



19th July 2024

Dear Parents/carers

The last full week of term has concluded and we finish for the summer on Tuesday at 12:50pm. For many staff this is also their last full week as members of staff at Nailsea, as they leave us for new opportunities. I would like to thank all the staff that have contributed to such a successful year and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their new adventures.

Staff leaving us next Tuesday are:

- Ms Anderson, Maths faculty
- Ms Mason, Maths faculty
- Mrs Matthews, Learning Support
- Mr Parsons, Enterprise
- Mr Smith, Science faculty
- Miss Tanner, Health faculty
- Miss Zimmerman, English faculty

In addition, the following staff will be joining us in September:

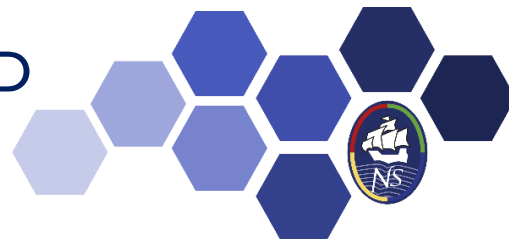
- Faith Ford, English faculty, English and Media teacher
- Isobel Holmwood, Maths faculty
- Lauren Jackson, Maths faculty
- Howard Tam, Science faculty
- Amy Finney, Enterprise faculty and ICT teacher
- Jonathan Lloyd, Expressive Arts Faculty, Head of Drama
- Natalie Seagrove, Expressive Arts faculty and Art teacher
- Aron Chapman, Humanities faculty and History teacher (maternity leave)
- Sean Gibson, Learning Mentor
- Sam Littleton, Learning Support Assistant
- Lucy Harris, Learning Support Assistant
- Katy Bateman, Learning Support Assistant
- Sharon Baker, Learning Support Assistant

Other messages for the week can be found below:

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?



Lost property

There is a large amount of lost property gathered in the collection point near the student entrance by the canteen. I would urge students to check if they are missing any items and if they had found its way there. Any uncollected lost property will be donated or recycled if not claimed by the end of term.

School Nursing Service

Members of Sirona care and health's School Nursing Team have helped to create three videos to show the support offered to young people and their families. The team can support families as soon as they start school, until they are 19. You can find out more on the School Nursing page [School Nursing Service – Children and Young People's Services \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](#) and the videos are available here [School Nursing Service - YouTube](#)

Student group movement in years 7, 8 and 9

As is always the case at the end of the academic year there is a review of current teaching groups ahead of the return in September. The decision to move a student to a different teaching group is always one that is carefully considered. On occasions this is due to some students being unsettled and fresh start in a different group is seen as beneficial. In other cases, the decision to disband a teaching group and move students between the other existing groups has to happen as a result of staffing constraints. I would like to reassure you that where and when this happens the priority is always to give students the best experience, whilst working within these external parameters.

Bristol Rocks

With everyone feeling the pinch at the moment I thought it useful to share some info about Bristol Rocks: a website built especially for families to find things to do with the kids and feature parks, walks, events and places to visit.

>> <https://www.bristol.rocks/>

Over 50% of the activities on the website are zero cost, and perhaps some inspiration if you're looking to get out of the house on a budget during the 6-week break.

Bikeability Courses

Please see the attached flyer that are advertising holiday courses that will increase your child's cycling confidence. These will take place in August and details of how to book can be found on the flyer.



Term dates and INSET days for 2024/2025

Following meetings held at Trust level, I would like to confirm the term dates and INSET days for next academic year are as follows:

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| Term 1 | 5th September 2024 – 24 th October 2024 | INSET day 1: 2 nd Sept 2024 INSET day 2: 3 rd Sept 2024 INSET day 3: 4 th Sept 2024 INSET day 4: 25 th Oct 2024 |
| Term 2 | 4th November 2024 – 20 th December 2024 | |
| Term 3 | 7 th January 2025 – 14th February 2025 | INSET Day 5: 6 th Jan 2025 |
| Term 4 | 24th February 2025 – 4 th April 2025 | |
| Term 5 | 22nd April 2025 – 23 rd May 2025 | |
| Term 6 | 2 nd June 2025 – 19 th July 2025 | INSET day 6: 30 th June 2025 |

This is a change to the previously published Term 6 finish date of Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

Last week provisional term dates for 2025/26 were shared. INSET days are yet to be finalised. A copy is also included below:

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| Term 1 | 2 nd September 2025 – 24 th October 2025 |
| Term 2 | 3 rd November 2025 – 19 th December 2025 |
| Term 3 | 5 th January 2026 – 13 th February 2026 |
| Term 4 | 23 rd February 2026 – 2 nd April 2026 |
| Term 5 | 20 th April 2026 – 22 nd May 2026 |
| Term 6 | 1 st June 2026 – 22 July 2026 |

Exam Results Collection

A Level/GCE and Level 3 results can be collected on Thursday 15th August.

GCSE/Level 1 and 2 results can be collected on Thursday 22nd August.

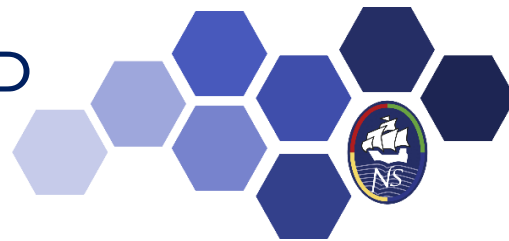
Staff will be available between 9am and 11am on both days. Further information, including on how someone other than the student can collect results on these days, can be found on the school website

[Exams Information – Nailsea School](#)

Uniform preparation for September

Inevitably many children have grown a lot over the course of the school year and purchasing new items of school uniform may be required in the weeks over the summer break. If your child has grown out of their uniform and it is in good condition, the PTA would be very grateful of any donations to add to their collection.

Everyone should be clear and informed on the school's expectations regarding uniform and consequently we can get it right for the start of the new school year. The uniform guidance is clear and can be found on the website here: [Uniform – Nailsea School](#)



A reminder of some key elements of our uniform that, on occasions, cause a pushing of the clear boundaries:

- Leggings are not permitted. Nailsea School students wear black trousers to school. A visual of what is and is not acceptable can be found here [Trousers-Guide-Visual-helpful-links.pdf \(nailseaschool.com\)](https://www.nailseaschool.com/Trousers-Guide-Visual-helpful-links.pdf)
- Shoes should be all black – be they leather, leather look shoes or trainers
- Hair must be of a natural colour
- Nails should be of an appropriate length to comply with Health and Safety guidelines
- Rings, bangles and bracelets are not permitted. Stud earrings are permitted, no hooped earrings. Metal nose studs/rings cannot be worn in school.
- Clip on ties to be clipped at the collar of the shirt

We hope by clarifying arrangements now there is plenty of time to make sure everything is in place for September. If you have any financial difficulties in making sure that your child is in the correct uniform please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Start of term arrangements

As is the usually the case there is a staggering to the start of term in September:

- Thursday 5th September: Year 7 and 12 students only expected on site for 8:30am
- Friday 6th September: All students in school for 8:30am tutor. Lessons will begin at 9am.

Finally... I regularly talk about how Nailsea is a special place to work and never has this been more the case than in this final full week of term. Despite the staff and student body consisting of almost 1500 people, there is no doubt that we are a community that is always there for each other- whether to offer a kind word, a warm smile, helping hand or a hug. As this is my last letter of the academic year, I wanted to acknowledge that although many of us will have some lovely things planned for the summer break, there are going to be some people and families who will be feeling concerned about the time away from the routine of school life and the challenges of life they face outside of the school building. The amazing thing about our school community is that you always have others on your side as AA Milne's Christopher Robin said to Pooh - 'the most important thing is, even if we are apart...I'll always be with you'.

Take care of each other over the summer break and be kind

Head teacher