

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 29th March 2019

Wk 1: Wk commencing 1st April

**Term Dates**  
**2018/19**

**Term 4**  
Mon 25th Feb—  
Fri 5th April

**Term 5**  
Tues 23rd April  
—Fri 24th May

**Term 6**  
Mon 3rd June —  
Tues 23rd July  
**INSET day 5—12th**  
**July**

## Revisiting Revision



The sun has been shining this week and with this warmer weather comes the reminder that exams are coming ever closer. By the end of this week Year 11 students who study Drama, Art, Music and Photography have already completed the practical parts of their courses. Next Thursday we also look forward to meeting parents of year 10 students at our 'Study Skills Evening' ahead of their internal exams at the end of their first year of GCSE study. Revision can often worry parents and students and I thought it would be pertinent to revisit some suggestions so that any time over the Easter break could be used as effectively as possible.

It's important to approach exam revision with a plan and making a timetable is the perfect way to ensure everything can be covered in the build up to exam time. Working through past papers provides opportunities of what to expect during the formal exam and will allow practice of exam technique and timings. Making lots of notes and mind maps will also help. Trying to teach someone else about any subject will highlight any gaps in memory and ensure the topics have been fully understood.

Taking a break between revision periods is really critical. Take a walk, ride a bike or take a run - physical exercise will really help well being, as will rewarding yourself when you achieve a good chunk of work.

If parents would like more help and guidance this document, produced by Young Minds, contains lots of information [https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/?mc\\_cid=9a9a546e44&mc\\_eid=dd83ae844b](https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/?mc_cid=9a9a546e44&mc_eid=dd83ae844b)

Exam revision can feel really overwhelming, but remember it's actually a really small amount of time in a young person's life. Staying focused for that period will help them achieve their goals. Without wanting to sound cliché it's important to remember the words of AA Milne "you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think".

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

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## Key Dates

### **Tues 2nd April**

Spring Concert

### **Wed 3rd April**

Yr 10 MAT event with  
University of Bristol

### **Thurs 4th April**

Yr 10 Study Skills Event,  
6pm—7pm

### **Fri 5th April**

End of term 4

**Students return for  
Term 5 on Tuesday  
23rd April at 8:40am**

## **Open Door Clinics**

Open Door Parent Clinics are held on 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.



## **Resource Base Consultation**

Nailsea School is consulting on creating a permanent Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Resource Base on the school site, building on the current good practice and reputation it has grown with the opening of the Hub since September 2017. This will involve a reconfiguring of the existing buildings at Nailsea and will not have an impact on the existing pupil numbers in the mainstream classes.

The Department of Education (DfE) has agreed policies and protocols for considering whether a school should be enlarged and/or remodelled. This includes undertaking consultations with stakeholder. The addition of a Resource Base at the school is part of a statutory change process and we are writing to inform you that the first stage is a consultation which is outlined in a document available from the school and online <http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/HUB-Consultation2.pdf>

In addition to this there will be the opportunity to visit the school and representatives from North Somerset to discuss the consultation proposal during a drop in session. This will be held at **Nailsea School on Tuesday 7th May at 5:00pm.**

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the proposal and/or the process being followed please do not hesitate to contact us.



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