

5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The school timetable returned to normal this week after the very successful return of Curriculum Enrichment Week. Staff have greatly appreciated the messages sent in thanking them for their efforts and the way their time enabled students to experience a range of enriching activities. Students returned from residential after a Languages trip, a Music Tour and a visit to the WWI Battlefields. Students in years 7 and 8 had the option to try out a number of outdoor activities at Beam House and Mill On the Brue, whilst other students undertook their Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Day trips took place to the world of Harry Potter and to West Country Water Park with the weather even acting appropriately. Back at school students had a number of activities set up for them ranging from Potato Olympics, Rocket and Bridge building to 'It's A Knockout' and Gothic writing. Mrs Gardiner has already sought feedback from staff and students about the week to inform the planning of next year's enrichment week. As a school we know that 'education' is much more than achieving a set of qualifications and last week enabled students to try new things, meet new people and personally grow. Watch this space for an update on CEW 2025 before the end of the year!

Other messages for the week can be found below:

School Day Consultation

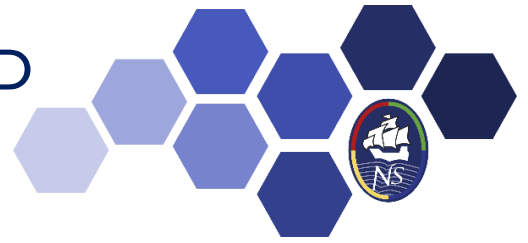
Thank you to all the parents that provided feedback on the consultation on the change to the school day proposed for September 2024. A summary will be shared next week.

PTA Summer Draw

You will be aware of the integral role of the PTA raising funds and supporting the school. You may not be aware of the amount of time, effort and hard work that goes into setting up, preparing and delivering fundraising activities across the year as well as helping at school events. We are hugely appreciative of everything the PTA does for #TeamNailsea. This year so far the PTA have managed to raise an impressive £6,500 for school resources. Previously funding has benefitted the school in many ways including music and science kit, coach travel for field trips and enrichment, IT equipment, DofE equipment, text books, student rewards, competition entry fees, sixth form updates, digital cameras, external speakers, seeds and plants, sports equipment and so much more.

Being part of the PTA is a great opportunity to help with hands-on fundraising and get an insight into Nailsea school life. If you would like to join or find out more you can get in touch with the PTA via email nailseapta@nailseaschool.com.

Please support the PTA's summer fun prize draw. Tickets are just £1 each via parentpay or by emailing nailseapta@nailseaschool.com. There are a wide range of prizes to be won including tickets and vouchers for Noah's Ark, West Country Water Park, Laserfusion, The Wave, signed rugby and football shirts, a 32" TV, cash prizes and more.



Student Cards

As you may be aware we have had some technical issues with some student cards in years 7 and 12. Thank you for your patience whilst this is resolved. As a reminder, every student should have a card with them every day to purchase food and drink at social times. Breaks are long enough for everyone to be served if student cards are used. The service is always going to be slowed down if students need to pass on details, such as their name and year group, with the catering team then having to look up the details on the system. Students without cards will be asked to go to the end of the queue. If your child has lost or broken their cards replacements can be purchased from the Finance Team in room 101.

End of Year Reports

Further to previous correspondence sent home by Mr Jones, Deputy Head, I can confirm that year 10 and 12 reports will be sent home next week. Given the issues with the cyberattack, these will be paper based and distributed during tutor time. If you have not seen a copy of this report by the end of next week or your child has misplaced the report please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. Our aim is also to ensure that parents in years 7, 8 and 9 will also receive a summary report by the end of term.

Summer holiday activities

See attached information on opportunities for young people aged 12-16 for the summer holidays. These sessions are free for children and young people who receive benefits related free school meals.

Final few days of term

Term ends on Tuesday 23rd July at 12:50pm for students.

For the final two days, Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd, Tuesday timings will apply in order to facilitate the House Celebration Event on Monday afternoon. There will be a whole school assembly on Monday during the afternoon tutor slot where the 2024 House Champions will be announced. Will Phoenix retain the cup and the glory?

Finally... I am sure many of us will be watching England take on Switzerland on Saturday. As regular readers of this letter will know, I do have real respect for Gareth Southgate and continue to do so, despite him being the target of some criticism this tournament. Regardless of this he has carried on, showing faith in his players and the system. Behind the scenes and in those quiet alone moments he may have been an emotional wreck, but he has shown how performance is part of leadership, reassuring the squad that he believes things will work out. Cross fingers!

Take care and be kind

Head teacher