

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 18th January 2019

Wk 2: Wk Commencing 21st 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

## Preparing for Success

Before Christmas Year 11 students sat their mock examinations and at our 'Prep for Success' evening last night they received their results. Mock Exams are a simulation exercise. As well as giving students the opportunity to develop effective revision strategies and practise exam techniques, they help our teachers identify gaps in knowledge and understanding and help plan for improvement. Individual subject feedback will be provided to students in lessons over the next week to guide further learning and help accelerate student progress. This is the first time we have handed out mock exam results in this way but it will become a key event in our school calendar. It is intended to replicate the experience our students will have when they collect their real GCSE results in August. On Monday year 11 students will attend an additional assembly which provides an opportunity for all to reflect on the experience and inspire and challenge all in the year group to push onwards. Data shows that on average, pupils in Year 11 can improve their mock grades in the last five months of their courses by between half of or a whole GCSE grade, some by even more. It is vital that students use these results as a learning opportunity. GCSE is a marathon, not a sprint, and there is still time for any student to exceed their target grades by learning from this experience. The parents that attended last night would have been able to leave with some key ways to support students in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Other subjects have now begun their Period 6 revision sessions, timetabled through the fortnight. (see below) This timetable enables students to have the ability to attend every subject and still maintain an important work life balance. If you have any questions or queries please contact the Curriculum Leader in the first instance.

Week 1		Week 2	
Tues	Geography      Science	Tues	Art                  Computing
Wed	Drama              German Media              Photography	Wed	Maths
Thurs	History	Thurs	Engineering      Catering Product Design      PE at lunch
Fri	Business          French Spanish	Fri	English Music at lunch

Thanks for your ongoing support. Enjoy the weekend.

**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

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## Key Dates Term 2

**Tues 22nd Jan**

Yr 11 Photography Day

**Wed 23rd Jan**

PTA Meeting 7pm

**Thurs 24th Jan**

MAT Holocaust

Memorial event

**Fri 25th Jan**

Yr 9 Airbus Speaker

Visit

**Thurs 31st Jan**

ABSolute Day 3

Yr 9 Guided Choices

Evening

## 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](mailto:JStirling@nailseaschool.com).



## Issue of Litter

Since returning from the Christmas break there have been concerns about litter from food and drink being taken out of the canteen and left around the school site. We would prefer to see students acting responsibly and given more freedom of choice in where they eat their food at social times. However unless there is an improvement we will have to think very carefully about not permitting food to be taken from the canteen.

In addition, there have also been occasions when some students have left their plates, cutlery and part eaten food on tables and on the floor without any effort to place in a bin and/or clearing the table.

Some students have been deliberate in causing mess and expect someone else to clean up after them. This is clearly not acceptable and the parents of those groups identified have been contacted.

I would ask for your support in sharing the message at home of 'respect and responsibility'. We are incredibly lucky to have the facilities that we have and so respect should be shown for the environment we work and learn in as well as having respect for others who may wish to use this space after lunchtime.

We are a school with many wonderful successes and experiences taking place on a daily basis. We simply ask students to be respectful, be responsible and be aware that their actions and behaviour will influence their enjoyment of school.

We want to work with students not against them. Equally parental and carer support is an essential part of this and we very much appreciate your support in maintaining our high expectations.

Thank you for taking the time to remind your son/daughter to respect the school site, the environment and use the bins provided. It is your school, their school, our school and it is important we maintain the environment now and for future generations.

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