



26th May 2023

Dear Parents/carers

A busy end to term 5 with the exam season now in full swing and further taster visits from our year 6 students who will be joining us in September continuing. Finalised plans are also underway for the larger events in term 6; our two residential trips to Spain and Belgium, work experience week, Year 12 Pathways week, Sports Day, the year 11 and 13 proms and the unveiling of the 2023 House championship. That certainly seems a lot to fit into the last 6 and a half weeks of the academic year. We will return for term 6 on Monday 5th June at 8:40am. This will be a week 1. Other messages for the week can be read below:

Musical Showcase – 27th and 28th June 7pm

Rehearsals have been ongoing for weeks and it is exciting to see that tickets for the Musical Showcase are now on sale. These can be purchased from the Hub at break time and lunchtimes. Adult tickets are £5 and student tickets are £3.50. The staff and students involved will be thrilled to perform their musical numbers in front of a live audience and given this is the first event of this kind this year, I am sure there will be lots of support for the performers. A show not to be missed!

Griffin House Charity Week

Griffin House have been doing a fantastic job this week raising money for their chosen charity. One unique fundraiser was the option of staff and students cycling the distance from Land's End to John O Groats over the course of the week. In addition, I know staff have really valued students delivering cups of tea at breaktime. So far the total raised is £767.00 which I know will be gratefully received by the charity.

Year 11 Uniform expectations

Students in year 11 are now well into the swing of the exam season. I would like to remind students and staff that attendance at exams, and for any revision sessions in school, in term 6 does also require students to be in full uniform. This week one student arrived in shorts and a T-shirt, clearly against expectations, and so was asked to go home to change. Clearly we would want to avoid such a rushed start to an exam for either the student concerned or to have the potential disruption for others with someone entering the exam after it has started. Thanks, in advance, for ensuring uniform and punctuality to exams continues into term 6.

Life Cycle UK Holiday courses

Life Cycle UK are based at Clevedon school during the half term break. Nailsea Students are most welcome to enrol on the free training they are offering and there are some places remaining. Options are there for both Level 2 and Level 3 Bikeability. Further details on how to book can be found here: <https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/free>

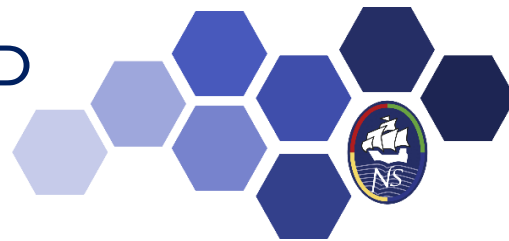
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6th form Transition day – 4th July 2023

Year 11 parents/carers have been sent an electronic letter regarding the transition event. This is intended for all year 11 students that have applied to Nailsea Sixth Form. The letter contains a Microsoft form that will confirm the students attending. We would ask that the deadline for completion in Friday 26th May at 3pm.

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together Survey

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together is a local forum for parents/carers of children with SEND and additional needs. The group are undertaking their annual survey which seeks parents' experiences of using education, health and care services locally. The results of the survey are shared with the local area SEND Improvement Board and supports strategic leaders in understanding needs and planning services. The forum is encouraging all parents/carers of children with additional needs and/or disability aged 0-25 to complete the survey, whether they have an EHCP, receive SEN support or are awaiting further support from services.

Parents and carers who complete the survey can enter a draw to win one of eight Amazon e vouchers, with a top prize of £100. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WFBHX3C>

Security in bikesheds

With the warmer weather we have noticed an increase in the number of students that are coming to school using a bike or scooter. There are various bikesheds around the site that are locked and unlocked at the start and end of the school day by the Premises team. In addition to this, we strongly recommend that individual scooters and bikes are also locked within the shed. Thanks, in advance, for adhering to this expectation.

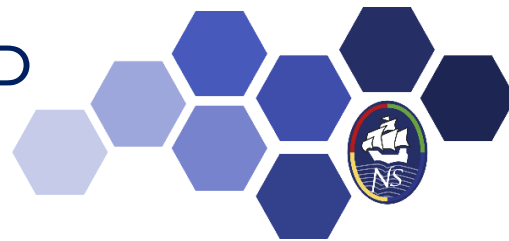
Online safety and Use of social media

Many thanks to the parents that attended our online safety event run by Avon and Somerset Police on Monday. Following on from messages earlier in the term, there have been further alleged incidents this week of students accessing personal photographs of other members of the school community and sharing them, accompanied by various comments. The school advice in this situation is that people affected should report this to the police. If evidence is found that such activity is taking place on school site, using school equipment additional school sanctions will be imposed. I do appreciate parents/carers speaking at home about the appropriate use of the internet and the importance of adhering to our school value of 'Kindness'.

Parent Forum – Monday 12th June, 10am

Many thanks to the parents that have already expressed an interest in attending the term 6 parent forum event. The date has been confirmed as the 12th June, with the session starting at 10am. If any other parents/carers wish to attend or you have a topic that you wish to discuss please contact Annette Watts at AWatts@nailseaschool.com. I very much look forward to seeing the group in term 6.

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Finally...the end of term 5 is always one I look forward. Not only because exams are usually well and truly underway, or because the sun should be usually shining, but because it is also my birthday. I am, rather disturbingly, edging closer to the half century mark and as befits a lady of a certain age the day will be spent going out for a leisurely lunch and then a day at the cricket. Wishing you all the best for a sun and fun filled break, whatever you are up to. I look forward to seeing students and working with families again in Term 6.

Take care and Be Kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'DElliott'.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher

