thank you for your support on this important matter.



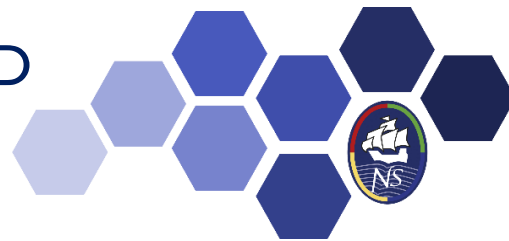
Passport To Prom – Year 11

Year 11 students are now well aware of the criteria needed to receive a ticket to the prom. This annual event is a real celebration of the students' time at Nailsea school and is one that staff also really enjoy attending. Attendance at the event is not automatic and there are some key criteria to be met. These are:

- Achieving 95%+ attendance (as of week comm 27th Feb – 26th May)
- Accruing no more than 10 late marks (Every tutor time and every lesson count)
- 500 house points being awarded over the next 10 week period

Students are aware that attendance at period 6, completing active revision homework and submitting past exam papers are all ways that house points can be awarded.

48 students have already received a 'golden ticket' based on their punctuality and efforts since September. Congratulations to them and I look forward to seeing more students achieve the threshold over the coming weeks.



Nailsea Climate Emergency Group

Please find attached a flyer for the next meeting of this group that will take place here at the school on 21st 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.

Road Safety

A member of the public reported some students engaging in dangerous behaviour on Mizzymead Road earlier this week. I would ask for your support in discussing the importance of traffic awareness when/if your child is walking to and from school. It is also important for our students to be mindful that they are sharing the pavements and the road with members of the public and should behave appropriately. Thanks, in advance, for your support on this issue.

Year 7 Intake September 2023

It was fantastic to hear that over 200 students will be joining us in year 7 in September. The student numbers at Nailsea are continuing to grow and with increased numbers also looking likely to join us in year 12, the school will be largest it has ever been next academic year. Families who have been allocated a place in year 7 will be receiving their welcome packs in the next couple of weeks. I am very much looking forward to meeting the students and the families over the coming months.

Finally... many of you will have been at Ashton Gate on Tuesday and others, like me, would have been watching the Bristol City FA Cup match at home on television. Irrespective of the result, reaching that stage of the competition was a great achievement. It was wonderful to see one of our ex pupils, Sam Bell, continue to flourish within the team.

Sam was in my year 8 Geography class when I joined the school in 2014 – I can actually still remember the seat he sat in where I taught the group in room 120. Although clearly very talented even then, Sam was modest, hardworking and focused on wanting to become a professional footballer. As with everyone that reaches a professional level in any sport, Sam did make sacrifices and worked incredibly hard. He deserves every success and is a real example to all of us. #TeamNailsea

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

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