

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 3rd May 2019

Wk 2: Wk commencing 7th May

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

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

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

## New beginnings



And in the blink of an eye we are in May. I hope you all had an enjoyable break, especially with the beautiful weather over that final Easter weekend. As I write this another Bank Holiday is upon us where, we hope, weather conditions will be just as favourable. The key dates in this week's bulletin include the start of the formal GCSE and GCE exam period and that both year 11 and 13 begin their study leave. This is a watershed moment for our students and it goes without saying that we wish them well as they embark on what can be an intense period. Please do remember that parents and students can continue to contact teachers for support at this time. A quick email or phone call, no matter how trivial the topic may be perceived could easily allay any worries or concerns.

Just as year 11 and 13 are on the verge of leaving we have begun to meet and work with the new students and families that will be joining us in September. We have breached our PAN (planned admission number) this year based on the number of people wanting to attend Nailsea and the new cohort joining us will be the largest year group in the school— exciting news indeed.

We are very proud of our transition programme and this has begun in earnest this term. Last Saturday was the second year that we have held our Welcome Breakfast and it was, again, a great way to see our newest families get to know each other and the school building. Many thanks to the fantastic catering team who served 300 breakfasts to our visitors. You can read an article on the event here <https://www.nailseapeople.com/school-peeps> Have a lovely long weekend.

**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

## 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.

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## Key Dates

### **Tues 7 May**

Art A Level exam  
(3 days)

### **Wed 8 May**

Gothic Writing trip to  
Tyntesfield

### **Thurs 9th May**

Non Uniform Day

### **Mon 13th May**

GCSE exams start

### **Wed 15th May**

Yr 13 Final day

### **Thurs 23rd May**

Rewards Afternoon for  
selected students

## **Better Nailsea**

Many thanks to Mrs Shoesmith and the Nailsea School students that took part in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

This event was held as a way to raise awareness and encourage students to "make a difference" to their community.

All students taking part in the event gained 50 house points recognising their involvement in such an important community event.  
Well done to all involved.



## **Year 9 Progress Reports and options**

Year 9 students would have received their progress reports during the day today. It is acknowledged that we do try to ensure that Progress Reports are handed to parents on occasions where they are in school for an event rather than sending them home with students. However, due to some staff absence in the admin team this has not been possible on this occasion.

If your son/daughter is in year 9 and they have not brought their report home please do contact the Head of House in the first instance. In a similar way, if you have any concerns about the information on the report please do contact us at the school.

With year 9 students having received notification of their options in the last week I am aware that there has been some communication with Heads of House regarding parents expressing the wish for their son/daughter to change their choices. As you can appreciate with over 560 choices being made the knock on of one change on another can be significant. We will try our very best to accommodate requests but some courses are now full and there may be some students, as in every year, where a reserve will be allocated.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



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