

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 14th June 2019

Wk 1: Wk commencing 17th June

## Term Dates

**2018/19**

## Term 6

Mon 3rd June —  
Tues 23rd July

INSET day 5—12th  
July

## Busy Times

As you will know this is the first of my bulletins for a while – apologies.

The summer term is always an intense period in schools as students embark on their public examinations and teachers start turning their planning and attention to the staffing and timetabling for the next academic year.

We have been very proud of the way Year 11 and 13 have conducted themselves. Their conduct during the exam period has also been noticed by our external invigilators—they really have been a credit to the school. Balancing their revision workload and personal wellbeing is a challenge but they have showed great maturity and resilience. We look forward to celebrating their achievements at their respective balls and know the results they receive in August will reflect their hard work and commitment.

The rest of the school have also been involved in preparing for and sitting their end of year assessments. Your support in helping to establish a revision routine at home in the run up to these tests is invaluable and allows students to develop the habits and routines that they will need when they come to their own public examinations.

The next few weeks also contain a number of exciting events. Even today, year 10 students have been experiencing taster lessons in the 6th form enabling them to gain an insight into the style of teaching and the subjects on offer for them at KS5. Our ABSolute session on Thursday next week involves a number of important and informative activities including year 8 students taking part in the first of our Community projects, demonstrating an awareness of our role within the local and wider community. Here's hoping the weather brightens up a bit before then!

Looking further forward I am also aware that the opportunities on offer in our More Able and Talented, 'Aspire' festival are filling up fast. Many thanks to all the teachers running sessions and to Ms Creswick for overseeing this. I would love to have been able to attend some of these sessions and I hope the students grab the chance to extend their awareness and understanding of some fantastic topics by taking part. Have a lovely weekend

~~~~~**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**



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## Key Dates

### **Mon 17th June**

Voting for House Captains

### **Thurs 20th June**

ABSolute session

### **Mon 24th June**

Yr 9 Talk the Talk Event

### **Tues 25th June**

Yr 9 Conflict and Terror project launch

Night at the Movies

### **Fri 28th June**

Year 11 Ball - Cadbury House

## **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 reception on 01275 852251 or through [Nailsea.School@nailseaschool.com](mailto:Nailsea.School@nailseaschool.com)

## **Uniform Reminder**

Many thanks to the majority of students who have returned to term 6 in appropriate uniform. As some parents will know, we are making it a priority to challenge any student failing to meet our expectations. We would ask parents to support the school in re enforcing the fact that:

- facial piercings should be removed
- headphones and phones are 'off and away for the whole school day'. They will be confiscated if seen.
- coloured nail varnish/artificial nails are not permitted
- Hair should be of a natural colour

Thank you for your support us in upholding these expectations.

## **Bank Holiday Change**

As you may have noticed in the press, next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.

The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events and this change has now been updated in the school calendar with students expected to be in school on Monday 4th May 2020.



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