



## Message from the Head

May I start the last newsletter of this calendar year by thanking you for all your continued support, patience and understanding during this very challenging time. We have all had to get used to different ways of doing things and overcoming the new challenges that we are faced with. I would like to thank the students for their efforts in helping us to keep everyone safe by following our new routines and procedures and approaching their learning with such enthusiasm. Parents, thank you for your support and working with us as we implement the necessary changes to keep our students, staff and the community safe.

Nailsea staff have continued to work tirelessly every day, especially in the very challenging circumstances of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you'

Reflecting on the year, once again our school community is a strong, vibrant one where young people are well supported by a dedicated strong team of teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, parents, Governors, our Trust and the local community.

We have had another action packed term, and our students are a credit to you. Students, as you will see within this edition, have done us all proud by using their gifts and talents to develop themselves and contribute to the school.

Without our families and community, Nailsea would not be the fantastic school it is.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Mrs Elliott

**Headteacher**



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### Parent View—Ofsted

2021 has been another exceptional year for Nailsea School, with two fantastic Open Evenings and the opportunity for Year 7 parents to tour the school, we've received some wonderful feedback. If you'd like to share your experiences – you can always log-on to the Ofsted Parent View portal by clicking this link [Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#)

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### A Word from the Wessex Learning Trust

And so, we come to the end of yet another half term here at the Wessex Learning Trust, and what a pleasure it is to be back to a much more normal Christmas term. Across our schools it has been wonderful for learners to be able to enjoy some of



the traditional Christmas activities like fairs, nativities, and concerts which we have been so sadly missing over the last twelve months.

At Nailsea, it was my pleasure to attend your Sixth Form Open evening earlier this term, and it was great to see so many learners and their parents and carers coming along to find out more about the amazing opportunities your Sixth Form can offer. Nailsea School is incredibly lucky to have such a vibrant and flourishing post-sixteen provision, and I know that the school will be incredibly pleased to welcome you all into their Sixth Form in September 2022.

Elsewhere in the Trust, I'm very proud that this term has seen two new schools join our family in the shape of Sandford and Winscombe Primary Schools. The two new schools joined us at the start of December and are the fifteenth and sixteenth schools to become part of our Trust. This new partnership will, I have no doubt, provide even more opportunities for our amazing staff to collaborate and share ideas and best practice to continue to offer our learners the exceptional education they have come to expect from us. I very much look forward to seeing what fruits this new partnership bears in the coming months and years, and hope there will be an opportunity for Nailsea and the new schools to work together as we move forward after Christmas.

As we approach the last days of the term all that is left for me to do is wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. I hope you all get to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends, as well as a well-deserved break. I very much look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2022!

Gavin Ball  
**Chief Executive**

### A Message from the Governors

This term the Governors were pleased to attend a number of very successful events in school.

It was wonderful to see the success of our Sixth Form Open Evening, welcoming prospective students and their families, and to see the fantastic reactions to our school. The Governors were very proud to see how many of our existing Sixth form students volunteered to showcase the school on the evening, and to see their confidence, enthusiasm and detailed knowledge about their chosen subjects. It was fantastic to see the school car park beyond capacity and the school busy with enquiries from existing students at Nailsea and from those attending different schools. Many thanks to all staff and students who put so much time into preparing this event.



It was also a very great pleasure to attend the Christmas Concert in the auditorium. So many talented singers and musicians from our student body, prepared a really festive treat for everyone in the audience. Again, it was fantastic to see students enjoying being able to share their hard work practicing and preparing these performances with a real 'live' audience. Thank you to all the students and staff who took part for organising a memorable event.

Lastly, at Christmas, particular thanks to our Nailsea PTA, whose efforts we greatly value, supporting our school and raising our profile within our community. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who get involved, and thank you to everyone in our school community who support their initiatives.

Thank you to all our families for supporting our school. We hope all students, families and staff enjoy a very 'Happy Christmas'.

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## **DRAGON HOUSE by Isla S. Communications Ambassador.**

Next term, on the week starting 24th of January, Nailsea will be having a fundraiser week - our chosen charity is **“Ups and Downs South West”**. For Dragon this will involve a bake sale where students are encouraged to bake cakes themselves, a treasure hunt, a teacher competition, a film with popcorn and drinks, and a raffle where you can win various prizes.

Secondly, there are going to be four corners/sections, each for a different house where you can spend time with other Dragon pupils. Here there are going to be boards with information, events, and club details. There will be different seating options including beanbags and benches.

It has been decided that there will be no schedule for who sits in this corner and when, so whoever to the area first at break or lunch will be able to sit here at that time.



## **GRIFFIN HOUSE by Eddie G. Communications Ambassador.**

Hi from Griffin School Council! This term we have been focusing on our charity week and revamping the breakout area into house bases. For our charity week, we decided to raise money for **“Children’s Hospice South West”** as it is a local, small charity. It will be on the week commencing 24th of January. Each day will be a different way of raising money.

For example, we will raise the money with a raffle, dodge ball (teachers versus student) and a carnival day.

Carnival day will include the classics such as sweets in a jar, beat the buzzer and whack a mole. There will also be guess the square which will involve guessing parts of the school and our personal favourite, which is teachers dress up as students. Prizes will either be sweet treats or school related such as a ‘skip the queue’ pass.

For the breakout rooms we want to put bean bags and a picnic bench to make it a comfortable place for students to sit and eat during break and lunch. It will be decorated with bunting and a board that will have information on it for Griffin House. It will have the House Captains and ambassador’s names on there so that people know who to talk to about anything they would like changed or improved in school.

Finally, we would like a mindfulness wall with useful information about dealing with mental health and where to seek help.



## **PHOENIX HOUSE by Lowena C - Communications Ambassador**

In Phoenix student council, we are eager and excited to spread the festive spirit and support the community! We are discussing decorating our breakout room with tinsel to get other students into the Christmas mood. We have also been discussing activities for a fundraiser in 2022 where there will be a teacher vs student sports match, a guess the teddy’s name and potentially a lip sync battle! Our chosen charity to donate the money to is **Macmillan Cancer Support**.



## **UNICORN HOUSE by David, Moses and Lily - Communications Ambassadors**

We are working on many projects this year including the organisation of our charity week which will be held in May. Our chosen charity is **“Young Minds”** and we are excited to announce our fundraising ideas to raise money for this.

Fun activities including a teacher’s race, talent show, cake sale, fun run and cinema evening are all going to fit into this exciting week and we hope to make as much money as possible to help our chosen charity help others in need. We have also been designing a brand new house space where different year groups can enjoy break and lunchtime with a space to relax and find out latest information about what’s going on in Unicorn house. This space can be used by all and will have comfy beanbags and colourful LED’s to go with a wellbeing wall where students can find help and support if they need it.

We can’t wait to tell you about future events and projects in upcoming newsletters.



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## NAILSEA SIXTH FORM UPDATE

It was great to see so many students at our Sixth Form Open Evening this term, when we invited our Year 11 students and welcomed students from other schools in to learn about our Sixth Form offer. A big thank you to Year 12 & 13 students who volunteered their time to help out at the event.

A reminder that the deadline for applications is the 14th December, the online form is available via our website.

This has been a busy term for our year 13s. Not only have they had a full mock exam period, but for many university applications have been completed, sent off, and in lots of cases first offers received.

We wish them all the best both for what they have learnt from the mocks but also for their applications for the future

Mr Reddiford  
**Head of Sixth Form**



## Year 13 Sustainability Tour

Year 13 Geographers took a tour behind the scenes of the school guided by Mr. Perry our Assistant Business Manager. During this tour the class aimed to assess the “extent to which Nailsea School’s energy mix is sustainable”.

During the tour the students were shown round the many sustainable systems employed by the school, including solar panels, solar heated water, heat exchangers, and the Biomass boiler. We are lucky to have such a new school building as many other schools have a much larger carbon footprint and even then, struggle to keep a comfortable temperature.

The students even considered the risks and benefits of small scale nuclear power for the school and our wider energy uses which Mr. Perry excitedly spoke about. This tour shared many links with our current energy security topic and the enthusiasm and knowledge of Mr. Perry made us all think further about what more we as a country and as individuals could do to better the sustainability of the energy mixes, we use.



Overall, we came to the conclusion that the efforts that the school goes to, are greater than that of even newer buildings, and even more so than other similarly sized schools. However, there is still much more that could be done.

If you’re interested in making a difference to our school, perhaps consider joining our Eco Schools Committee or one of the various school and student run groups, or you could even talk to your House Captains.

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## Christmas Trees, Cards and Collections

Thanks to everyone who has bought Christmas Trees and Cards so far. We still have a few packs of cards left, so please don't delay, and buy them now—see the designs on the next page of this Newsletter.

They are available via ParentPay £5.00 for 10 cards with all of the proceeds going towards supporting our children.

The PTA would like to thank the generosity of everyone living in the Elms area who donated to the Lions Club Christmas Float on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. We raised a record breaking £467 of which the PTA will receive £374.



