

# Head's Bulletin



Friday 29th November 2019

Wk 1: Wk Commencing 2nd December

## 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

## The power of positivity

With the weather clearly having changed and many of us travelling to and from work in the dark, this time of year can be one where it is a challenge to remain positive.

I am lucky enough to work where, even on the most challenging of days, there is a powerful reminder of how positive things can be.

This week I have been thankful for the following:

- My Year 11 History group continuing to impress me with their attitude to their revision in this mock exam period . The History exam is next Friday and I know they will continue to do themselves proud.
- Having so many positive conversations with students and parents at the 6th Form Open Evening last Thursday. It was the busiest I have seen the event and with so many successful and exciting courses on offer, it is not a surprise to see why! As a reminder, the closing date for applications is **Tuesday 10th December** and it is great to see that nearly half the year group have already applied.
- An extremely positive interest in the Head of House vacancy that you may have seen advertised. Potential candidates coming to see the school have been overwhelmingly positive when describing how Nailsea and the pastoral care, that we pride our self on, is regarded in the community.
- Ongoing support from parents, students and the community for our 60@Sixty Campaign. Tonight I will be marshalling an entrance at the Christmas Fayre and Nailsea Choral Society have chosen us as one of their charities to support from the proceeds of their Christmas concert. The concert itself is free and will take place on **Sat 14th December at Christ Church in Nailsea from 7:30pm.**#teamnailsea is certainly a special place.

Enjoy your weekend

**Mrs Elliott, Head teacher**

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## Key Dates Term 2

### Mon 2nd Dec

Book Fair in the Library—all week

Yr 12 Psychology visit

### Tues 3rd Dec

Yr 13 Sociology Revision Conference

### Thurs 5th Dec

Yr 10 Subject Evening

### Fri 6th Dec

60@Sixty Film Night—  
The Lion King

## Thank you to staff



As we did last year, parents now have the opportunity to nominate any members of staff they would like for special recognition.

Any staff member nominated will have their names recorded on the staff room praise board. Last year the comments that accompanied the nominations from parents were very gratefully received by everyone. The fact that parents, and sometimes students, had gone to the trouble of making these nominations really add to the feelings of 'festive cheer' as we approach the end of term.

Please send any nominations (the name of the member of staff and the reason for their nomination) to Lorraine Coombs on [LCoombs@nailseaschool.com](mailto:LCoombs@nailseaschool.com)

## Bad weather

*'Schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather. They play a key role in their communities and by staying open help both their pupils and parents.'*  
Department for Education

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend.

However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn.

Our immediate concern in any decision is for the welfare of the children travelling to and from school, but it is also significant that the majority of our school staff travel some distance to get to work.

For both these reasons, if snow and ice make driving dangerous the decision may be taken to close the school for the day.

If you suspect this may be a possibility please check the school social media accounts (@nailseaschool on Twitter and Nailsea School page on Facebook) and consult the School website where a message will be posted as soon as any decision to close is made.

Thank you in advance for your support, if/when this decision needs to be taken.

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## Parent Forum Event

### Wed 11th Dec

Parents are warmly invited to the next Parent Forum event, scheduled for **11th December**.

Refreshments will be served from 6:30pm with Mr Mawford's presentation beginning at 7pm.

The focus will be looking at ways parents can ensure their children are staying safe online. Given the 2 week break is approaching and new devices possibly being purchased as gifts, the timing is quite pertinent.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas events and the end of term



The final day of term, **Friday 20th December**, will have slightly altered timings as shown below:

Timings	Event	Venue
08:40 – 12:00	Normal arrangements for periods 1- 3 and break time.	As timetable
12:00 – 12.10	Students go to lesson 4 to deposit coats and bags. Staff escort students to the Sports Hall	As timetable
12.10 – 12:40	Whole school assembly	Sports Hall
12.40 – 13.20	Lunch time	
13.20 – 13.25	Registration	Tutor rooms
13.25	Leave for Christmas Holidays	

Students in the Hub are also taking part in a reverse advent. Every day in the lead up to Christmas they are bringing in a donation for the Aid Box Community. Aid Box Community supports refugees in Bristol and the surrounding areas. If you would like to contribute there is a box for donations in the Hub. Further information about the type of products to donate and more information about the charity can be found here: <https://www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk/>

Given the time of year we would ask for your support in ensuring your son/ daughter comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. As a reminder hoodies are not permitted in the building. PE lessons will be continuing outside so it may also be worth considering students packing additional layers for any colder conditions.

I will be putting up my decorations at home this weekend, marking the beginning of the Christmas rituals.

Enjoy your weekend, whatever your plans.

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