



# Nailsea School

1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/carers

As we start what would have been term 6, I look back on what we achieved last term as a community with immense pride. During this adversity I continue to be struck by the individual strength, ingenuity and resilience shown by so many. It was through coming together as our community that we have been able to discover just what is possible and this will only help establish a platform from which we can only emerge stronger.

### **Wider opening for years 10 and 12**

This term starts with a different aim from the government – where years 10 and 12 will be having some face to face time with teachers, as well as the continuation of online learning for all year groups that we have become familiar with. This combined approach to schooling will provide additional challenges for us all but I am sure we can rise to them.

Staff have been working since the Prime Minister's announcement to put together a strong and robust 'Safe Return to School' plan and risk assessment in place as well as continuing our virtual learning offer. Whilst I look forward to the joy of having more students back in school, I understand there is nervousness for many involved. I am committed to the safety and wellbeing of all of our families and staff. The current plan, which is being finalised, is for students in year 10 and 12 to have the opportunity of some contact time with staff from wk commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June. Once these have been shared with staff and agreed by the governors, details will be shared with parents in wk comm 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Provision for key worker children/vulnerable children**

The school continues to remain open for students in these categories to attend school. As has been the case since closure in late March, parents are expected to book in their child by notifying their son/daughter's Head of House, with at least 24 hours notice. In order to prepare the site for possible wider opening, students attending this provision should continue to enter through the main reception and the students will be based in the 6<sup>th</sup> form area.

### **Continuation of Home Learning – General comments**

Work is continuing to be set remotely this term. In response to further feedback regarding the way families are managing the organisation of these tasks, these cycles will now be set weekly. Work will be set on Mondays and submissions are now expected on Fridays.

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The dates of each cycle are therefore:

Term 6 cycle 1 - Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June

Term 6 Cycle 2 - Monday 8th June – Fri 12th June

Term 6 Cycle 3 – Mon 15th June - Fri 19th June

Term 6 Cycle 4 - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 6 Cycle 5 – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Term 6 Cycle 6 – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July

Term 6 Cycle 7 – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

As a reminder, the calendar function in SMHW will show students all the pieces of work which are live should they need a clearer overview of the time they have left to complete tasks before the deadline.

Staff are being encouraged to give feedback through SMHW, this can be accessed by going to the 'Gradebook'. Details and instructions regarding this can be found here: <https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/articles/2911844-student-gradebook>

Any issues or queries regarding the tasks should be directed to the member of staff who has set the piece of work in the first instance. This can be done through SMHW or to their school email address.

Students that require paper copies of work should request this through their child's Head of House where a time and day of collection from school reception can also be arranged.

### **Continuation of Home Learning – students in years 7, 8, 10 and 12**

Students in **years 7, 8, 10 and 12** will be completing work in all their subjects on a weekly basis. The amount of work set will continue in the way it was set in term 5.

### **Continuation of Home Learning – students in year 11**

Students in **year 11** can continue to work on the 6<sup>th</sup> form bridging tasks for their chosen subjects. These can be found here: <https://www.nailseaschool.com/sixth-form/sixth-form-bridging-tasks/>

### **Continuation of Home Learning – students in year 9**

Students in **year 9** will be continuing to look towards their GCSE subjects during Term 6. For the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, there are no changes and students are all still expected to complete the tasks being set and submit them online via SMHW to their class teachers. Alongside these pieces of homework, students in year 9 will also see a wide range of other tasks not all of these will need completing. Unfortunately, due to the way SMHW works, we cannot change who sees which pieces of work or set up new classes ahead of September. As a result, students will see homework for all the GCSE option subjects.

**Students in year 9 need to complete the pieces for the 4 option subjects they have chosen for GCSE ONLY in addition to their English, Maths and Science tasks.** These pieces are an

important part of getting students ready for September so that the transition to GCSE study can be as smooth as possible.

On Monday, it is advisable that the students in year 9 clear those tasks which don't relate to them so that they show as 'completed'. This will make it easier for them to see the work that is still outstanding. They can do this by going to their 'To Do' list and clicking the little box on the right which will send these pieces to the 'Completed' tab.

As ever, thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher