



## A Message from the Headteacher

The 2023-24 academic year has been a journey of friendship, hard work and celebration. In the classroom, on the field and in the staff room, students and staff have continued to show dedication and perseverance. Over the course of year, we have inevitably seen some highs and some lows, some gains and some losses, but what shines through is the ability of #TeamNailsea to be there for each other, to offer a kind word, a warm smile and a helping hand.

Across the school we have seen great levels of commitment to learning. I was particularly inspired by the Year 11 cohort who really pushed themselves, with the majority of them attending the optional period 6 lessons from very early on in the academic year right up until the exam period. Not that I am biased, but the efforts of 11C History were particularly pleasing! I'm sure the hard work of all students sitting exams this summer will be reflected in their future achievements. I am grateful to staff across all year groups who have been inspiring our students setting a strong foundation for future success. Thank you!

This year we have welcomed back 'Curriculum Enrichment Week', with trips to Belgium, France, Devon, Gloucester and Hogwarts, as well as an array of exciting activities happening here during the week too. You can read lots about them within these pages, and see how the programme really does enrich the students' school experience. Students should be pleased to know that planning for next year's offer is already underway.

Throughout the year, numerous other events have taken place; from careers and field trip visits, theatrical shows, sporting achievements, STEM workshops and fundraising and community service projects. The summer break is a time to take stock, and prepare ourselves for the exciting challenges ahead of us in the next academic year.

In this year, we have continued to build a community of brilliant individuals who support and inspire one another. As we look forward to the 2024-25 academic year, we are excited to continue welcoming new members to our team and building on this year's successes.

Well done and thank you #TeamNailsea.

Mrs Elliott

Headteacher



## A Hello from the Governors

As we come to the end of another busy school year, the Governors want to record how proud we are of the students who have come to the end of their school journey with us. Congratulations to all; we will be watching your future plans and progress keenly.

This year has been a notable one for Nailsea School. As Governors we can reflect on the excellent outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection, and also look forward to the changes and improvements which will be made in the coming year, to further benefit of our school community. We want to recognise the hard work of the students, teaching staff, all of the support staff and parents and carers which together make our school so successful and special.

The cyber attack this year has brought a colossal amount of extra work for our staff and put them all under considerable pressure. We thank everyone for both their diligence in working through the situation, and to everyone for understanding the difficulties this has given the school community as a whole.

Thank you to all our families for supporting our school this year, and especially our wonderful PTA who do so much to help. We hope all our students will enjoy an opportunity to rest and recharge over the holiday period, ready for a new term in September.

Dr Jo Edwards

Parent Governor





## Sixth Form Round-Up

There have been no signs of slowly rolling towards the summer holidays with a multitude of events taking place throughout the term. Our Year 10 Taster Day and Year 11 Transition Event has given both internal and external students a taste of life at Nailsea Sixth Form, experiencing Key Stage 5 content and exploring our wider Post 16 provision.

Year 12 continue to develop their knowledge of the available pathways to make well informed decisions about their futures, having engaged in university lectures, sector talks, employability

workshops, work experience placements and visits to Cardiff and Cambridge Universities. Our Summer Ball was a real highlight, where students and staff celebrated individual successes and group achievements throughout this academic year, some more discrete than others, but all equally as valuable.

To our Year 13 students who stand on the threshold of their next adventure, I encourage you to actively pursue your aspirations, safe in the knowledge that the journey of striving towards a goal, experiencing growth and overcoming challenges along the way can bring a sense of fulfilment that is more meaningful than simply achieving the outcome.

Mr Truan - Assistant Head - Sixth Form

NAILSEA SIXTH FORM - YOUR JOURNEY | YOUR FUTURE

Our Aspire Programme provides additional support and guidance to those considering applying to Oxbridge or extremely competitive courses such as Medicine and Veterinary Science. In collaboration with the national HE+ scheme, twelve of our students visited Trinity Hall at Cambridge University on a residential trip in the first week of July. Across the two days, students experienced a university seminar, toured the colleges, were guided through the application and interview process, and enjoyed exploring Cambridge itself during allocated free time. The visit provided students with first-hand experience of what it would be like to study at one of our countries most prestigious universities and will support the difficult decisions that these students will need to make in the coming months.



