



10 May 2024

Dear Parents/carers

The exam season is now well underway. Invigilators have been very complimentary about the way students have conducted themselves so far and long may this continue. Staff are preparing final briefings for students in year 11 and it is worth reminding that students should be arriving to these in plenty of time ahead of the published start time of the exam. It is also really important that students come to the venue fully aware of their seat number. These can be found on the statements of entry that were issued to students last week. I wish all students taking exams the very best of luck for the coming weeks.

Other notices for the week can be found below:

Mental Health Awareness Week 13th - 17th May

The focus of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is Movement: Moving more for our mental health. Please find attached a poster making some suggestions on how mental health can be boosted at both work and school.

1-1 support for students with additional needs

As mentioned, external exams have now begun. Given the number of students in year 11 who have access arrangements, students who usually have 1-1 support in lessons may not have this during the exam period. This is due to these staff being needed to invigilate students in small rooms, or to act as scribes or readers for students taking external exams. Where possible other members of the SEN team will be swapped into lower school lessons, but as you can appreciate there are only so many resources we have in school at this time. Once exams have been concluded normal support arrangements will be resumed. Thank you for your understanding

Unicorn Fundraising - Non School Uniform Day 24th May

The final house charity week of the year, overseen by Unicorn, will take place in the last week of term. As part of the fundraising the final day of term, Friday 24th May, will be a non uniform day. Students are asked to donate £1 to wear their own clothes into school on that day. As a reminder clothing should be suitable for a working environment.

Final Call - Year 11 Yearbook

This is the last call to give consent for your child to be in the Year 11 leavers yearbook, as per the messages that went out on ClassCharts last term. All students must have permission for their photograph to appear in the Yearbook. Those who have not been in touch already and would like to be included should email Mrs Davies by Tuesday 14th May, for their child to be included - this is the absolute and final deadline. Please email: fdavies@nailseaschool.com



Finally.....today is year 13 Leavers' Day, finishing off a week of activities commemorating the students' time with us. The vast majority of the cohort joined in September 2017, with others joining from other centres in year 12. I have written to the parents and students in year 13 separately but I felt it was only right that I wished them well in my weekly letter. They have been a credit to the school and, most importantly to themselves. I hope they will look back fondly on their time with us and I am sure I will be hearing about future successes in due course. Although personal success is important, I will finish this week passing on the wise words of Walt Disney:

The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements but rather with the things we do for the people we love and esteem.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

Mrs D Elliott
Headteacher