

12th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been pleasing to see some sunshine this week and as a result students have been able to use the grassed areas around the school at social times. As a reminder, although I would encourage some physical exercise at break and lunchtime, students should be reminded that any games should be played safely. Dangerous behaviour (pushing/heavy tackling) could easily result in physical injury. There are staff roaming the site on duty at social times but, inevitably, students are not directly supervised across the site at all times. Students are encouraged in these instances to act sensibly. Thanks for discussing the importance of this issue at home.

Other messages for the week can be read below:

External Examinations 2023

Monday sees the start of external examinations for students in years 11, 13 and a small number in year 12. I know that students have continued to work hard ahead of these and the aim is for these to be as smooth running as possible.

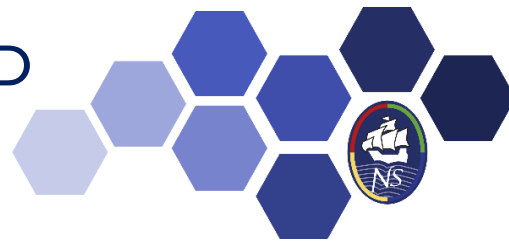
In light of this, I felt it useful to pass on some key reminders:

- Students should come to the meeting point 15 minutes before the start time of the exam
- Students should come knowing their seat number and with all the correct equipment
- Students are reminded that all watches, mobile phones and other electronic devices cannot be taken into the exam venue.
- Yr 11 students will follow the drop down timetable, as shared last week, with attendance being compulsory until the end of term 5
- Yr 13 students will be expected in some lessons, as previously clarified by their teachers
- A number of rooms around the school will be used as exam venues for those students that have concessions. This will include the 6th form area and some offices. I would ask that other students are considerate and mindful of the noise in these areas at exam times.

I know the staff will join me in wishing students all the best for the next few weeks.

Griffin House Charity Week 22nd May

This term will see Griffin House raising money to support Cancer Research. For many, due to our own experiences, fighting cancer and supporting those on this journey is personal. It is important that charity is not just about dipping into your pocket, but also dipping into your time-giving something of yourself. Griffin students will be completing a virtual cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats- a massive 948 miles (as the bike cycles). They will be giving their energy and time and we are extremely hopeful that each student will play a role in completing part of that journey, so that collectively, we can reach our goal. Griffin House also, looks hopefully to our school and wider community to support us in donating whatever amount is affordable. A way to donate will be made available on Parent Pay during our Charity Week. Times are challenging, and so we are extremely grateful for any amount you are able to offer.



Finally....as mentioned last week, today was the final day for year 13 students at Nailsea. As this cohort leaves we will be welcoming our new year 7 intake for their first visits at Nailsea. Next week students will be joining us from Kingshill, Hannah More and Grove, Golden Valley, Northleaze and Birdwell on consecutive days where they will be given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the site and meet key staff. This transition opportunity is in addition to the Transition day that will take place in July and is also a great way for existing year 6 teachers to meet with our pastoral team. The Class of 2028, as they will become, is almost full, reflecting Nailsea more consistently becoming the parental preference in the community. I am very much looking forward to meeting the students next week as we all begin this next step.

Take care and Be Kind

Yours faithfully

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