Mr Truan - Assistant Head - Sixth Form



We were delighted to welcome over 65 providers into Sixth Form on Monday 24 June, for Year 12 Pathways Day. Our students took part in taster university lectures from UCW, UWE, Bristol University and Bath University, sector talks from local businesses, and employability workshops, such as apprenticeship assessment centres, interview skills, CV clinics and presentation and networking skills. Our students have said it was "an inspirational day, full of specialist guidance and engaging activities". Thank you to all of the providers who attended and provided our students with such high-quality guidance. Year 12 students continued their Pathways Week with work experience, taking the opportunities to work alongside professionals from a range of different sectors. Year 12 students really aimed high with their placements, and we are very grateful for the support of local businesses in providing them with this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs N Macleod—Head of Year 13

We are excited to introduce our new student leadership team. Bobby B and Eva L will become our new Head Prefects, taking on the responsibility of leading our Sixth Form and whole school councils to continue creating positive change within our learning community. They will be joined by a fantastic group of Senior Prefects, Cherry B, Issy B, Amy P and Faith R, who also have a significant role to play through active engagement with lower school students by leading assemblies and organising events. The team are already working hard, and successfully ran the Year 7 Summer Disco so that our most recent cohort of students could celebrate the end of their first year at secondary school. We are confident that this group of passionate and highly motivated students will continue to enhance our Year 7-11 and Post 16 provision.

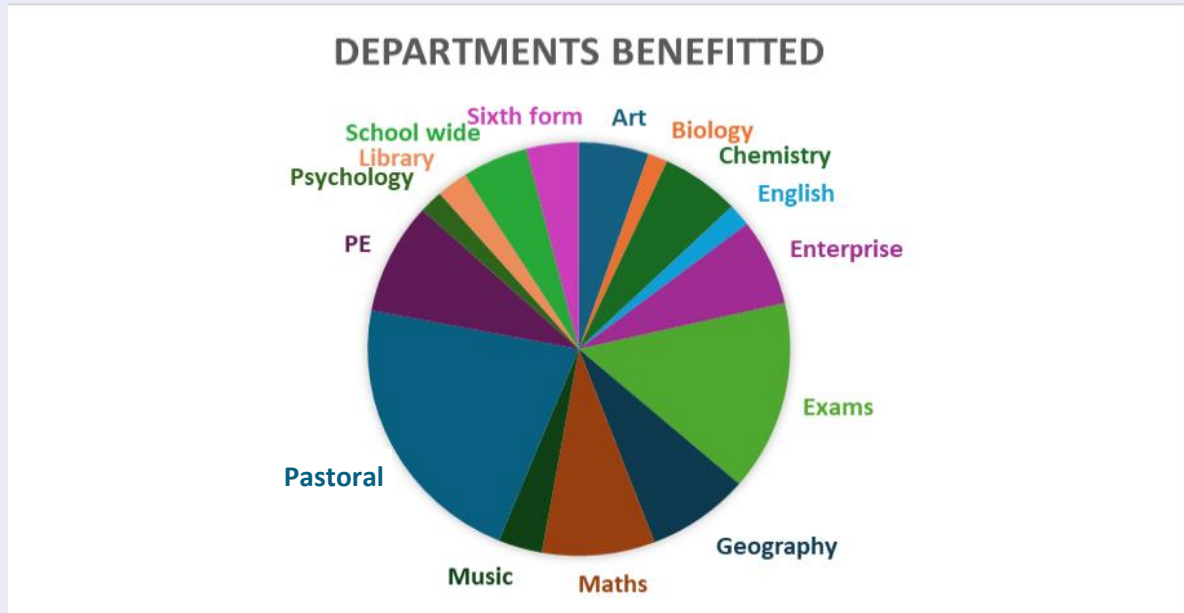
Mr Truan - Assistant Head - Sixth Form



### Thank you from the PTA!

The PTA team would like to say a huge thank you to all its volunteers and helpers that have helped in any way to raise extra funds for the school over the last year, you are all amazing and we could not do it without you. We would also like to thank everyone who has attended an event, bought a raffle ticket, a Christmas tree or anything else in support of the PTA.

We are proud to say that although we are still counting our final figures, we have raised almost **£9,000** this academic year!



### Summer Raffle

Our thanks go to the amazing local businesses who donated 15 fantastic prizes for our summer raffle, The top 5 prizes are:

- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> prize - £100 cash won by Tom C in Year 7
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - 32" HD TV won by Jacob W in Year 11
- ★ 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50 Voucher for the Wave won by Yasmin T in Year 12
- ★ 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - 2 Bristol City FC tickets for a home game won by Lucia B in Year 7
- ★ 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - 10 Gym session @the Gym won by Erin V in Year 9

### How you can help the PTA:



If you can't attend meetings but would love to volunteer to help the PTA, please email [nailseapta@nailseaschool.com](mailto:nailseapta@nailseaschool.com) and let us know you want to help.



Date for your diary - our next meeting **11.09.2024 @ 7pm** at Nailsea School, we would love to see you.



