

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 5th July 2019

Wk 2: Wk commencing 8th July

## 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

## 'Best day at school ever'



As I seem to be saying in every edition—lots has been happening this week. The week began with 6th form Induction where students started to get a further taster of what life will be for them in year 12 when they return in September. It was lovely to see a number of familiar faces, but also a record number of external applicants joining us at Nailsea. As I said to the students in the first assembly I look back with great fondness on my own time in 6th form and my advice to all of them would be to seize every opportunity on offer. Meanwhile those students moving into year 13 in September have been prepping for interviews with a number of business representatives and the Rotary that continue into next week. It's fantastic to have the support of the local community for these events and the students gain a huge amount from this. I look forward to also hearing from year 10 students when they return from their work experience placements this week. Thanks to those local companies and employers that have been involved.

On Thursday we welcomed over 200 year 5 students from Golden Valley, Grove, Tickenham, Birdwell, Northleaze, Wraxall and Kingshill schools. Students and staff spent the day with us experiencing lessons and familiarising themselves with the school site. Students got the opportunity, amongst other things, to solve a History Mystery, take part in some Forensic Science in the Superlab and use our ICT and Art facilities. It was great to hear one student stating 'This was the best day at school ever' as he left. I was incredibly proud of our existing students who were involved in supporting the visiting staff and students during the day as well as those that contributed to the assembly. Many thanks to them for their efforts.



Monday sees the annual Sports Day and I know, as ever, competition will be fierce. Phoenix House have won the overall event for the past two years and although they may feel confident I am aware of the huge amount of talent that has joined us this year. The afternoon session, where the whole school sits on the field to watch the final races is a real summer highlight—accompanied by a cooling ice cream!

Enjoy your weekend

**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

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## Key Dates

### Mon 8th July

Sports Day

Yr 9 Passport Project  
Deadline

### Wed 10th July

Higher Education Even-  
ing

### Thurs 11th July

Induction Day and  
Evening for Year 7 Sept  
2019

Art Exhibition

### Fri 12th July

INSET day—school  
closed to students

## 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)

## End of term arrangements

A letter will be coming home via parent Pay next week explaining the end of term arrangements for students. Term finishes on **Tuesday 23rd July at 1:00pm**. Within this letter there will also be a summary of the staffing changes that are taking place for September.

With our increased numbers we have appointed 10 new members of teaching staff and most will be joining us for the Induction evening on Thursday 11th July. At a time when the press often report on teacher shortages it's great to see that this is not the case at Nailsea. Those staff leaving us, do so for a variety of reasons and I wish them well for the future and thank them for the contribution they have made to the school, irrespective of the length of time they have been with us. In the last week or so it has been really lovely to receive a number of cards/emails from parents of students in years 11 and 13 who wanted to say thank you to specific staff/departments for the role they have had in their child's development. I know that the staff that have been the subject of these cards/comments have been hugely appreciative so I would encourage any parent of a student in any year group to pass on such wishes at this time of the year if they would like to. Everyone likes to be thanked from time to time. It makes a real difference.

## Exam Results—when can I collect them?

The school will be open to students to collect results at the following times:

- A Level and AS Results—Thursday 15th August at 9:30am
- GCSE and BTEC Results—Thursday 22nd August at 9:30am

Any student that cannot attend in person to collect results will need to make alternative arrangements by filling in the authorisation form. This can be found here:

<http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/EXAMINATION-RESULTS-AUTHORISATION.pdf>

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