



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents

RE: Partial closure for Year 9 Students – Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March

Following my earlier letter regarding the closure of Nailsea School to students in year 9 on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March, I would like to pass on some further details to parents. No details can be passed on as yet, about the situation for all students for week commencing 23rd March, as we are unsure about the levels of staff absence or any national guidance that may be updated. Please be assured that details will be communicated as soon as we know.

The letter for year 8 parents, regarding the closure on Friday 20th March will follow tomorrow.

I understand that this closure may cause disruption for students and our priority is to continue to support them whilst they undertake home learning.

Resources and revision will be set by individual teachers using both Show My Homework and through Office 365 in anticipation for students accessing work tomorrow. Teachers will be available on email (a list of addresses are available on the website) to answer any queries or concerns regarding their learning. Students who do not have internet access will be provided with paper copies of tasks before they leave today.

In addition, please find, below a list of free online resources that students can access in a range of subject areas.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. This does use the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Futurelearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

Free to access 100s of courses

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for KS3 students

Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crest Awards

<https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards

<https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities

Parents and carers may also find the following guidance useful to support and encourage home learning at this time:

1. Please discuss the timetable your child will be following at home. Many students will feel comfortable in spending time during the day completing work for the 5 lessons that would have taken place on the day the school is closed to them. Alternatively, using the resources listed above, students can spend time widening their knowledge in an area of interest.
2. Any work produced should be shared with your child's teacher on their return to school.
3. Please think about ensuring the time at home includes structure and breaks. Extensions of learning can include practical tasks, such as cooking, playing board games and completing puzzles.
4. Creating 'zones' at home could help. A working or study area for example. If the weather is fine an outdoor space at home could be invaluable in ensuring positive levels of wellbeing.
5. Please avoid allowing your child to play online games for extended periods and without adult supervision.
6. Please monitor social media usage during the period of closure and report any concerns in the usual way.

We have tried exceptionally hard to keep the school open and maintain normality for our students and families. Partially closing has been a difficult, but unfortunately, necessary decision.

As always we will keep you updated on developments.

Dee Elliott
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