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The PTA team would like to end their last newsletter by wishing everyone a fantastic summer break.





Your Journey, Your Future



## Sixth Form Summer Ball



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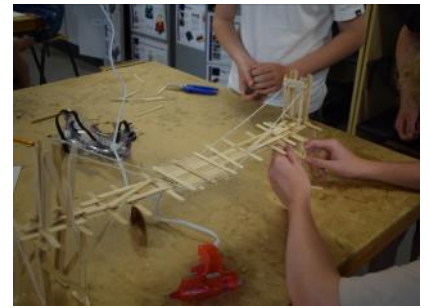
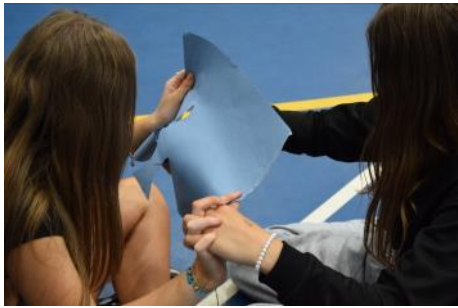
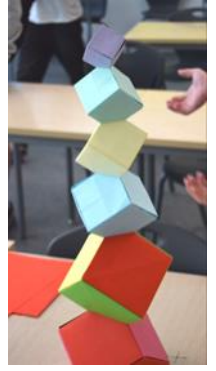


Year 11 Leavers Prom



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### Curriculum Enrichment Week Overview 2024

This year saw the re-launch of our Enrichment Week where students (and staff!) got to experience and take part in activities beyond our curriculum.

Students took part in activities in school such as yoga, Potato Olympics, bottle rockets, pentathlons, print making, bridge building and gothic writing and had the opportunity to go on trips to places such as Harry Potter Studios, France or Belgium. Student feedback has been positive with comments including "It was nice to mix with other years and try something new" & "I loved seeing the teachers getting involved in the activities"

Feedback from students is ongoing, but we hope 2025 will be even bigger and better.

Mrs Gardiner  
CEW Co-ordinator







## French Trip



After a long journey and an early start, we finally arrived in France. On the way to the hotel, where the staff and instructors only spoke to us in French, we stopped at a goat farm where we saw cute baby goats and watched a cheese demonstration. We even got to milk the goats! The next day we travelled to four different WWI memorials to learn about the soldiers and pay our respects. The next day we went to Boulogne and explored the beautiful old town and went to a market to buy food in our teams for the “picnic challenge”. We then travelled to the beach where we played lots of games. C’était très amusant! On our last full day, we went to the biggest sea-life centre in Europe, Nausicaa, and saw some amazing animals such as sharks, penguins, sting rays and turtles. In the afternoon we went on the “rando-rail” (pedal-powered carts on a train track). It was very tiring going uphill, but very fun! This was followed by a trip to a 150-year old bakery, where we saw how French bread was made and got to try it for ourselves. Overall, it was an amazing opportunity for us to practise our French skills, and an amazing experience. We are very grateful to the teachers who helped organise it.



Phoebe T and Sophie B  
Year 9 Students.



## Spanish Trip



I am a year 12 student that is currently studying Spanish for one of my A levels at Nailsea. To improve my Spanish, I went to Valencia for 2 weeks on my own. I went to stay in a residence with around 80 other students from around the world doing the same thing as me.

We went to a Spanish school for 20 hours of lessons a week which I found really improved my confidence in speaking Spanish to other people, and my grammar. As well as this, we went on a different trip everyday. These were trips like art museums, the beach and a waterpark. I had loads of fun on these trips and found they also helped my Spanish because I was constantly hearing people speak it around me.



I was nervous at the start of my trip because I didn’t know anyone, but I have made friends from all around the world that I will definitely be staying in contact with. It was an amazing opportunity and has made me love Spanish as a subject even more.

Cherry B - Year 12 Student

## Greetings, Fellow Hogwarts Enthusiasts!

Our recent school trip to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter was nothing short of magical. With wands at the ready and eyes wide with wonder, our students embarked on a spellbinding adventure that will undoubtedly be etched in their



memories forever. Even Nailsea's own Sushi the Cat tried to accompany Year 9 to the studios on Thursday – or was this Professor McGonagall posing as Sushi in the school car park?! We will never know!



First stop, Return to Azkaban! We started the tour in the Great Hall which was decked out to reflect Harry's 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Hogwarts, including the animatronic toads. Each student had already received their very own interactive Marauder's Map. You could almost hear whispers of "I solemnly swear that I am up to no good" as they explored the studios, map in hand, uncovering secrets and hidden details from the beloved films, all the while hunting for Scabbers who had escaped into the studios.