## Krispy Kreme FUNDRAISER

Following the success of our last sale (despite huge numbers of the school being sent home to isolate), we will be holding another Krispy Kreme Donut sale on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3pm.

Donuts cost £1 (cash only please) at the front and rear entrances of School. Please don't forget your money!



## Easyfundraising – Fundraise when you shop online

With Christmas almost upon us, please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. Easyfundraising allows you to access over 4,000 shops and sites who will donate to us for FREE every time you spend with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Register now before you start your Christmas Shopping! It's also possible to register for multiple causes.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nailseaschoolpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-w1](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nailseaschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-w1)



## Nailsea School PTA weekly lottery

The Lottery has raised the PTA £1122 since we started it this summer! Huge thanks to those who donate every week, all of the money will go towards enriching Nailsea School Pupils' educational experience.

Tickets cost just £1 per week and can be purchased by Direct Debit or Debit Card. (min period 1 month). The draw is made every Saturday and if you match all 6 numbers you win £25000. In addition, one Nailsea PTA supporter will win a cash prize every week (prize is 30% of tickets sold). The PTA receive 40% of the ticket sales. Go to this page to buy your tickets: [Support Nailsea School PTA](#)

[when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

## Come and Join us

Our next meeting will be held on **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 7.30pm** in the School Conference Room – please email [nailseapta@nailseaschool.com](mailto:nailseapta@nailseaschool.com) to let us know you are coming.

## Social Media – Keep Up to Date with Latest News

The PTA are planning a few other innovative ways to fundraise in the coming months - so please follow us on Social media to keep up to date:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NailseaPTA/>



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### PTA Christmas Card Competition

Well done and thank you to our students for all of the excellent entries to the PTA Christmas card competition—it really was a tough choice this year, as shown by the examples here.

Congratulations to the winners— the designs are really brilliant!



Florence D

Darcy W

Rujula S

Mae S

Pheobe S

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## OUR TIDE - WORKSHOPS

Over the half term, two Year 10 Triple Science students attend a free engineering outreach programme with a focus on designing new green technologies.

Nailsea School Science Department were approached by the charity 'Our Tide' to take part in the project which saw students being able to get involved with tide-related activities. The workshops focussed on getting students to think about how the tidal range on the Severn Estuary and whether this could be used as a renewable energy resource to generate electricity.

The students were invited to work alongside young graduate engineers to discover more about the natural resources that there are in Clevedon.

The students took workshops which included the practical design, build and test activities around making a tidal turbine, and they learned about tidal energy and how it could be harnessed to be the green energy we need. The students also tested the rate of flow of the water off the pier and got 'real life' work experience in engineering. Clevedon has the second highest tidal range in the world, so there is lots of energy for potential harvest. For further information about the project visit [www.ourtide.org](http://www.ourtide.org)



## OUTDOOR COLLEGE ON OUR DOORSTEP

Earlier in the term a visit was arranged for some year 11 students to visit the Outdoor College (<https://www.outdoorcollege.co.uk/>) based in Tickenham.

This relatively new venture is a course for 16-19 year olds who are interested in the outdoors, conservation and the future careers it can offer. The course looks at everything from land management, growing and selling produce, animal husbandry, mental health and the outdoors and practical tool skills.

More information about the Level 2 course can be found on their website. The award is accredited by Weston College and is run by different specialists in curriculum in a beautiful new eco classroom which is in the process of being finished for the course starting next year.

Our guide for the day, Jason, was very helpful in showing us around the site and explaining to students what the week to week could look like, but also stressing that if they find a certain part interesting they will endeavour to allow student to learn and gain as much experience as they possibly can.



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## Year 8 Golf Success

Many congratulations to Year 8 student Frances S for winning the Centenary Salver Medal at Long Ashton Golf Club where she is a member. Frances plays in the Junior and Ladies teams, and has been playing golf since she was 6 years old.

At aged 11 Frances began playing in the Gloucestershire Girls County team, competing against other County teams all over the South West and Cotswolds.

The Centenary Salver Medal is played for annually by members of Long Ashton Golf Club. The Salver will now have Frances name inscribed on the back along with the year she won it, her name will also be inscribed on the board in the golf club.

Excellent stuff Frances – such a great achievement. #BeProud



## Integrate UK

My name is Erica and I am a year 9 student at Nailsea School. I started working with Integrate UK during lockdown in the summer last year. We had countless Zoom calls rehearsing our lines for the short film we produced called “Hijabs and mini skirts”, a film discussing the unfair treatments people of colour experience to this day.

We then went on to produce a mini magazine communicating the experiences that young women go through on a daily basis including women’s rights, body image and mental health for women.

Then in the summer of 2021 I was involved in the production of “What is she wearing?”, a short, silent film about sexual harassment in schools. I love working with Integrate UK because I met so many new people my age and I had a lot of fun building connections with people and discussing different ways we can make the world a better place for our future.

By Erica M



Rowan M, Lucy M, Tom G, Sam G and Jake C

## Chief Scout’s Gold Award

Five Nailsea School pupils obtained their Chief Scout's Gold award which is an incredibly impressive achievement.

The Chief Scout's Gold Award shows that you've given new things a go, worked as a team, and developed loads of new skills. This is an incredible achievement, well done to you all, you should be very proud.

Well done!



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## Photo Competition 2021—the Colours of Nature

Every year, a real highlight for us is seeing the entries for the annual Photography Competition. The theme this year was 'Colours of Nature' and we had over 80 entries from Year 7 – 13, each with a unique visual viewpoint on this theme. The judges from the local Rotary Club agreed with us that these were collectively the best quality entries we've had – a big WELL DONE to all who submitted their photographs.

Special congratulations goes out to the first prize winners – Emily L (Y8) and Megan A (Y10). Their photographs will now go through to the next round of the competition in the wider South West area. The judges were impressed with the level of ambition from both photographers. Emily took her photograph of a double rainbow in the Lake District, using the arch of the rainbows as a framing device. Megan visited Slimbridge Wetland Centre to take her photograph of a flamingo, capturing the character and detail of this bird with confidence.

The list of winning photographers is as follows:

- KS3 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Emily L (Y8)
- KS3 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Elsie C (Y8)
- KS3 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Sienna B (Y8)
- KS4/5 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Megan A (Y11)
- KS4/5 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Bradley P (Y10)
- KS4/5 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Eli R (Y10)



## Formula 1 Club

A big thank you to all the new attenders we have had join our KS3 maths club this term.

I have been impressed by the resilience and enthusiasm shown every Wednesday. Feel free to come along and join us for maths and a cookie.

Hopefully see you soon.

Miss Kelly

Years 7-8  
Wednesday  
Room 158



Race ahead  
of your peers



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## Mock COP26 at Bristol University

On Thursday 11th November a group of four geography students which consisted of Darren, Izzy, Jack and I went to a mock COP26 conference hosted by Bristol University, representing Nailsea Sixth Form. Other schools from the Bristol area brought groups as well, we represented AOSIS which is the Association of Small Island States. Throughout the day we enacted the events at COP26 and acted as world leaders were doing at the time.

The day began with us reading the information on our topics of discussion and planning how to get our points across. Next we had 3 rounds of discussion with other groups who were representing either different countries, organisations or companies, showing the variation in the real thing. Our first round was with Royal Dutch Shell an oil and gas company, our job was to convince them to vote in favour of renewable energy usage. The second round was with China where our main point was the phasing out of the fossil fuel coal which is a heated topic of discussion, due to their reliance on it. The final round was a person of our choice, we choose UNHCR, which is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Where we agreed to vote on similar things and discussed how we influenced other groups to see our point of view. Before the vote the floor was open for debating and some of our group went out to any of the tables to get our final influence and ideas out there, while one person stayed at the table to defend our views. Once that had ended we held a vote on the different plans for each topic and a majority would get a commitment to happen, each group had a different number of votes showing how organisations can have an impact on countries' decisions.



Once the votes were collected we got to hear from the facilities about their experience at the COP26 conference in Glasgow. This was really interesting as some had even viewed the discussions in real time. Then we were encouraged to write our ideas about how we can be more sustainable in our own lives and what we think governments should commit to. We eventually put these on the wall so that people could read them out, while the Deputy Mayor of Bristol was listening in. After listening in she gave an inspiring speech and congratulated us on our achievements from the day and our eagerness to want change.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day as it helped gain an understanding into what the conference was like and taught me a lot on debating and compromise. It also gave me hope for the future, knowing the Deputy Mayor of Bristol listened to our ideas and was ready to take our ideas into account.

Thomas H

**Year 12 Geography Student**

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## Attendance Matters

All students must make every effort to attend school every day. However we accept that some students may become ill or have other genuine reasons for absence. Therefore we aim to ensure that no students' attendance falls below 96%. If your child is absent, the school must be notified on the first day. Please note that we will not authorise holidays taken during term times. This is only done under exceptional circumstances.

Last year, we made great strides together, going beyond national average for attendance – however, we know we can do better and that is why we have a target which goes beyond national; that is why we have a target that expects every student to exceed expectation.

