



14th June 2024

Dear Parents/carers

Who knew the challenge of this week would be two Nailsea based power cuts? Life is certainly never dull.

Both outages happened on Tuesday and Thursday this week where, for just over an hour, we had no access to power on site. This was a result of external factors, not those controlled by or related to the school. I was pleased to say that staff and students continued with minimal disruption to learning and teaching. As was discussed during the incident, if the situation would have resulted in the school site being unsafe for staff and students any decision about closure would have been communicated to you via SchoolComms and other social media platforms. This does show how important it is for families to have kept us up to date with accurate contact details for School Comms and to think about following the school on both Facebook and X. I look forward to an uninterrupted week from Monday.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

PTA Survey

The PTA are interested in learning about what activities and opportunities they can provide to help with their fundraising. They have had to cancel a number of events this year and would appreciate feedback to ensure that their efforts are directed in the most efficient way possible going forward. They have put together a short survey to find out what everyone's thoughts are, and they would appreciate it, if you could take some time to give them some feedback. The PTA put a lot of effort into fundraising for the school, raising money for much needed resources, so please take a moment to offer your thoughts.

[PTA Survey](#)

School Day Consultation

As mentioned last week, in order for the school to be in line with the government's White Paper recommendation of delivering 32.5 hours of education per school week, we are proposing to make a slight change to the school day with effect from September 2024. The proposed change would mean starting school ten minutes earlier, at 8:30am instead of 8:40am. All other aspects of the day would remain the same. All feedback on the proposal can be submitted here

<https://forms.office.com/e/YkYA9cRM1Y> The survey will close on Friday 5th July. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to contribute.

Uniform and jewellery reminders

As we approach the last few weeks of the academic year it is important to be clear with families regarding uniform and jewellery expectations ahead of September. All details can be found here: <https://www.nailseaschool.com/student-life/uniform/> It is hoped that being really clear on the parameters now will allow all students to return from the summer break meeting the expectations that we have. I contacted you before the May half term being clear about jewellery, namely:

- Students are permitted to wear one pair of studs as earrings. Hoops will need to be removed if they are worn to school.

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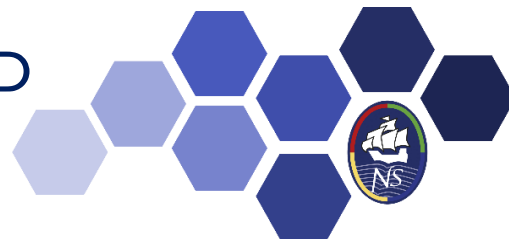


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- Metallic nose studs cannot be worn to school. Clear plastic piercings should be worn instead. The school will have a number of these that can be used by students if they arrive at school without one.
- If a metallic nose stud is seen in school, students will be asked to replace this with a clear plastic stud. Refusal to do so will mean that the student is placed in the internal exclusion room.
- All piercings need to be removed for PE lessons in adherence with health and safety guidelines.

In addition to this, there have been an increased number of students who are choosing to wear leggings to school instead of the stipulated black trousers. I will be contacting the families of the students that fall into this category, directly in the next few weeks to reiterate the importance of adhering to the very clear expectations set out on the website. Thank you, in advance, for working with us to ensure that our expectations and standards are adhered to and met.

Finally... a number of key milestone events take place this week for a number of year groups, once again, highlighting the cyclical nature of an academic year. Year 10 students will be experiencing life in the 6th form next Friday, seeing the facilities, attending some lessons and learning more about the enrichment programme on offer. That same day, year 11 students will be coming onto site at 9am for their Leavers' assembly and I am already intrigued as to the choice of fancy dress students will choose. The assembly is always quite moving with Heads of House reflecting on the time students have grown – and not just in height – since their start in year 7. I always look out very proudly into the audience as I see what remarkable, funny and kind young adults the students have become. Finally, on Wednesday, the process starts again as we welcome our incoming year 7 cohort joining us in September onto site after school for their 'Welcome BBQ'. This has become an annual and much loved event where, in recent history, the sun has shone. Given the track record of June so far, I am crossing my fingers! Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and be kind

Head teacher