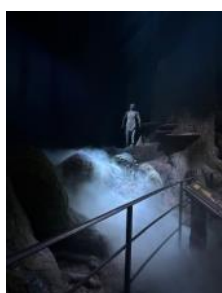
Quidditch anyone? After exploring key sets such as the Gryffindor Common Room, The Defense Against the Dark Arts Classroom and Hagrid's Hut, our young witches and wizards had a blast posing for photos while soaring on broomsticks in the Quidditch set. The smiles were as wide as a Quaffle, and for a moment, we were all chasing the Golden Snitch!



Next, we made our way to Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  but not before we zoomed past the Night Bus and walked (tentatively) through the Forbidden Forest where 'he who shall not be named' and Aragog lurked. The excitement was palpable as everyone took their turn to board the iconic Hogwarts Express after visiting the station shop to stock up on chocolate frogs and Bertie Botts' Every Flavour Beans. We could almost hear the whistle blowing and feel the magic in the air as we imagined ourselves headed straight to the castle to begin another school year!



The adventure didn't stop there. We stepped into the mundane world of the Dursley's House, only to find it transformed with hundreds of Hogwarts acceptance letters flying around. It was as if Harry himself was there, receiving his invitation to the wizarding world.



The enchantment continued as we entered Professor Sprout's Greenhouse. Students had a hands-on experience pulling out some rather feisty mandrakes. Don't worry, no one fainted, but there were plenty of giggles and a newfound respect for earmuffs!

A leisurely stroll down Diagon Alley brought us face-to-face with the vibrant shops and characters that make this magical street so enchanting. But hold on to your wands, because just as we were marvelling at the sights, a dragon came crashing through Gringotts, adding a thrilling climax to our visit. This was followed by the pièce de résistance, Hogwarts Castle.

The entire trip was filled with a touch of magic. This trip wasn't just about seeing the sets and props; it was about making memories that our students will cherish for years to come. Powered by Butter Beer and laden down with Harry Potter merch, we reluctantly made our way home to Nailsea.

Until next time, happy spell-casting and potion-brewing!

Mischief managed!

Miss Creswick  
Assistant Headteacher - Teaching & Learning



## Curriculum Enrichment - Music Tour

In curriculum enrichment week the music department took 43 students to Belgium for a 4 day 'Music Tour'. Students had been rehearsing a programme of music including some great whole group pieces ('As it Was', 'Hit the Road Jack', Chasing Cars and more) and some fantastic solo and small group songs. They performed in public areas of Antwerp and Ghent, and audiences were wowed with their enthusiasm and the impressive sound they made. As part of the tour we also explored Bruges, going to a chocolate factory and a sound workshop at the concert hall, as well as a visit to a local theme park Bobbejaanland.

Staff were really impressed with all students on tour - their enthusiasm for music and support of each other's music was really inspiring. It was fitting that we arrived back in Nailsea tired but singing all the way!

You can see some pictures from the event at the Nailsea Music Instagram account - <https://instagram.com/nailseamusic> as well as our Music Tour video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-f7i-uglCQ>

Mr Pate  
Head of Music

### There are also some comments from students below

I had so much fun, it was such an amazing experience performing to others outside of the country, and it wasn't just the music, the things we did, the places we went, even the coach driving from place to place. It was so nice getting to share our hard work and music with everyone. It was hot, bug filled, tiring, beautiful, funny and of course, incredible.

Tobias

My favourite thing about Belgium was probably doing something new. For example, going to a completely different country without my family but I did have all my friends with me so it made it a really different experience. Kevin was the most amazing bus driver ever because he told us about his McDonalds!

Bella

We loved the bus driver, Kevin, he was an amazing chap and it was lovely to be around him for the 4 days. We enjoyed his overall company and his unnecessary coffee breaks and McDonalds slideshow in Calais. Kevin if you're reading this we would love to offer you a job as the head coach driver here at Nailsea school!

Elliot

I enjoyed Belgium because it was an exciting and new opportunity to perform for people. It was my first time travelling abroad without my family but it was ok as I had loads of amazing friends to help and support me. The food (for the most part) was good and I enjoyed the excursions to the theme park and chocolate factory. Also Kevin was a legend for putting up with a coach full of teenagers doing bus karaoke.

Megan





## Beam House CEW Trip

Year 8 students had a fantastic three days at Beam House during curriculum enrichment week. They completed high ropes, trapeze, rifles shooting, archery tag, fencing, and on the Tuesday afternoon had an amazing time on Westward Ho beach, surfing and body boarding.

We were blessed with beautiful weather. It was a very quiet bus home, with lots of tired students and staff!

Superb enthusiasm demonstrated by our year 8s and thank you to all staff who supported this trip.