To do this we aim to create an environment where every student wants to attend school every day throughout the year. For all our students to achieve their very best and reach their potential it is vital that they attend regularly and on time.

Mr D Graffagnino

**Assistant Headteacher**



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## Careers Update

It has been lovely meeting year 11 students for their 1:1 guidance interviews around post 16 plans. Lots of great ideas across a wide range of careers. Over half the year group has been seen, the remainder will be seen next term.

There is a list of open events for post 16 providers on the notice board outside room 123 and careers information and prospectuses are on the bookcase. I also have lots of information in room 124.

Next term we are hosting apprenticeship talks from Junior Saunders around apprenticeships for year 10, 11 and 6th form. I can arrange an online parent group session if anyone is interested, please let me know.

Lovely to see some students accessing the virtual work experience that is circulated to students and advertised on the weekly careers bulletin. Currently on offer for early 2022 offers include Engineering, NHS, Film and Media, Construction, Law and Psychology. Students who complete a programme receive a certificate which will support future applications and look great on a CV.

Students are welcome to drop in on Monday or Tuesdays if they have any questions or by email [DBritton@nailseaschool.com](mailto:DBritton@nailseaschool.com)

Mrs Britton

**Independent Careers Advisor**



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## Christmas Concert 2021!

The Christmas Concert was a particularly special event this year. We all really appreciated having the opportunity to perform in a live concert at last! I am so proud of all the students who took part. We have such gifted musicians at Nailsea school.

There was a wonderful variety of music from C Jam Blues, Snowman by Sia to Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber and Trepak by Tchaikovsky

Edwina W & Faith D, Megan K & Jasmine W Hope E & Sarah B, Nicole & Lauren N all sang their duets beautifully. Molly P & Ellie Y brought a special bit of Christmas cheer with Jingle Bells Rock!

The soloists were outstanding: Tom R, Alys W, Oliver V, Rosina D, Lily K, Charlotte H, Edwina W, Lauren N, Evie H, Tailor H, Toby K and also a breath taking performance of Remembrances from Schindler's List on violin by Sophie C.

There were quite a range of ensembles: Jazz Band, Orchestra, Choir, Brass, Flute & String groups, Vocalise and the Hub Club. I am really thankful to all the staff and students who contributed to this

event. Particular thanks to Mrs Humphries, Miss Chamberlain, Eungi Chung, Roger Sanson, Jenny Heathcote, Dawn McGhee, Nicky Tiddy, Ms Summerell

Neil Wylie & Nailsea Connect, the Premises Team & Reception Team, Finance Team, Mrs Gregory, Ms Stephens and Mrs Powell.

We'll look forward to seeing you at our next concert in the Spring.

Have a Blessed Christmas

Mrs Perkins

Curriculum Leader Of Music

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## ABSolute Curriculum Update

We have been extremely privileged to have many external visitors during term 2, delivering assemblies across different year groups. Below is a summary of them:

- Ben Andrews from Avon & Somerset police came to talk to our Y8 students about e-safety including the latest online trends and how to stay safe online. We will welcome Ben back in the New Year to deliver an e-safety assembly to our Y7 students.
- Off The Record, a mental wellbeing charity working in North Somerset are visiting every other Friday in term 2 to do 'pop-ups' with our students at break and lunch where students can find out about what they do and how they can foster positive mental wellbeing. These have been extremely popular so far (see below).
- Y11 students had a visit from Steph Essex talking about her personal experience of the impact of drug taking. This was a very powerful assembly with an important message for our students.
- Y8 had an assembly during anti-bullying week from Claire and Sophie from Avon & Somerset Police on bullying.
- Y12 had a visit at the end of term 2 from Kooth who introduced their services via an assembly and how our students in the sixth form can navigate A- Levels with positive mental-wellbeing.

### Off the Record Pop-ups

We are grateful to Off The Record for doing a 'pop-up' at break and lunch every fortnight during term 2 for our students. They introduced their services to students and allowed them to explore strategies for improving mental wellbeing (they even bought sweets!). Thank you.

