



13th September 2024

Dear Parents/carers

The school year is now in full swing and we are close to finalising a full 2 week rotation. Having taken all the House assemblies this week, it has been a pleasure to see all the students back. They have made a fantastic first impression.

Attached to this letter is an overview of key dates, broken down per year group, that apply to events in Term 1. These are for your reference and are correct at the time of printing. If there are any changes and /or additions we will make you aware during the course of the year. Diary dates are also featured on the school website [Diary Dates – Nailsea School](#)

Other key messages and reminders can be found below:

## **Staff absence**

Where a member of staff is absent for a long term period, as a school we work hard to ensure there is as little disruption to learning of all groups as possible. This may mean that for a temporary period teachers' timetables may change to ensure there is equitable coverage of all classes impacted. Where we are aware of issues we notify the parents of the groups concerned so they are aware of the mitigations put in place. As you can appreciate staff are only absent from school when they absolutely have to be and when this is the case we work hard to ensure there is a solution that works for all concerned.

## **Yr 7 ABSolute Parent Information Evening**

As parents have been informed, this event will take place at 6pm in the auditorium on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

This evening will offer an overview of the Year 7 personal development curriculum, including the ABSolute Curriculum and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education) programmes.

During the session, we will:

- Provide a detailed outline of the topics your child will be covering throughout the year.
- Share a range of resources and teaching methods we use to ensure a supportive and engaging learning environment.
- Offer guidance on how you can support your child's personal development journey at home.
- Provide time for any questions you may have.

## **Car Park**

As mentioned in my previous letter, we ask that parents do not come on to site to drop off or collect their child and that includes use of the school car park. The number of vehicles (coaches, taxis, minibuses) that need to use the car park are being impeded by parent vehicles which is risking the safety of our students. If you feel you do need to drive on to site please contact your Head of House with the reason and request a car park permit.



## Year 7, 9 and 11 School Photographs

These will take place during the day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be brought down to the Green Lecture Theatre by their teachers following a timetable during the day. Parents/carers will be able to purchase the photos, should they wish, after the event and students will be given a card on the day with details about how to view and order photos.

**Finally...** as you may have seen we are currently preparing for the Open Evening which is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> September (more details to follow in next week's letter). Having seen the new year 7 settle in so well it does seem quite amazing that this process is starting again. As a school we pride ourselves on the focus and dedication we give to the transition process as we know this can be an anxious time for parents and students. It was lovely, therefore, to receive this email from a parent of one year 7 students this week:

*'X had been increasingly anxious in the lead up to starting at Nailsea school, but the transition sessions have done wonders for him! On those days, we had all the expected negative emotions from x, but at the end of both days, x left school happy, and had even made a new friend! X started school last week confidently, and has really been able to face his worries head on. So I just wanted to say thank you, he really did benefit and for us as a family, it couldn't have gone any better!'*

Have a lovely weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Elliott', written on a light-colored background.

Mrs D Elliott  
Head teacher