Mrs Thompson  
Head of Geography



## Year 9 Fieldwork

Year 9s have been completing fieldwork this term on whether the high street is dying. This is a joint fieldwork project with our partner schools in the Trust (Crispin and Kings of Wessex) which allows students to collect primary fieldwork data on their high street, whilst using secondary data to compare our high street to Cheddar and Street.

Students will be investigating the number of different types of shops and businesses along the high street, including those shops that are vacant. I wonder which high street will be more thriving?

This is excellent preparation for students embarking on their GCSE Geography course, and for those that are not, a lovely way to finish off their geography studies.

Mrs Thompson  
Head of Geography



## Year 7 Fieldwork

Year 7s have been completing local fieldwork during their geography lessons this term. They have been investigating whether Nailsea is a home or clone town as part of our People and Place topic.

They have been collecting primary data on the number of independent and chain stores on our high street, then using a calculation by the New Economics Foundation they determine whether Nailsea is a home town- with unique and distinctive features, or a clone town- a town indistinguishable from others.

Mrs Thompson  
Head of Geography



## Developing Engagement in Nature (DEN)



Pupils have been making the most of the warmer weather, having fun outside and getting their hands dirty by growing some courgettes. Pupils were encouraged to sow the seeds during their lunchbreak in March and the healthiest specimens were then planted out in April.



We are lucky to have the 'DEN' area in our school grounds which is a quiet, nature filled area near the main entrance. As well as growing courgettes, students in years 7 to 12 have been spending their lunchbreak enjoying the sights and sounds of nature and getting involved in activities such as 'mud painting' and a 'colour treasure hunt'.

Next year we hope to continue to make the DEN a fun and welcoming place and to carry out more gardening projects, such as growing strawberries and raspberries. To make this possible we need to secure funding for things such as gardening equipment, a compost bin, a hammock and a slackline. If you think you can help please contact [fbicknell@nailseaschool.com](mailto:fbicknell@nailseaschool.com).



During 'Curriculum Enrichment Week', Year 7 pupils spent an afternoon collecting leaves from different trees and plants in the DEN, comparing their shapes and textures and identifying the different species. We then had a go at some leaf printing to try to capture their beauty and show off our creative skills. Below are some examples of pupils' work.

Mrs Bicknell  
Geography Teacher & Eco Club





## Sporting Success

It has once again been a very busy term with a high number of students involved in rounders, cricket and athletics.

Congratulations to the following students for their sporting achievements over terms 5 and 6 - I'm sure there are lots of other achievers, but these are the ones that I know of, if you'd like to be included in the future, please do drop me a line.

- Emily L in Year 9 was selected to compete for Avon in the SW Regional Athletics Combined Events Champs in the heptathlon for which she achieved 7 personal bests. This is an amazing achievement for her this year—well done!
- In addition to Emily's success, a high number of students were selected for the North Somerset Athletics team. Congratulations to Emily L, George D, Tom L, and Lowena S in Year 10. Also to Phoebe T in Year 9 and Aurelia S in Year 8. The North Somerset squad finished first overall with outstanding performances from Aurelia and Emily.
- Congratulations to Amelia M in Year 7 and Emily P in Year 8, Beu B, Aaron S and Lewis W in Year 10 who have all been successful in Somerset Schools trials for football
- Congratulations to Lowena S and Els T for their rugby achievements, who play respectively for Somerset and Gloucester

Sports Personality of the Year 2024 will take place in Term 1 of the next academic year where we will celebrate all school sports achievements from the 2023/24 season. I would like to extend my congratulations to the Year 11 Sports Personality finalists Zach F, Luke H, Ned H, Maisy H, Roxy M and Cianna W S.

Finally, the success and enjoyment that students experience through the Sports Extra-Curricular programme is down to the commitment and passion of four people. I would like to personally thank Miss Herring, Mr Miles, Mr Taylor and Miss Tanner for the hours they have put into the programme this year. I am extremely privileged to work with such a strong team. I know the students appreciate all the hours they have placed into training, fixtures, tournaments, festivals, sports trips and sports mentoring. As we welcome back Mrs Wells from maternity leave, we also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Tanner, she has been a huge asset to the Nailsea PE department and Somervale School are extremely lucky to have her on their team from September.

Mrs Wild  
Head Of Health

## South West Champions

Congratulations to Year 7 student Felix and his team mates from North Somerset RTC U12s Blue, as they were crowned Junior Premier League South West Champions.

The successful team went on to play against the regional winners from across the country in the JPL National Champions Tournament and they went on to win it!

They played 6 matches over a weekend in Warwick and were undefeated, winning the final 4-0.

The Griffin House student, Felix picked up two medals and the team won two trophies, great teamwork Felix! Well done on your success!



## The One that Got Away

We say a fond farewell to Nailsea Connect Youth Worker Neil Wylie who has literally 'Gone Fishing' by taking up a new position with the Angling Trust. He will continue to work with schools, and share the joys of working with students, the environment and fish!

Some students were lucky enough to take part in a Coarse Fishing workshop led by Mr Wylie as part of Curriculum Enrichment...and they were fortunate enough to see the sunshine, and enjoyed a great time, making some exceptional catches.

We wish Mr Wylie every success and look forward to partnering with him in his new role in the future. Thank you to Mr Wylie and the Nailsea Connect team for all you have achieved during your time at Nailsea.





## Unicorn Fundraise for Cancer Research



Unicorn hosted charity week for Term 5 just before half term. The aim was three-fold: do a whole house activity together, ensure all tutor groups participated in their own way, and give opportunity for entrepreneurial young people to showcase their talents and individuality. Any money raised was to be donated to Cancer Research UK, a cause very close to many of our hearts including mine.

Our **whole house** activity was a 'walk4life' which saw all students in the house walking laps around the school field. In total, students collectively covered a distance of over 13 marathons or 338 miles. They raised £1051.25 from this alone which is amazing. Thank you to anyone who donated to this.

The week itself saw **each tutor group** run a range of activities from Sponge the Teacher, a teacher charity football match and bingo, to a raffle, foodbank donations and the traditional bake sale. It was great to see so many students take up the challenge and throw themselves into it.

Finally, a few remarkable **individuals** decided they wanted to contribute in their own way. Harry H and Joseph M sold jewellery and homemade bath bombs in school giving 50% of their profits to charity and raising over £100 collectively. Jack G-S and Harry S decided to run for charity whilst the House walked the remainder. Their enthusiasm was infectious and they raised over £80 for their endeavours.

The week raised nearly £2,000, to be donated to Cancer Research UK.

The money raised is a footnote to the amazing examples of selflessness and community awareness that so many students demonstrated. I was incredibly proud as a Head of House to see this, and even though charity week is always tiring and busy, it reminds me that our students are so much more than learners. They are characters and creators, with big hearts and big smiles. Well done to all tutors and students, and thank you to all the parents who supported them.

Mr Howard  
Head of Unicorn

## A Year of Fundraising—Thank You!

Students, staff and their families have helped Nailsea school raise a phenomenal amount of money for a variety of causes close to their hearts and our community.



We are very grateful as are the organisations who received the money on your behalf. Thank you for helping our students to see the good that they can do in our community whether it's by donating or volunteering, it is heartening to see small community action creating change for good.

The table above shows what #TeamNailsea have raised this year through the school.

<b>Sixth Form</b>	Strawberry Line Café	£31.00
<b>Staff member</b>	Skydiving donations	£281.45
<b>Individual Student</b>	Breast Cancer Now	£34.75
<b>Dragon House</b>	Off The Record	£409.96
<b>Dragon House</b>	Grand Appeal	£409.96
<b>Griffin House</b>	RSPCA	£673.11
<b>Phoenix House</b>	St Mungo's	£1,211.63
<b>Unicorn House</b>	Cancer Research	£1,843.13
<b>Sixth Form</b>	Children In Need	£91.80
<b>School Council</b>	School Resources (eg: picnic benches)	£910.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,897.39</b>



## Careers - Envision Programme



Our Year 9 Envision team did #TeamNailsea very proud! They delivered their business presentation to a large group of students from other schools, as well as to a panel of judges.

Envision is a social action programme designed for students to develop work-based skills. Young people take part in two demanding 'milestones': The Pitch, where they present their initial ideas for their project to mentors and peers and gain feedback; and the Final Presentation, where they showcase their skills development and project achievements to their peers, mentors, and a panel of judges.



Although they were not victorious, ALL of them contributed to the presentation, answered questions from the judges and, most importantly, pushed themselves well and truly out of their comfort zones!

The students involved, did brilliantly – so a big well done to Charlie B, Hannah C, Ryan C, Lucas F, Logan H, Carys H, Eila J, Brody M, Reily N, Jayden W and Lily W #AimHigh

Mrs Ruddy  
Assistant Head - Inclusion & Aspiration

## Fashion Show

Visitors enjoyed an evening of student designed haute couture earlier in the term. Models took to the catwalk in an exhibition of student manufactured work from across the year groups, raising £307.50 for the children's charity UNICEF.

A range of pieces were on display with an emphasis on reusing, repurposing and reimagining preloved clothes and fabrics in an effort to redirect the audiences attention away from fast-fashion.

Well done to Miss McKinney, Ms Johnson and Mrs Bicknell who organised the evening and to the students that took part in this hugely successful event.







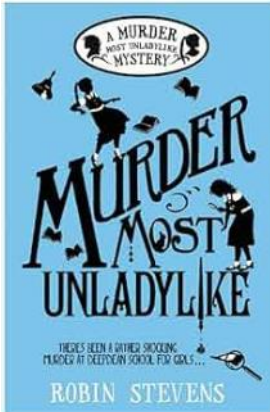
### Library News



The library celebrated Pride Month in June with a colourful display and a selection of fantastic LGBTQ+ young adult books including the best-selling graphic novel series 'Heartstopper' by Alice Oseman, 'Red, White and Royal Blue' by Casey McQuiston and 'What if it's Us' by Adam Silvera.

### Recommended Read - 'Murder Most Unladylike' by Robin Stevens

First published in 2014, this is now a bestselling and award-winning series which is also one of the student's favorite's at Nailsea School this year.



A secret detective agency is set up at a school for girls, one of the students in the agency discovers the body of one of the teachers but when they return minutes later the body has disappeared! Lots of mystery, intrigue with a murder to solve along the way!

A must read if you love the crime and mystery genre

Mrs Conner—Librarian

### Life's A Picnic...Bench!

This year Student Council, led by our Sixth Form Head Prefects, have been fundraising for two new picnic benches, following on from tutor group requests for more outside seating.

The Sixth Form Head Prefects have overseen the fundraising events which included selling cakes, organising Valentine's Day deliveries and supporting with the non school uniform day in March; they managed to raise £680 which is an amazing amount and reflects their determination and commitment. This was enough to buy one and a half picnic benches. The PTA kindly agreed to fund the second bench, donating £230 to the cause, which we would like to thank them very much for.

The Student Council picnic benches can be found in the outside area behind Music.

We wish the Sixth Form Head Prefects and the House Captains the best of luck with their journeys and thank them for all their hard work this term.



Pictured: Some of the Year 11 House Captains who helped raise the funds

Miss Britton  
Student Council Co-Ordinator and Head of Year 12

**NAILSEA SCHOOL STARS**

Celebrating those that have aimed a little bit higher, believed in going the extra mile and succeeded in reaching their goals. If there's someone you think deserves "Nailsea School Stars" recognition, or you have a great story to share then please do drop us an email with details to [fdavies@nailseaschool.com](mailto:fdavies@nailseaschool.com)

**YEAR 7**

- ★ Mrs Barron Smith in Science is awarding 'star status' to Arvin IP & Riley H in Year 7, for excellent teamwork and great presentation on dinosaurs in his Curriculum Enrichment Week science project.
- ★ Mr Anstey in Humanities is awarding 'star status' to Ava W, in Year 7, for consistently superb effort in Geography lessons.
- ★ Mr Miles in Health is really impressed with Eddie C in Year 7, for his fantastic effort and attitude to all activities covered this year in PE!
- ★ Mr Pate in Music is awarding 'star status' to Elliot W, in Year 7, for excellent trumpet playing – 'Hit the Road Jack' sounded fantastic!
- ★ Mrs Rutty in English / Drama gives a big shout out to Eloise T in Year 7, for consistently giving your best - and producing some fantastic pieces of work!
- ★ Mrs Wheeler in Enterprise is really impressed with Eloise T in Year 7, for the amazing work she has produced in IT this term.
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin in Expressive Arts is really impressed with Izzy W, in Year 7, for her excellent end of year assessment response.
- ★ Mrs Brewster in Maths is really impressed with Josh C in Year 7.
- ★ Mr Bennetts in MFL is giving star-status to Ollie S in Year 7, for performing consistently to a high standard in Spanish all year.

**YEAR 8**

- ★ Mrs Lange in English / Drama is awarding 'star status' to Arlo R in Year 8.
- ★ Mr Pate in Music is really impressed with Arthur M in Year 8, for amazing performing as a guitarist and singer for a variety of covers and original songs during music tour.
- ★ Miss Tanner in Health is awarding 'star status' to Elsa-Ann S in Year 8, for her incredible batting skills in our rounders games, scoring a rounder every time!
- ★ Miss Herring in Science is really impressed with Hugo DC, Evie B, Eloise W, Emily J in Year 8, for putting together and presenting an exceptional presentation and poster in Curriculum Enrichment Week. Well done!
- ★ Mr Jones in Humanities is really impressed with Hula B in Year 8, for always giving her best and for showing enthusiasm for RS lessons.
- ★ Mrs O'Reilly in MFL is awarding 'star status' to Skye S in Year 8, for being resilient trying to learn new French words/phrases and making new friends on the French trip when she didn't know anyone.
- ★ Miss Partington in Maths is really impressed with Suzanne S in Year 8, for always working hard, and helping out in the classroom.