There is a leaflet on our website for parents and careers to read, introducing the work of Off The Record and what they can offer, see Student Life > Wellbeing Support or

[Click Here](#)

Mr Boyce

**ABSolute Curriculum Coordinator**



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## Anti- Bullying Week

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November is known nationally as anti-bullying week. At Nailsea School, we had a series of events throughout the week to highlight this to students. We encouraged students to be kind and to start with 'one kind word' which is the anti-bullying week theme this year. Our Y8 students had an assembly by visitors from the

Police who talked about anti-bullying, the impact this can have, support available and the law on bullying. This was received rather well by our students and summing up the assembly the mood was that one kind word is the place to start, and that kindness fuels kindness. Mr Howard recorded a whole-school assembly on anti-bullying week with some great reminders of what bullying is, the kind of behaviours that constitute bullying, and the wealth of support available at School. Mr Howard provided a helpful twist on bullying by focusing on bullying from the perspective of the bully and why people may bully. One of the highlights was reminding students of the fantastic culture and ethos of Nailsea School which ensures that every week is anti-bullying week. We can all do our bit by starting with 'one kind word' to staff and students, we may never know the positive impact that this might have.

Mr. Howard shared the following links with staff prior to the assembly that I believe may be helpful for parents and carers to explore if they wish:

- <https://www.disrespectnobody.co.uk/> - a site that educates young people about what healthy relationships should look like.
- <https://www.fearless.org/> - a great site that allows young people to anonymously report crime.
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/bullying/?acceptcookies=> - a website that gives young people real tools to deal with bullying they may be experiencing.
- Our own school website contains a whole page aimed at supporting young people. This is a great document <https://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Anti-Bullying-Info-Leaflet.pdf>

### Term 3 extended tutor time topics:

- Y7 E-safety
- Y8 GRIT and resilience
- Y9 Preparing for the wider world- finance
- Y10 Finance
- Y11 GCSE Assessment preparation and tutoring programme
- Y12 Staying safe
- Y13 Physical Health

Mr Boyce

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## Lunchtime Lectures

This year we launched our series of Lunchtime Lectures. These sessions happen every Friday in the Auditorium and we have been blown away by the success of them.

Students come to the auditorium during their lunchtimes to listen to staff (and sometimes fellow students) discuss topics not normally covered in our curriculum.

So far this year we have covered:

- Art: Some things adults don't usually tell you about art
- Drama: Love Drama but don't want to be an actor? We are going to explore unexpected careers to suit you.
- English: 'How can I get my book published?'
- Technology: Space: The Final Frontier
- French: Vive la musique Française (delivered by 6<sup>th</sup> Form students)
- Geography: Are world maps all wrong?
- History: Hamilton!

It would be great to see the attendee numbers continue to rise and to surpass our record of 73 students. Students of all ages are welcome and can bring their lunch with them and everyone in attendance is awarded 10 House Points for giving up their time to learn more about the world around them.

Details about upcoming events can be found around the school and via announcements on Classcharts.

Miss Creswick

**Assistant Headteacher**



## Harvest Collection

We were over whelmed by the generosity of our #TeamNailsea families, after our Foodbank appeal this term.

The number of goods we received was incredible and will go a long way to helping families locally.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation and helped organise the appeal.

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### Get Fishing—Gone Fishing

Six students from Nailsea School completed their bronze Get Fishing award last week. All the students had to be able to cast their line successfully and manage (in most cases) to land a fish.

The group was funded by a grant from the Angling Trust. It was great to have Dean Asplin from the Angling Trust come down to Jacklands Fishery to present the students with their awards.

We look forward to running more sessions in the spring months.

Mr Wylie  
Nailsea Connect



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### Antarctica Flag Competition 2022.

The Geography department launched the Polar Network Antarctica Flag competition this term, and were blown away by the quality of entrants from across the year groups. The winning flag will be taken to Antarctica and we receive a photograph of it plus a certificate of its GPS location.

It was an extremely difficult decision to pick a winner, but eventually we chose Phoebe T of Year 7. We loved how she depicted the global partnership of caring for Antarctica and its unique and precious wildlife.

Well done Phoebe.

A massive thank you for all our entrants we were truly impressed with the quality and effort that was taken.



ABOVE: Winning entry By Year 7 student Phoebe T

RIGHT: Phoebe's flag at the Rothera Research Station, Antarctica!





## Year 12 Media Studies

Y12 Media Studies students have been studying video games for their course, in particular gender representation in Tomb Raider Anniversary and Metroid Prime 2: Echoes. They have been applying theorists to the games to support their ideas and have taken part in a debate where they argued whether gender representation has become better (they overwhelmingly agreed that it hasn't!).

In addition, the lunch time lecture on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December was centred around whether video games were heroes or villains. This was well-attended by students who learnt that video games could:

- improve cognitive skills and hand-eye co-ordination
- help develop numeracy skills
- make gamers more creative and have better empathy

The take-home message was that games can be heroes, but only if the students play in moderation and think very carefully about which games to play – some are considerably more heroic than others!

