

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 5th April 2019

Wk 2: Wk commencing 23rd 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

## Have a great holiday

The end of term 4 has arrived and although the term has been relatively short at 6 weeks I admit that I am ready for the holiday.



Lots has continued to be packed into this final week, as ever. Our first year 10 Study Skills evening was held last night and there was an encouraging level of attendance for the inaugural event. This will definitely now become an annual event and I look forward to seeing attendance figures rise in future years. The evening, led by Miss Creswick, was incredibly informative and the presentation will be available on the Teaching and Learning section of the website later on today. As year 10 now have their exam timetables Easter is a great time to take stock and plan that preparation for the mocks at the end of term 5. Any student that has not received their exam timetable should find a copy at the Heads of House office. Subjects reports which were also available for collection last night will now be posted home.

Unfortunately I was feeling quite unwell earlier in the week and missed the Spring Concert that was held on Tuesday evening—the first in my five years at the school. I know the staff and students always put on an amazing show and it was lovely to see the positive comments on Twitter and Facebook.

On the subject of social media you will, no doubt, have seen or heard about the current situation with Orca Kids Club and the school's decision to end their lease here. I have been saddened to see the school being blamed for the current situation as we are only trying to prioritise the resources and needs of our current students. It is never pleasant to see negative things posted on social media when your priority is to maintain and improve the experiences of the 900ish students that attend every day. I can, however, understand the concern and worry this may have caused local families. We have informed North Somerset Council that we would be happy to explore an alternative location on the school grounds but, given the financial situation that all schools are facing nationally, this would understandably need to be at no additional cost to the school. I genuinely hope that with the help of the council a solution can be found.

Best wishes for a fantastic Easter break.

**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

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## Key Dates

**Tues 23rd April**

**Start of Term 5**

**Tues 30th April**

Yr 10 Sand Bay Trip

**Wed 1st May**

A Level Photography  
exam (2 days)

**Thurs 2nd May**

Yr 10 Sand Bay Trip

## 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.



## Message from Chair of Governors

As you may be aware Nailsea School is currently identified as a Single Academy Trust (SAT) and has been so since 2009.

In recent years we have seen the emergence of new Multi Academy Trust (MAT) organisations around the country and around us. The MAT model is intended to combine resources, be more responsive to specific school needs and provide essential support services.

With all this in mind, and after considerable deliberation and meetings with a number of MATs, the Nailsea School Governing Body has agreed to formally consider becoming part of the Wessex Learning Trust. A final decision will only be made after a full consultation with our whole school communities, including you, the families of students at the schools, or of children considering joining us. The Wessex Learning Trust currently consists of eight schools, including first, middle and upper across the Cheddar Valley. We believe it is a great educational fit, with a similar ethos and drive for excellence.

The Department for Education has a strict process to follow in such an important decision and the earliest we anticipate any changes could be effective are December 2019. We expect to share further information in the months ahead and provide opportunities to answer questions in person during the Spring.

We wanted to let our whole school community know of this possible direction and to reassure you over the context.

We thank you in advance for your support during this important process.

**Dr Julie Cayzer, on behalf of the governing body**

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Thank you to all the students that supported our fundraising cause by wearing non school uniform today.

Dragon House students Ellie and Chris have successfully been selected to attend this year's International Scout Jamboree, which is being held in North America in July.

The funds raised will go towards enabling Scouts from less economically developed countries to attend the Jamboree.

Thanks, again

## Better Nailsea

Nailsea School will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, between 10am and 12 noon.

This event is an ideal opportunity to raise awareness and encourage students to "make a difference" to their community.

Equipment will be available to borrow on the morning from 65 High Street, Nailsea.

Mrs Shoesmith will be present on the day to be the contact for any child(ren) taking part.

All students taking part in the event will gain 50HPs as we feel this is an important community event and wish to reward students accordingly.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.



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