



31st March 2023

Dear Parents/carers

Unicorn House have been busy this week with their charity fundraising events for some excellent causes; Cancer Research, Children's Hospice South West; the Bristol Childrens' Hospital and the Clevedon District Food Bank. The week's events culminated with Non Uniform day today and Live Friday taking place in the atrium at lunchtime. All the students involved should be very proud of their involvement in these activities, showing their commitment to giving back to the school and wider community.

We return to term 5 on Monday 17th April at 8:40am. This will be a week one.

Other messages for the week can be read below:

Staffing Update

As many parents are aware, today we say goodbye and good luck to Sylvie Lloyd, SENDCo, who is leaving us to take up another position at a school in Bristol. Ms Lloyd has been at Nailsea since 2004, teaching in the Technology department, acting for a time as Transition manager working with our feeder primaries and more recently having oversight of the Special Educational Needs provision in the school. Sylvie was instrumental in working with North Somerset in developing and securing our Resource Base provision that is, once again, over subscribed for September 2023. Sylvie is passionate about supporting all young people to achieve their potential and we wish her all the best for the future.

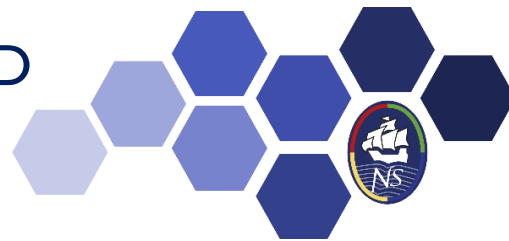
Ms Melody Cole will take up the SENDCo role from Term 5 and I know that she has already been in contact with a number of parents regarding the handover.

We also welcome some new staff that are joining us next term. Mr Dan Pate joins us as Head of Music, Mrs Zoe Piper as a Cover Supervisor and Mrs Sarah Neilson as Medical and Welfare Officer.

Year 11 Timetable changes

Year 11 students are now very much in the home straight when it comes to exam preparation. In recognition of this there will be some amendments to timetable arrangements. From the start of term 5 students will have the option to continue to take part in core PE or to bring revision and complete this in a classroom supervised by PE staff. Students should come prepared with revision materials for these sessions.

Exams begin in the week commencing 15th May and in order to provide some tailored preparation ahead of these times, from that date, the year group will adhere to an amended timetable. For example on Monday 15th May, ahead of the Science exam on Tuesday 16th May all students in year 11 will attend a Science revision session during periods 3 and 4 and not attend their normal lessons. All details of the timetable can be found with Heads of Faculty and year 11 tutors. This process has been viewed as really valuable by students in the past and I hope these final opportunities for revision and consolidation are taken up by the students.



6th form Social Media accounts

As a reminder our 6th form have a number of social media accounts where all the latest news and updates can be found. 'Nailsea Sixth' can be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Finally.... with Easter upon us, this is the time of year when many of us will indulge in some chocolate in one form or another. It is one of life's great mysteries that chocolate always seems to taste better in egg form, isn't it? The first chocolate egg was introduced in the UK in 1873 by the Bristol company, Fry's. Traditionally at Easter people had given others hard boiled eggs that had been painted bright colours. Fry's took this tradition and made the eggs out of chocolate – I definitely know which I prefer! Although in places like France and Germany, they had been making chocolate eggs for many years, it was Fry's that devised the first hollow eggs. Cadburys soon saw the profit involved and made their first chocolate egg two years later.

So whilst you are enjoying your one (or many) pieces of chocolate over the break, do remember the role that the Bristolian Fry family had in this tradition. Enjoy your break – and your chocolate!

Take care and Be Kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher