

Head's Bulletin



Friday 11th January 2019

Wk 1: Wk Commencing 14th January

Term Dates

201718

Term 3

Mon 7th Jan—Fri
15th Feb

**INSET day 4—15th
Feb**

Term 4

Mon 25th Feb—Fri
5th April

Term 5

Tues 23rd April —
Fri 24th May

Term 6

Mon 3rd June —
Tues 23rd July

New Year—cementing your vision

I can't think of a better way for us to begin a new year than reframing our visions for the future. For me, having a vision is one way of enabling you to reach your full potential. It gives you something to aim for, and a dream to aspire to. Most of all, having a vision gives you immense satisfaction and pride once you can see it starting to take shape.

People often suggest developing a vision board from very early on in life and I trialled this idea with my nephew and niece over the Christmas break. My niece's vision involves a future in which girls feel absolutely no pressure to look a certain way, dress a certain way or speak a certain way. Put differently, she wants to do her bit in ensuring that girls can express their identities freely and confidently. My nephew, of a slightly different ilk, has visions about becoming a Premier League goalkeeper for Tottenham Hotspur, as well as driving a Bugatti Veyron. He will clearly have to work extremely hard to fulfil this rather expensive sports car dream!

The point here, I think, is that your vision can be about absolutely anything if you want something badly enough and as long as your vision doesn't compromise your values in any way.

No matter if students are in Year 7, starting their third term with us, or Year 11 and Year 13 starting out on the final stretch of their journey towards GCSEs and A Levels having confidence in their own abilities and a belief that they can achieve will set them on the right path for success. With aspirational visions, dedication, confidence and perseverance, along with the support that Nailsea School offers, anything is possible.

So, as we start this term, think about speaking with your son/daughter about what their visions are and encourage them to develop a curiosity about the visions of others. Remember, all great achievements start with a vision.

Have a lovely weekend **Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

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Key Dates Term 2

Thurs 17th Jan

Yr 11 Prep for Success
Event and Mock Re-
sults evening
6pm start.

Thurs 17th Jan

November Results
available

Thurs 17th Jan

Yr 11 Fine Art Day

Tues 22nd Jan

Yr 11 Photography Day

Wed 23rd Jan

PTA Meeting, 7pm

Open Door Clinics

Open Door Parent Clinics are held most Wednesday afternoons during term time for parents to speak directly with Mrs Elliott regarding any concerns or suggestions they may have.

These are held from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and can be booked through contacting Mrs Elliott's PA, Miss Jan Stirling, on 01275 852251 or at JStirling@nailseaschool.com.



Yr 11 Prep for Success—17th January, 6pm

We are looking forward to seeing year 11 parents and students next Thursday at 6pm for our second Prep for Success evening. The evening will start at 6pm and will be a chance for parents to attend workshops with staff from English, Maths and Science.

The aim of the evening is to pass on key tips and strategies that students and parents could be using at home in the final few month prior to the exams.

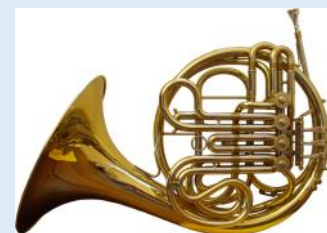
Revision guides will be available to purchase on the evening from the English department. The evening will also be an opportunity for parents to collect their son/daughter's mock exam results and collect their full Year 11 Subject report. Reports and mock results will be posted home to all parents that cannot attend on Friday 18th January. All materials shared on the evening will also be available on the website after the event.

If any parent has any question or query about the event please contact Miss Creswick on LCreswick@nailseaschool.com

CONGRATULATIONS

I was delighted to hear the news that Katherine Dumbell (year 13) won the North Somerset Concerto Competition over the Christmas break playing her French Horn.

This is a fantastic achievement and for those people that have been at concerts or school events where Katherine has played a clear reflection of her abilities and talents. Well done Katherine.



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