

# Head's Bulletin



Thursday 21st November 2019

Wk 2: Wk Commencing 25th November

## Term Dates

**2019/20**

### 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

## Thoughts on leadership



Over the half term break I managed to catch up on some reading, enabling me to re-evaluate my own leadership attributes and the values I want to promote. Leading by example with ambition, drive and motivating team members to follow suit, whilst supporting them in their roles, are vital qualities for a successful leader in my opinion. I have had the privilege to work with some exemplary leaders who have helped to shape me into the leader I am currently.

Without doubt, there are also a huge number of leadership opportunities available at Nailsea for students. They can be members of student council, house captain or sports team captain, to name just a few. A huge number of students stepped up last term to be guides or helpers at Open Evening and many students have already volunteered to help at 6th form Open Evening that is happening this evening. All of these roles play an important part in daily school life, and help to ensure that Nailsea is a happy, organised and exciting place to be. Your son/daughter might also be involved in one of the wide range of clubs and teams available in school. Working with a club or in a team can help them to develop key skills of communication, organisation, teamwork and leadership.

However, it's important to remember that nobody needs a title to be a leader. Each and every one of our students is a leader. Every day, they lead themselves through daily highs and lows, making split-second decisions as they go. Not only do they lead themselves but our students also lead those around them, whether consciously or not. The way that our students behave will influence those around them. Therefore, leadership skills are relevant to us all and I ask you keep encouraging your child to be a 'leader', whilst considering the responsibility that this brings.

Have a lovely weekend

**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. These are held from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and can be booked through contacting reception on 01275 852251.

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**Fri 22nd Nov**

**INSET DAY 2**

**Students not in school**

**Wk Comm 25th Nov**

Year 11 Mock exams begin

**Wed 27th Nov**

Positive Post Collection #2

**Fri 29th Nov**

Nailsea Christmas Fayre

**Mon 2nd Dec**

Yr 12 Psych Conference

## Positive Post

Last week saw the launch of our 'Positive Post' Scheme which was introduced to students in assemblies.

Visitors to the school may have noticed the post box that has been put in place in reception and this is now being checked every fortnight by Mrs Elliott to see which students or staff are recipients of one of our 'Positive Post' cards.

Cards are awarded to those students or staff that have been noted as embodying our school ethos, 'Aspire Believe Succeed', with each of the cards giving examples of how this may have been achieved.

As well as receiving the card from the nominee, the recipients also receive a covering letter from Mrs Elliott and 25 house points to be added to both their individual and house totals—a figure that can certainly make a difference to students qualifying for termly rewards events and for the House Championship.

There are 3 of the cards to collect and Mrs Elliott has an, undisclosed, additional prize for those students who are then awarded the full set.

It was great to be able to send 6 cards home last week. External visitors to the school can also nominate students and staff by picking up and posting a card. These can be found in main reception.



## Duke of Edinburgh Scheme



As a school the numbers of students that are signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is continuing to rise with over 60 students signing up for the Bronze certificate in the last couple of weeks—almost double that of the year before.

Mr Bunce, the member of staff coordinating the award in school, would be grateful for any donations of pre loved camping equipment that could be used by the school group for their expeditions.

If you feel you have any camping/outdoor equipment that is still in good condition but is no longer wanted at home, please email [CBunce@nailseaschool.com](mailto:CBunce@nailseaschool.com) to discuss ways this could be passed on to students. It will be greatly appreciated. Thanks, in advance, for your support.

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## Fundraising Update

This year Nailsea School celebrates its sixtieth anniversary, and to mark the year the school has put together a programme of events and has launched its 60@Sixty campaign. The campaign aims to raise £60,000 in a year to support the school. The school is inviting students, staff, parents and the community to get involved with its fundraising, whether it is by attending one of the numerous events, initiating a fundraising activity or by donating.

So far we have raised over £4,500 – thanks to everyone who has helped support the campaign. Your donations will really make a difference.

Parents can donate to the appeal via their child's ParentPay account. Donations can also be made directly to the school, by direct debit or standing order, they can be a one-off payment or a regular giving, you can decide. We would really appreciate any small amount, and some parents have offered us a monthly donation of £3 per month this way, but any amount is really appreciated.

We hope that we will soon be in a position to collect Gift Aid on some donations where possible. All donations are voluntary and all proceeds will go to our 60@Sixty appeal.

60@Sixty Account details:-

**Sort Code:** 30-18-88

**Account Number:** 34489068

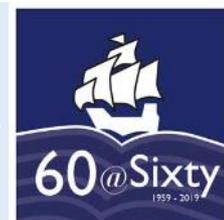
For further information, you can email [60atSixty@nailseaschool.com](mailto:60atSixty@nailseaschool.com)

This term also provides two further opportunities to support the campaign by purchasing a copy of our fundraising calendar or being part of our Anniversa-tree.

It was great to hear that Nailsea School has also been selected as the charity collection at Nailsea Christmas Fair taking place on 29th November.

Many thanks to Crown Glass Shopping for their support.

More information can be found on our [website here](#).



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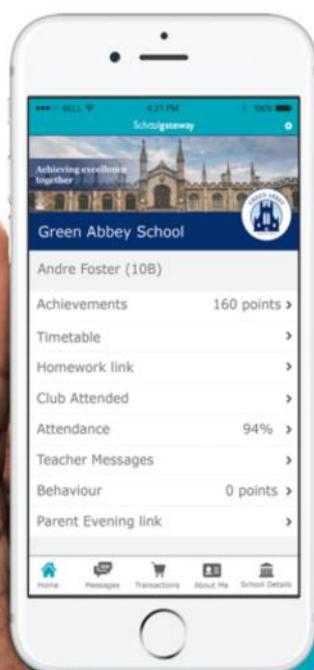
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## School Gateway

Thank you to all parents that have now activated their School Gateway account - this will become the central hub for information for parents – so to stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download. Simple.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we already have on the school system, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to [CAbbey@nailseaschool.com](mailto:CAbbey@nailseaschool.com)

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

## Car Access on Site

There are a restricted number of students, for a variety of reasons, that have permission from the school to drop students at main reception and collect at the end of the school day. With the change in weather recently it has been noted that more parents have been dropping students at the front of the school without this prior agreement. This increased traffic has meant that on occasions there have been some 'near misses', with both cars and individuals almost being hit. We would ask for your support in ensuring that the expectations regarding vehicle access are upheld and only those with prior permission use the main entrance for drop offs. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our students is the main priority.

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