



22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/carers

We have all been pleased with the attitude and focus of the year 11 and 13 students as they completed the desk based mock exams today. Those students taking practical Art subjects are aware that these exams continue into next week. We wish students well for the final exams.

Sixth Form Open Evening - 28th November 5pm – 7pm

We are very much looking forward to welcoming current year 11 students to our Sixth form Open Evening next week. As parents are aware the prospectus, showing the broad range of courses available, can be accessed here on the website [6th-Form-Prospectus-2025-DIGITAL.pdf](#)

Kindness

I spoke last week about the importance of being kind to others within our community. Sadly, I have to report that one parent followed one of our invigilators into the school car park this week and as well as shouting at them, also added an offensive hand gesture to their interaction. I would be saddened to ever have to take the decision to seek the restriction of any parent coming onto school site, but such incidents can also not be tolerated. I would ask, again, that all members of the community are mindful of how we interact with others.

Nut allergy

For information we do have some students who have a severe nut allergy and can experience a reaction from them simply being in the air. I would ask parents and students to be mindful that nuts and nut based products are not brought into school for this reason. Thanks for your understanding.

Career Sector Fair and next steps

It was great to see our first Career Sector Fair take place on Tuesday of this week and I know that a number of year 11 and 6th form students found the conversations (and the free merchandise!) very rewarding. It was also a pleasant surprise to see three ex Nailsea students returning, representing their current companies at the various stands. It is always great to know what paths students have taken after their time with us. The next sector fair is planned for March 11th. Details to be shared in due course.

It is generally advised that students in both years 11 and 13 have made applications for next steps by Christmas and I know many have already decided on the route they are planning to take, if not made the application. If for any reason you would like your child to be supported in this process please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Year 10 Parent Events

Mr Jones and Mrs Ruddy are looking forward to meeting parents at the 'Prep for Success' event that is taking place on Tuesday 26th November.

The following week, Thursday 5th December, parents will be able to have specific discussions at the online subject evening.

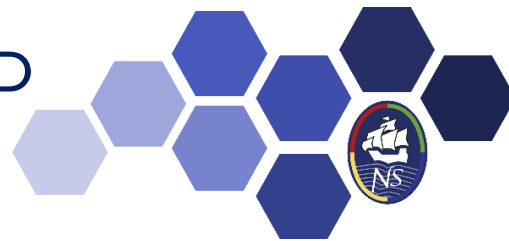
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House Relaunch – coming soon!

As students are aware from their opinions being sought from their Heads of House, January 2025 will see a relaunch of the House system and a renewed House Championship. This has happened as a direct result of staff and student voice and exciting plans are continuing to be finalised. Students and parents will be updated in the new year.

Finally...parents will have hopefully seen the letter about the annual Christmas lunch which takes place this year on 17th December. Deadline for payments is Friday 6th December. What with that on the horizon and the snow this week, I have been prompted to take the decision to put up my Christmas decorations this weekend. Some may feel this is a little early, but for me the tree and the lights always add that touch of magic and reminds of us of Christmas spirit which we should, as Ebenezer Scrooge eventually realised, keep in our hearts all through the year. Enjoy your weekend, whatever you do.

Take care and be kind

Dee Elliott,

Head teacher