Miss Britton



## Year 11 Bristol Field Trip

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October Year 11 Geographers, undertook GCSE Urban fieldwork in Bristol. We started by taking a boat trip looking at regeneration along the Bristol Harbourside and why and how the area has changed.

Then students went to Wapping Wharf where they carried out field work assessing the sustainability of the area. In the afternoon, Cabot Circus kindly hosted us, giving us a talk about how the area had been regenerated, and giving us a tour of their recycling facilities, control room and use of energy.

This has been excellent in consolidating their learning in the classroom and giving students the opportunity to practise and apply their fieldwork. Students were fantastic on all three days and a credit to the school.

Mrs Thompson



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### Year 10 Textiles

Year 10 have been working on foundation skills these last two terms consolidating their new manufacturing skills to produce a pair of winter pyjamas.

They've worked really hard and I am very proud of them.

Miss Lloyd

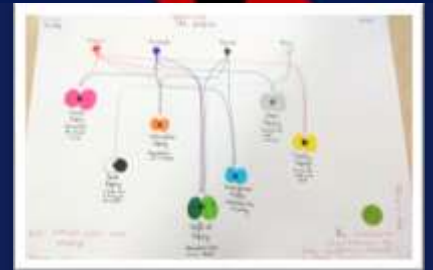


We Remember



### Nailsea Remembers

This year instead of our usual 'whole school' gathering, students observed the two minute silence in their lessons.



Alongside this, students were invited to create a display and artworks or a poem to commemorate Armistice.



### Vive La Musique Française!

Thursday the 4th November, saw the coming together of mixed year groups at lunch time to celebrate learning about French music. This lecture was led by a Year 13 dual linguist, Meg F.

The aim of the session was to find out what the students already knew about French music and artists. They were introduced to a range of artists and songs and a highlight for the students was Papaoutai.

This event was a great success with student feedback being wholly positive, with Jacob F, a Year 10 student really enjoying the challenges set for the audience, along with Jilma R who thoroughly enjoyed the audience participation. Look out for future lunchtime lectures by Modern Foreign Languages to take your learning to the next level!

By Megan F

Vive La Musique Française!



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## NAILSEA SCHOOL STARS

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### Year 7

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Ambition" from Mr. Lavelle goes to Moses A for consistently putting in high levels of effort in lessons and having high levels of pride in their work.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Ambition" from Miss Hitchings goes to Marvin A for always trying to extend and develop their work in Drama.
- ★ The Health star for "Pride" from Mr Taylor goes to Oliver B for being player of the Year 8 tournament. #BeProud
- ★ The Humanities star for "Ambition" from Mrs Ginnis goes to Isla S and Logan C for always having the ambition to improve and succeed.
- ★ The Maths star for "Pride" from Mrs Rogers goes to Carys H for the effort they put into their work and their consistently high levels of presentation. #BeProud
- ★ The MFL star for "Ambition" from Mrs Dunn goes to Amelie G for the effort, hard work and consistently high levels of pride in presentation in their Spanish work. #AimHigh
- ★ The Science star for "Pride" from Miss Smith goes to Sophie W for consistently putting in excellent levels of effort in lessons and having high levels of pride in their work.
- ★ The Technology star for "Ambition" from Miss Sian Hurst goes to Jack G-S for in-depth knowledge of sustainability

### Year 8

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Respect" from Mr. Lavelle goes to Jesse S for enthusiasm and engagement.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Community" from Mrs Cooper goes to Emily L for being an excellent and supportive role model for their peers.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Kindness" from Mrs Perkins goes to Ben L for always being helpful.
- ★ The Health star for "Kindness" from Mrs Gardiner goes to Emma T for helping others in the class to learn and perform in Dance. #BeKind
- ★ The Humanities star for "Respect" from Mrs Jones goes to Sam A for always being polite, listening to others and being an all-round Geography super star.
- ★ The Maths star for "Community" from Miss Kelly goes to Molly D-K for their commitment to Formula 1 Maths Club. #BeProud
- ★ The MFL star for "Respect" from Mr Paillier goes to Callan P for consistently being polite, helpful and focussed in lessons. #BePositive
- ★ The Science star for "Kindness" from Mr Wood goes to Callan P for being helpful in lessons.
- ★ The Technology star for "Pride" from Miss Hurst goes to Hithissa S for great work on Serif and San Serif Typography.

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### Year 9

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Kindness" from Dr. Jessop goes to Jilma R for insightful contributions to classroom discussions.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Ambition" from Ms Lange goes to Toby P for doing their very best on each piece of work.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Kindness" from Miss Cowling goes to Evie H for always helping and supporting those around, who are struggling.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Ambition" from Mrs Lane goes to Alba C For a brilliant homework submission, illustrating themes on the environment.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Respect" from Mrs Perkins goes to Chloe P for achieving a Distinction for their Grade 6 violin.
- ★ The Health star for "Community" from Miss Wild goes to Catlin P for their shooting in Basketball. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Humanities star for "Community" from Religious Studies goes to Darcy B for demonstrating an excellent understanding of the different Christian denominations and the role they play in local communities.
- ★ The Maths star for "Kindness" from Mrs Mason goes to Oliver O for always being very respectful and courteous. #BeKind
- ★ The MFL star for "Kindness" from Miss Pearce goes to Evie H for continually offering to hand out books. #BeKind
- ★ The Science star for "Ambition" from Dr Pierpoint goes to Sam B for consistently putting in extra effort to their Science work.
- ★ The Technology star for "Pride" from Miss Allright goes to Finley G for 'eggs'- travaganza.

### Year 10

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Pride" from Dr. Jessop goes to Ben J for engagement, diligence and thought provoking contributions in lessons.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Kindness" from Miss Hitchings goes to Ali B for being kind and thoughtful to everyone.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Community" from Ms Davies goes to Chloe B for always thinking of others and bringing people together.
- ★ The Health star for "Ambition" from Mr Truan goes to Maddie S for outstanding focus in completing their first assignment. #AimHigh
- ★ The Humanities star for "Pride" from Geography goes to Amy P for their excellent work ethic, this has led to them gaining the top grade in the class for the last assessment, as well as being a great contributor in class.
- ★ The Maths star for "Respect" from Miss Kelly goes to Elektra L for their progress and attitude to learning. #AimHigh
- ★ The MFL star for "Community" from Mrs O'Reilly goes to Rhian J for their inquisitive approach which raises the standard of learning in the class. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Science star for "Pride" from Mr Smith goes to Amy P for completing A-Level standard derivation of equations of motion in Physics.
- ★ The Technology star for "Ambition" from Miss Lloyd goes to Elektra L for excellent manufacturing skills.

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### Year 11

- ★ The Business / IT star for "Community" from Dr. Jessop goes to Katy B for supporting other students' progress and learning.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Respect" from Mr Jones goes to Dexter G for being thoughtful, helping others and working exceptionally hard.
- ★ The English / Drama star for "Pride" from Mrs Jacobs goes to Thomas R for always taking incredible pride in their work and all that they do.
- ★ The Expressive Arts star for "Pride" from Miss Britton goes to Jamie G for their commitment to learning.
- ★ The Humanities star for "Kindness" from Religious Studies goes to Jacob W for their consistently kind and considerate manner and attitude toward others.
- ★ The Maths star for "Ambition" from Mrs Rogers goes to Lauren B for their fantastic attitude and approach to their revision for their mocks. #AimHigh
- ★ The MFL star for "Pride" from Miss Cahill goes to Lily BJ for going over and above with revision and homework to succeed. #BeProud
- ★ The Science star for "Pride" from Miss Smith goes to Charlotte H for high levels of effort, pride and hard work in their Biology work.
- ★ The Technology star for "Ambition" from Mr Stokes goes to Elliot G for creating a fully functioning drone delivery electronic circuit using motors, led's, buzzers and switches.

### Sixth Form

- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Ambition" from Mrs Macleod goes to Jess M for the effort, hard work and consistently high levels of pride in presentation in their Health and Social Care work. #AimHigh
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Ms Thompson goes to Rosie H for being fabulous at the Sixth Form Open Evening.
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Ms Thompson goes to Tom H, Izzy B, Darren S and Jack H for representing Nailsea School at the COP 26 climate conference and negotiating with such confidence and knowledge. Well done.
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Miss Smith goes to Brooke M for being amazing at Sixth Form Open Evening.
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" goes to Thomas H, Zoe S, Darren S, Charlotte F and Bruce L for their engagement with the social action project in tutor time and making a positive contribution to our Nailsea community by organising a litter picking scheme. Great work, and great development of transferrable skills – awarded by Mrs Macleod. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Pride" from Miss Cahill goes to Meg F for going over and above, leading the MAT French lunchtime lecture on French music to Y7-10 students. #BeProud
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Mrs Rogers/Mrs Coates/Mrs Groves goes to Dan, Sara, Maisie, Ethan, Kira, Ollie, and Harry T for being fabulous at the Sixth Form Open Evening. #TeamNailsea
- ★ The Sixth Form star for "Community" from Miss Britton/Mrs Jones goes to Harry, Hermione, Jack and Brandon for being amazing at Sixth Form Open Evening

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