**YEAR 9**

- ★ Mrs Piper in Enterprise is really impressed with Jack G-S in Year 9, for being really helpful in IT lessons.
- ★ Ms Thompson in Humanities is really impressed with Amelie G in Year 9, for always working so hard in Geography and producing fantastically presented work.
- ★ Miss Cahill in MFL is awarding 'star status' to Bea H in Year 9, for always attempting the gold challenges and impressing me with her linguistic flair for languages.
- ★ Miss Creswick in English / Drama thinks you're a star Haydn T in Year 9, for an amazing year in English and the great progress you've made.



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**YEAR 9 Continued**

- ★ Mr Pate in Music is really impressed with Henry D-R in Year 9, for being an outstanding frontman in his band.
- ★ Ms Hancock-Martin in Expressive Arts gives a big shout out to Jack G-S in Year 9, for his awesome final piece being created in art lessons.
- ★ The Science department is really impressed with Louis B, Lily H, Aoife M and Abigail W in Year 9, for fantastic contributions to 'Our Tide' activity in curriculum enrichment week.
- ★ Miss Rigby in Maths was so impressed with Ollie B in Year 9, for consistently persevering in lessons.
- ★ Miss Wild in Health gives a big shout out to the Sports Leaders in Years 9, for the amazing sports experience they gave the Year 6 students at their Transition BBQ.

**YEAR 10**

- ★ Mr Pate in Music is nominating Alys and Kara in Year 10, for being an excellent acoustic double act.
- ★ Mrs Bicknell in Humanities was so impressed with Carolina R in Year 10, for an excellent result in her 'end of year exam' showing evidence of detailed revision.
- ★ Mrs Elliott in Humanities is giving star-status to Dec M in Year 10, for amazing efforts in History all year, culminating in a superb end of year assessment outcome. Well done!
- ★ Mrs Sutherland in Maths commends Esme S in Year 10, for her continued high achievement in tests this year!
- ★ Miss Herring in Science is awarding 'star status' to Esme S in Year 10, for setting a fantastic example in Science lessons and for an excellent set of science results in end of year assessments.
- ★ Ms Jacobs in English / Drama is giving star-status to Ethan M in Year 10, for the amazing work he's produced in English this term.
- ★ Mrs Elliott in Enterprise gives a big shout out to Eve H in Year 10, for always getting down to work quickly in Business Studies - your efforts have been noted.
- ★ Mr Paillier in MFL gives a big shout out to Jessica-Mai P in Year 10, for a consistently diligent attitude in lessons and an excellent effort in the end-of-year exams.
- ★ Mrs Elliott in Enterprise is really impressed with Mae S in Year 10, for an amazing end of year assessment in Business; a culmination of all the hard work shown this year.
- ★ Miss Tanner in Health gives a big shout out to Mae S in Year 10, for always giving 100% in lessons throughout the year.
- ★ Miss Britton in Expressive Arts is really impressed with Toby G in Year 10, for his excellent contribution to the media marketing company he spent his work experience with.
- ★ Miss Wild in Health gives a big shout out to the Sports Leaders in Years 10, for the amazing sports experience they gave the Year 6 students at their Transition BBQ.

**YEAR 11**

- ★ Mr Pate in Music gives a big shout out to Jack F in Year 11, for his amazing original composition performed on music tour.

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### YEAR 12

- ★ Mrs Groves in Maths is really impressed with Angus in Year 12, for the commitment he has shown this term in Maths.
- ★ Mr Anstey in Humanities is really impressed with Anna A in Year 12, for superb effort with her geography mock exams and coursework!
- ★ Mrs Barron Smith in Science is really impressed with Anna A & Beth D in Year 12, for a fantastic poster on Angler Fish.
- ★ Mr Paillier in MFL gives a big shout out to Cherry B in Year 12, for going the extra mile to immerse yourself in Spanish culture and develop your language skills.
- ★ Mrs Wheeler in Enterprise gives a big shout out to Dan G in Year 12, for consistently working hard in IT and making a fantastic start to his coursework!
- ★ Mrs Gardiner in Health is really impressed with Izzy G in Year 12, for her determination and effort in her Psychology mock exams. #BeProud
- ★ Miss Wild in Health gives a big shout out to the Year 12 OCR PE students, for the support they offered the PE department on sports day as Sports Leaders.
- ★ Miss Britton in Expressive Arts gives a big shout out to Y12 Media, for working so hard on their coursework!