

Head's Bulletin



Friday 21st June 2019

Wk 2: Wk commencing 24th June

Term Dates

2018/19

Term 6

Mon 3rd June —

Tues 23rd July

INSET day 5—12th

July

Term Dates

2019/20

Term 1

Tues 3rd Sept —

Fri 25th Oct

3rd Sept: yr 7 and 12
students only

4th Sept: ALL stu-
dents

60@Sixty

It has been another busy week here at Nailsea with many students now having finished all of their public exams. As I mentioned last week, students have continued to impress with their behaviour. I am sure parents are equally as relieved that this period is over and attention can turn to enjoying the summer—with the weather hopefully joining in at some point!

Taking assemblies this week, has given me the opportunity to share news of a future project with students. 2019/20 will be a really significant year for Nailsea School. As well as the current building being open 10 years, the school itself will be 60 years old—a milestone we could not ignore and plans are in place for making 2019/20 a real year of commemoration.

Nailsea Grammar School opened in September 1959 with 4 teaching staff and 90 pupils. The entire school build cost £177,000. In contrast, our current building cost £32 million. The cost of buildings are not the only changes that have happened in the intervening 60 years. During the assembly I shared some comments from the school log book including, amongst other things, records of student behaviour and punishments—different times indeed!. I will be spending next academic regularly sharing extracts from the Log book in this bulletin. It is a fascinating read.

The 60@Sixty logo (above) will also make regular appearances next year as we aim to raise £60,000. With school funding being cut nationally, I have had to make some difficult decisions about things that we can and cannot do/have as a school. Money raised during this fundraising drive will go directly back into the school. School council have been considering a 'wish list' of things that could be purchased with any funds raised. £60,000 may seem a large amount but breaking it down it would mean every member of the school community putting aside £1.50 during every school week of next year. For me, that means one less Costa coffee a week.

A letter will be coming home in the next week outlining the current plans in more detail and stating how as parents you can help. I am genuinely excited about the events we have planned and know they will help secure great opportunities and facilities at Nailsea School for both current and future pupils.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Elliott, Head teacher



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Key Dates

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

Yr 11 Leavers' Assembly 9:30—11:30 am

Yr 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



Talk The Talk—Yr 9 24th June

We are incredibly fortunate to be able to offer the 'Talk The Talk' experience to the whole of year 9 next week. Students will be attending their usual English classrooms at the start of the day on Monday and will be taking part in workshops for the day.



Talk The Talk's mission is to improve students' communication skills to enable positive interaction in all life situations. Research has suggested that developing these types of skills will be beneficial for students in all aspects of their lives. The charity has trained over 15,000 students in the past twelve months in England and Wales and nearly 75,000 since they first started - using a programme developed over the past six years.

The day highlights and nurtures employability skills, interview techniques and key presentation skills. Via numerous speaking opportunities, students are coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two-minute presentation, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion, to their peers. The event last year was really inspiring.

Further details about the organisation and the programme can be found here: <https://www.talkthetalkuk.org/>

Reminder—INSET day

The final INSET day of this academic year is being held on **Friday 12th July**. As usual, students are not required in school on this date.

Staff in school on that day will be working on team and school priorities for academic year 2019/20. Some of the focus will be addressing the areas of development identified from the February Ofsted visit. Details of these plans will be shared with parents in due course.

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