

11th October 2024

Dear Parents/carers

It was great to see students enjoying two of the trips that went out this week. Year 11 and 13 students visited the apprenticeship fair at Ashton Gate and yesterday year 11, 12 and 13 Art students spent time visiting various galleries. Both would have been valuable experiences in preparing for next steps, be that final end of year external exams or future plans. Many thanks to the staff that make these trips possible.

Year 11 Prep for Success

Thank you to the parents that came along to this event yesterday evening which was an opportunity to share information and the support on offer as the cohort approach their final external examinations. Special mention was given to the assessment period, starting on 11th November where full papers will be sat. Students will be issued with their individual exam timetables in tutor time today. These show dates and times of exams, but also the specific seat number candidates are expected to sit at. I would recommend parents advise their child to also photograph the document to ensure information can be accessed even if the paper is mislaid.

Year 10 Prep for Success – coming in term 2

A similar event will be held in term two for the parents of year 10 students. Many thanks for understanding the need to postpone this by a few weeks given the reduced capacity of the senior team with Mr Jones, Deputy Head, having fractured his arm. It's great to see Mr Jones back in the building this week after this serious injury and he looks forward to contacting parents about the new date and time for this event in due course.

6th Form Open evening – Thursday 28th November

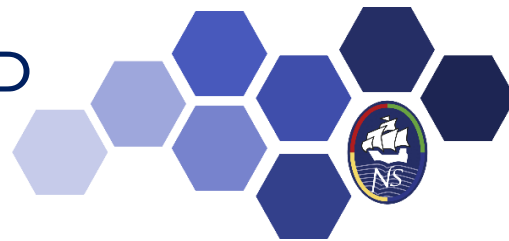
Year 11 students are well underway exploring the options open to them after the end of year 11 and it is strongly recommended that applications are made to institutions prior to the Christmas break. With this in mind please note our 6th form Open Evening will take place on 28th November. Further details about timings and the sharing of the prospectus will happen before the end of term, but please do, save the date.

Invigilator vacancies

If parents are interested in having a role as an invigilator further details about the role can be found here: [Current Vacancies – Nailsea School](#)

Remembrance Day display

For the past 2 years Nailsea School Library has held a Remembrance Day display and alongside this, a memory wall. We have been overwhelmed with the response and we would like to continue. We are asking students and staff to send scanned photos of family members who served in either World War I or World War II. If you sent in photos the previous years and would not like them displayed please can you let us know by Monday 4th November. A special area of the display will be dedicated to those currently connected to warzones around the world and with respect to serving personnel. These scanned images will be on display in the library throughout the month of November. If you have any



photos you would like to display please can you scan them directly to the School Librarian, Mrs Conner at aconner@nailseaschool.com with the name of the person in the photo. Photos of the memory wall and Remembrance display will be available to view in the Weekly newsletter sent out in the early December edition.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 18th October

Next Friday will be the first of our non uniform days. Students are asked to donate the minimum of £1 to wear their own clothes in school. Please be reminded that clothing should be appropriate for a working environment. This time the money raised will be going to the PTA – a great group of people who work tirelessly to support the school.

Finally...we welcomed visitors from the Wessex Learning Trust central team this week to conduct a visit exploring aspects of the school's Personal Development Curriculum. As you may recall from the Ofsted judgement in March, this was one of the areas identified for continued improvement within the overall good judgement we received. It was pleasing for the team to acknowledge the speed at which things have been introduced, including the refining of tutor time activities and the discrete Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons introduced in years 7, 8 and 9. I was particularly proud of the comments made about the three sets of students involved in the student voice activities. As always they are fantastic advocates for themselves and the school and a key reason why this is such a great place to work and learn. When I receive the official visit report, I will share comments and recommendations with you all.

Have a lovely weekend

Take care and Be Kind

Dee Elliott

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