

Head's Bulletin



Thursday 26th September 2019

Wk 1: Wk Commencing 30th September

Term Dates

2019/20

Term 1

Tues 3rd Sept—Fri
25th Oct

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov—Fri
20th Dec

**INSET day 2: 22nd
Nov**

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan—Fri
14th Feb

INSET day 3: 14th Feb

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb—Fri
3rd April

Term 5

Tues 21st April —Fri
22nd May

Term 6

Mon 1st June —Fri
17th July

Open Evening 2019



Our Open Evening is always one of my favourite events in the school calendar and I am sure tonight will not disappoint.

As ever, we have been overwhelmed with the number of students that want to volunteer their services and be involved in the event, either by helping in subject areas or by being tour guides. The fact that so many students want to come back in the evening to talk to others about how happy they are in school is testament itself to what we do here. It's particularly impressive to have so many year 7 students coming back this evening—after only having just under a month in their new surroundings. The students who take part are always fantastic ambassadors for our school. As a reminder, I hope all students will enjoy the slightly **later start on Friday morning**—students are expected in school for the start of period 1 at 9:40am.

One thing that visitors to the school always comment on are the fantastic facilities we are lucky enough to have. We are not complacent though, and I am keen to ensure that our students continue to experience the very best and this is a key driver in our 60@Sixty Fundraising campaign. Thank you to the parents that have already taken the time to donate via parent pay—we have raised over £1500 in the first three weeks of term which is a fantastic start. If any parents feel they can donate to this cause, it is possible to do so through Parent Pay. It has also been noted that the first event, the quiz being run by Mr Hellier on 4th October, is now sold out. Thanks to those parents and staff that are prepared to come along on a Friday evening to exercise their little grey cells, all in the name of fundraising! Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Mrs Elliott, Head teacher



Open Door Clinics

Open Door Parent Clinics are held most 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 at Nailsea.school@nailseaschool.com

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**Key Dates Term 1****Mon 30th Sept**

Yr 7, 9 and 11 Photo-
graphs

Tues 1st Oct

Yr 12 Higher Ed Info
evening

Wed 2nd Oct

Yr 11 Prep for Success
Evening, 6pm

Thurs 10th Oct

Globe Theatre Trip

Tues 15th Oct

Art Trip to London

Thurs 17th Oct

Yr 12 Coastal Field Trip
Yr 11 Subject Evening

Mobile phone reminder

As per our school policy mobile phones should be 'off and away for the whole school day'. Staff are aware that for journeys to and from school having a way to contact students is a way to ensure their safety. However, if a phone is seen being used during the hours of the school day this will be confiscated. Repeat incidents of confiscation could lead to parents having to collect the phone, as opposed to the student collecting it at the end of the school day.

If parents need to contact their child during the school day we would ask that they make contact through the main reception where a message can easily be passed on. As you can appreciate, using a text message is encouraging students not to adhere to this very clear expectation in checking their phones.

In addition to mobile phones, can I also remind parents that headphones are also not permitted to be worn during the school day, unless explicit permission has been given by subject staff in a lesson.

Thank you for supporting us with these clear policies.

**Club Fair—Lunchtime on Wed 2nd October**

During lunchtime next Wednesday all students will be reminded about the vast array of school extra curricular clubs there are on offer at Nailsea school. This will also be the first time our new students in year 7 will see what is available to them. All students are encouraged to come along to see for themselves and to, hopefully, sign up for something new. Ahead of the event parents and students can take a look at our fantastic offer on the school website <http://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Extra-Curricular-Directory.pdf> where there are 24 pages of clubs and activities to choose from.

For the first time this academic year we are also proposing a transition trip where all of year 7 students will be taken out of school as a reward in the new year. At present the venue of this is top secret and will only be revealed to year 7 students next Wednesday at the fair. It goes without saying that Mrs Elliott is very excited about the prospect! More updates in next week's bulletin.

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Message from the PTA

The PTA held have already held their first meeting of the academic year and were delighted that both new and familiar faces attended.

Following on from the fantastic events last year, and with a focus on supporting the schools 60@sixty initiative, the PTA has a key date for your diary. **Musical Bingo returns at 7pm on Friday 18th October.**

Musical bingo is suitable for all ages and tickets are on sale now from PTA members, from school reception or via Nailseapta@nailseaschool.com. Tickets cost £5 per person in advance.

If you use on-line shopping please consider using the Easy-fundraising app to help the PTA also to raise funds. The registration process is very straightforward: go onto the website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> , search for Nailsea School Parent Teacher Association and click 'Support this cause'.

Nailsea School PTA are on Twitter as @nailsea_pta and have a facebook page as 'Nailsea School PTA' If you prefer pen and paper or would rather talk to someone by phone, please leave your contact details at School Reception and one of the team will get back to answer any questions or queries.



Summer Exam Period 2019

For those students who are due to complete external examinations in 2019, I am aware that it is always useful to know when the exam period has been concluded. This is usually the case for families that wish to book summer holidays. The final GCSE exam nationally will be held on 18th June and the final GCE exam on the 23rd June. Students' individual timetables will be finalised in due course and will, naturally, be dependent on the courses and exam boards that each subject and students follow.

However, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have introduced a contingency date for any exams that have to be rearranged by the boards for any reason in the summer season 2019. They have identified this year's exam contingency date as **Wednesday 24th June 2020**. In theory this means that all students should be available for that date in case any of their exams need to be rearranged.

For this reason, irrespective of which subjects and courses students are following, families should be aware that no holidays should be booked that would prevent any candidate attending an exam on 24th June if this date needs to be used.

Thank you for taking this into consideration when booking family holidays.

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